

Alternate Giving Ideas

The Wildwood Historical Society, Inc. and the Boyer Museum were made possible through the contributions of many individuals in our community.

The gifts you make today help preserve the memories of the past. Please consider the Historical Society in your will.

Friends of the Wildwood Historical Society, Inc.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Membership Class	
<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$200.
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	\$50.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor	\$50.
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$25.
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$15.
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$10.
<input type="checkbox"/> Student	\$5.

Renewal **New**
 Please check membership class and
 enclose fee with application.

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The Wildwoods By-The-Sea, New Jersey

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*. a message from
 the President*



We are a bit late with our publication, but I wanted to include news of our groundbreaking. We are delighted that after numerous delays, construction is finally underway.

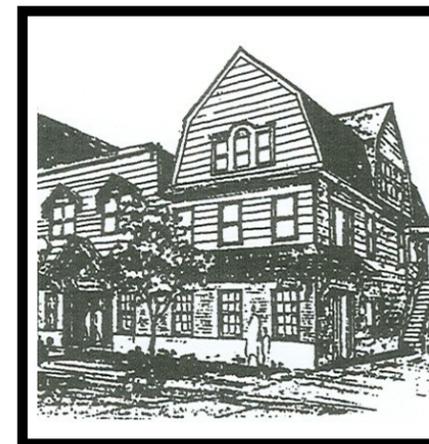
We had a very busy summer hosting close to three thousand visitors, and now we are focusing on local events. In October, I presented a plaque, on behalf of the museum, to Earl Groff and family of Groff's Restaurant in recognition of their 83 years in business. The occasion was a very nice evening sponsored by the Wildwood Crest Historical Society. Dave and Theresa Williams work very hard at what they do.

Please know we are still soliciting donations for our building fund. If construction goes as it should, we are looking for a dedication date some time in April, 2009.

On behalf of all of our Board Members and staff, I want you to know we appreciate your support throughout the year, and during this holiday season we wish you and your family peace and joy.

Happy Holidays!

Anna M. Vinci, President



**Preserving the
 history and memories
 of the Wildwoods . . .
 The
 Wildwood Historical
 Society, Inc.**



**Tribute To Mario Lanza
 At Fall Film Festival**

Carole Shea, cousin of singer-movie star Mario Lanza, and Anne Vinci, president of the Wildwood Historical Society, were presented with the Wildwood Music Award at the Fall Film Festival held in September.

Lanza and his family vacationed in the Wildwoods in his younger days. Shea and Vinci collaborated on the exchange of photos and other Lanza

information. A section of the planned addition to the museum will be devoted to Lanza memorabilia.

Below is the "Merrymakers" band in the 1940s when they played at Hunt's Starlight Ballroom. Seated left to right: Mary Ann Getsinger Homan at the piano, Fred Langford and Howard Hampshire on the trumpet, Dave Bader on the trombone. Seated are Herb Goodman, Nancy Johnson Thompson, Stan Woolson, Bob Hoffnagle on the sax and Jim Cafiero on the drums.

Photo courtesy James S. Cafiero



Jackson's Rexall Drug Store - 1960



Then!

3401 Pacific Avenue, Wildwood, NJ

The Deck at Holly Beach - 2008



Now!

We are always looking for new members to help preserve Wildwood's history. Now is the time to renew your membership. If you have done so already, we thank you. Because of rising costs of maintenance and utilities, donations are welcome, too! Membership dues help to cover the cost of mailing, notices, newsletters and notification of special events.

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Curator's Corner

by Bob Scully

As it was a busy summer for visitors, it was also a busy time for receiving more artifacts. Does anyone remember the name **H. Boorse**? You would if you took piano lessons. Our esteemed volunteer, **Inge Friesenborg Laine** brought in a "shingle" of sorts belonging to Mr. Boorse. The **Dutt Family** dropped off a 1932 silver pitcher engraved with "34th State Encampment-Wildwood, NJ." The **Russo Family** brought in their "family tree" that hung in their restaurant that closed last month along with a sign from **Russo's Restaurant**. **Karla Svard Frederick** brought in a large collection of photographs; mostly Wildwood High School prom pictures from 1956, and class reunion photos for the **Class of 1934**. We received a large collection of plaques, certificates and military insignias, among other items, from the **Estate of George Betz**. Mr. Betz was a long-time educator at Wildwood High School. **Dennis Sharpe** dropped off photos of the June 17th **Mariner's Landing** Boardwalk fire, and the **Peschi Family** gave us an old **Grace Oil Company** outside thermometer. **Richard Snyder** visited us with photos and other documents from the estate of his uncle, **Dave Snyder** who passed away in October. From **Joyce Gallagher** we received a photo of **Odger's Restaurant** on the beach at 26th Street, and **Johnson's Grocery Store** at Taylor and Pacific Avenue. **Kathryn Gallagher** gave us a Washington, D.C. class photo from 1935. We have so very much. Stop in and reacquaint yourself with the Wildwood of yesteryear.

