Month in Review – History Center – March 2011

Speaking engagement with the Avalon Book Club

- History Center Director Mr. J. Angemi spoke with the Avalon Book Club during the month of March. The talk dealt with his fifteen years of service in the museum world as well as the goals and future of the History Center.

History Center represented at the 18th Annual History Issues Convention

- This event, held in both the State House and State Museum in Trenton, was attended by an excess of 150 individuals representing institutions statewide. The Center was represented by Director J. Angemi and an exhibit table provided information on future events and goals. Highlights included lectures from Dr. David Young, Executive Director of Cliveden National Historic Site, and Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno.

Minor conservation work with the collections chandelier

- To coincide with the changing exhibit themes a minor assessment and care project was undertaken on the collections early 20th century chandelier. The chandelier, which once hung in the Avalon Hotel and Princeton, was cleaned and new resin based candle sleeves replaced missing and damaged ones. The chandelier is now stabilized and has a fresh look for 2011.

Before

After

Civic Organizations meet at the History Center's Library Room.

- The Avalon Garden and Women's Civic Club both hosted their monthly meetings at the History Center.

Catalog & Object Accessioning

- Museum Technician R. Leopold continues to catalog and accession the Center's collection using museum standard Past Perfect tools. This ongoing process is more then 2/3 completed and should be finished sometime in the 2011 year.

Researchers Served

- The Avalon History Center served one researcher in the month of March. Topic reviewed included genealogies of several early 20th century families.