

# Avalon History Center Director's Report – December 2015

	# Visitors On-site	# Reached Digitally	# Objects Catalogued	# Objects Digitized
January	4	679	30	28
February	6	3,769	18	35
March	9	42,650	21	52
April	6	7,127	25	151
May	56	5,882	40	34
June	204	23,165	17	174
July	285	21,120	6	117
August	249	7,733	15	78
September	129	5,050	67	67
October	70	11,977	66	66
November	38	4,135	262	262
December	18	4,291	129	129
<b>Annual Totals:</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>137,578</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>1,193</b>

## Administration

- Joined as institutional member of the American Association for State and Local History.
- Arranged for Technician to attend Small Museum Association conference in February.

## Marketing & PR

- New website available for viewing, feedback welcomed.
- Met with Marketing Committee.

## Programs & Outreach

- Participating in development of Historic Preservation Element of the Borough's master plan.
- Held Holiday Teatime.

## Collections

- Sent 8mm films to "Scan Café" to be digitized; Historical Society is funding.
- Collections Committee recommends not to conserve anchor chain.
- Collections Committee recommends the below-listed treatment for gas lamp.
- Collections Committee recommends acquisition of the following donations:
  - Meredith Wheaton – 1962 photo of William S. Peace house
  - Craig Cunningham
    - Postcard of Puritan Hotel
    - Postcard of Keen's Drugstore
  - Al Haring
    - Marine Ballroom Revolving Light from Charlie Moore
    - 1969 green pill bottle from Keen's Pharmacy
    - Three small oval plates from The Princeton

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- Three large oval plates from The Princeton
- Teri Breslin — 2007 AFPL Calendar
- Bill Sylvester — 1959 Avalon Grammar School Newsletter

## Recommended Treatment for Gas Light

### **ADAM JENKINS CONSERVATION SERVICES, LLC**

2347 E Cumberland St., Philadelphia, PA 19125

Light Post  
Painted Cast Iron  
Approx. 10' high  
Avalon History Center

Two possible scenarios have been laid out for this treatment. The first is for complete conservation treatment and, barring mechanical damage to the paint coating, should last 25-30 years in a salt spray environment. The second should be considered high performance maintenance treatment and is expected to last 5-7 years (again, barring mechanical damage to the coating).

#### Option 1: Full treatment

- Photograph the object before, during and after treatment.
- Avalon History Center will arrange for the power to be disconnected in the fixture.
- Disassemble the fixture to the degree that it can be.
- With local or hired help, deinstall the fixture and load it into a rented truck.
- Deliver the object to Coatings By Design, LLC, West Chester, PA.
- Blast the object to bare metal with aluminum oxide (grit size, pressure and stand-off distance to be determined).
- Metalize (arc spray) with 50:50 Zinc:Aluminum.
- Apply a high performance epoxy primer in medium gray color.
- Reinstall.
- Field-apply two coats of a high performance acrylic polyurethane top coat in a color determined in consultation with the client.
- Reassemble.
- Client will arrange reconnection of the wiring.
- Provide treatment documentation.

#### Assumes:

- There will be assistance in deinstalling and loading the object into the rented truck. If no such assistance is available, see Add Alternate 1.
- The footing is intact and the object can be reinstalled in exactly the same location, using the same fasteners, without modification. If fasteners are frozen or stripped, if the object needs new anchors installed in the existing footing, or if the existing footing needs to be replaced, this work will be undertaken by others under a separate contract.

#### COST:

\$5,951

Cost includes: Coatings by Design, LLC blasting/metalizing/priming \$1,225;  
Conservator for 32 hours @ \$100/hr. working on the disassembly, deinstallation,  
reinstallation, reassembly and final painting; materials at \$150, truck rental estimated at  
\$300 each way; 15% contingency.  
Add Alternate 1: For a team to assist with deinstallation and reinstallation: ADD \$3,000

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## Capital Projects Update

<b>Project name</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Component</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Costs</b>
Improve Outdoor Interpretive Space	\$25,000	Furnishings for Cottage	TBD	Scope of work under discussion with Buildings & Grounds Committee.	TBD
		Gas light restoration	TBD		TBD
		Bench replacement	TBD		TBD
		Landscaping	TBD		TBD
		Lighting	TBD		TBD
		Gazebo	TBD		TBD
		Signage	TBD		TBD
Expected project total:					TBD
Re-Fit 39 <sup>th</sup> St Tennis Building	\$20,000	Components under discussion	TBD	Scheduling meeting with Borough/Rec Department to define scope of work.	
		Expected project total:			
Water Heater & Compressor Replacement	\$10,000	Water heater replacement	Riverview Plumbing	Ready to go	\$3,950
		Fire suppression system compressor replacement	Communale	Waiting on pricing	
		Expected project total:			
Survey Kiosk	\$6,000	Equipment	TBD	Technology components under discussion with Library Staff.	TBD
		Software	TBD		TBD
		Signage	TBD		TBD
		Expected project total:			
Planning for 26 <sup>th</sup> St School	\$20,000	Direction under discussion with Borough; have contacted an architect for preliminary assessment.			TBD
		Expected project total:			