..... until next time



Visit our gift shop for your holiday needs!

Items available at the
Wildwood Historical Society, Inc.
3907 Pacific Avenue.
Proceeds benefit the Museum
Also available by mail -
Call for shipping and handling charges
Call (609) 523-0277

The *Wildwood -by-the-Sea* Book is an indexed book of the history of the Wildwoods. It has been reduced to \$20 and this is the last printing. We are told these same books are available on E-bay for \$65 and up.

The Wildwood Days video is now available for \$20. It was done by Travisty Productions and welcomes you to the world of the 50s and 60s. This is the same video featured on PBS.

Also available are books, VHS tapes and videos dealing with the history of the Wildwoods. Come in and browse around. You might find something for yourself or a gift for the "hard to buy for" person in your life.

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Closed all National Holidays and Sundays

SUMMER HOURS

Monday thru Saturday, 9:00 - 2:00 PM

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Thursday thru Saturday, 9:00 - 2:00 PM

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We Get "Thank You's"

Thank you so much for the wonderful picture of my Uncle Ferd's truck. You really did a great job touching up the picture; much better than I could ever imagine. Thanks for your prompt attention.
Nick

Friends,

We cannot tell you enough how wonderful we found the museum, from the exceptional interest, comprehensiveness and accessibility of the collection to the knowledge, dedication and friendliness of the staff. Although we left a contribution in the "collection jar" the day we were there, we wanted to send something more in support of your plan to expand the museum—so, to that end, please accept the enclosed gift along with our sincere thanks and best wishes. We very much hope to see you again next year!

Warm regards, Debbie, Brad and Chris Antanaitis

Thank you very much for scanning and sending the picture by e-mail. The photo came in perfect. My wife and I really appreciate it. We just purchased our condo in May, and a friend told us to come and check because there may be a photo on file of what was on the lot prior to the condo. We were amazed at all the "items from the past" that you have there. We definitely plan on returning in the future when we have more time to look. Thanks again. Ken Mondzak

Can't thank you enough for the pictures. There was one of my brother, Bill, in a soapbox derby race car. Our gals from the Class of 1956 had a great time looking through your binders, especially the one of all the dances and proms.

Audrey Dry Coulter

Thank you so much for the picture. Everyone I show, just loves it! You guys are doing a great job. My husband and I really enjoyed our visit to the museum. Great info and great pics!! Thanks, again.

Cindy

Donors to the New Building Fund

As of this writing the following businesses and individuals have donated \$500 or more to the building fund, and their names will be placed on a plaque in the new addition:

\$500 to \$999 - Silver Membership - Audrey L. Buckingham, Barry, Colorado, Grassi & Gibson, VFW Post 3509, Anglesea Fire Co. #1, Sturdy Savings Bank, Cathleen M. Smith for Junke and Treasurers, City of North Wildwood, Piro's Village Restaurant, Wildwood Fire Company #1, Borough of West Wildwood, City of Wildwood, Vincent A. Palagruto.

\$1000 to \$4999 - Gold Membership - Sam's Club, Travisty Productions in memory of Greta Zuckerman, James and Kathy Boyer-Maher in Memory of George F. Boyer, Holly Beach Public Library Association, The Byrne Fund for Wildwood, Inc., Al and Diane Brannen, Greater Wildwood Elks Lodge #1896, The Morey Organization, Ms. Christine White.

\$5000 and over - Platinum Member-



Formal Ground Breaking for new addition to the museum. Pictured here from left to right: General Contractor, Steve Casiello, Executive Board Members Anthony Canzano, Anne Vinci, Al Brannen, Doug Ford, Mary Ellen Shields, Larry Lillo, Phyllis Bethel and Bob Scully. Board members not pictured are Chris Mento and Scott Jett.

ship - Cafiero & Balliet for the Estate of Harry Martinent, Anne Vinci in memory of North Wildwood Mayor Lewis G. Vinci, *made donations, no matter what amount. We will continue to solicit donations for the building fund and will continue to add names to our plaque as they come in.* Editor



Margaret Mace School Safety Patrol - 1950

First row: North Wildwood Police Chief Carl Hoffman, Yvonne Morey Wood, Bill Zeiss, Lillian Tarbotton Myrden, Phillip Hettenbach, Genevieve Reynolds Burg, Bob Penkethmen, Shirley Lapidus Cohen, Lou Griesbach, Barbara Blake Pumilia, Jay Craven, Jean Stecher Hoff, Cheronne Craven Jett, Leonard Catanoso. Back Row: Elizabeth James Ed Duer, Lenore Juliana Donahue, William Deaver, Peggy Parr Ireland, Ed Roach, Doris Driver, George Montis, Richard James, Katherine Koehler Balcunas, Harry Huston, Unknown, Tom Hargis.

Photo provided by Tom Flud from the J. Elwood Chester Estate