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Our Mission

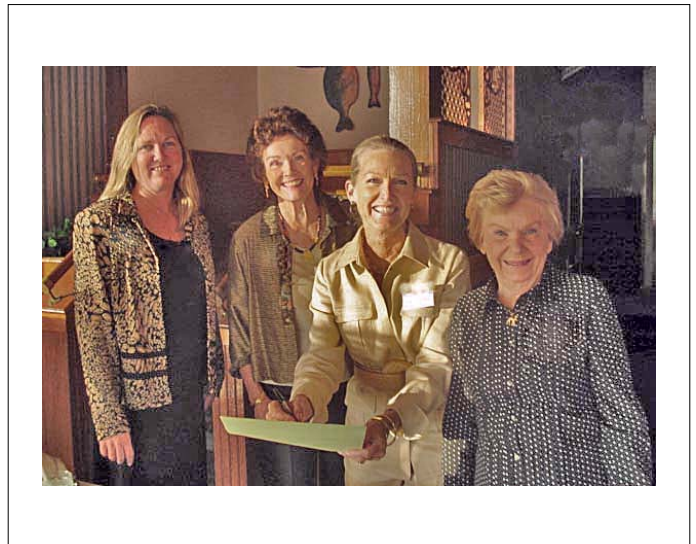
The Ocean City Museum Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and interpreting the rich natural and cultural history of this coastal community through memorabilia collections, rotating exhibits, educational programs and area research. The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum presents:

1. The history of the United States Life-Saving Service on the Delmarva Peninsula.
2. The past lifestyles and culture of the Town of Ocean City, Maryland.
3. The local ancestral records and artifact collections through its internet service.

30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The night of Sunday, October 26th turned out a very nice crowd of about 130 attendees at the Harbor Watch Restaurant. The event was to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Life-Saving Station Museum. It was the first such event that the Museum Society has ever held. The celebration was planned and executed by Museum members, Janet Cherrix, Nancy Howard and Robert Rothermel, Jr. After cocktails and dinner, guest speaker Christopher Havern, a Historian with the U.S. Coast Guard, and two past crewmembers from the Ocean City Station, Carmen Meo and Jack Fisher, shared their remembrances with the audience.

During the celebration Robert T. Stevens, III was



(L to R) Sandy Hurley, Janet Cherrix, Nancy Howard, Suzanne Hurley

presented a special plaque for his many years as a volunteer with the Ocean City Museum. His wealth of knowledge and generosity of his time were recognized. He is a valuable asset to the Society.

George and Sue Hurley

were also recognized for their 30 year association with the Museum and for their work in recording Ocean City's interesting and unique history.

A good time was had by all and the Society would like to thank members and

A TRIBUTE TO GRANVILLE TRIMPER

Sadly, it must be reported that long time museum member, Granville Trimper, passed away in late October. He was in Atlantic General Hospital recovering from an operation.

Mr. Trimper was a mem-

ber of the city council that initially approved the concept of a municipal museum built around the theme of the old U. S. Life-Saving Service which has played such an integral part in the early history of

Ocean City.

At the time (1977) Mr. Trimper was the only boardwalk property owner not to object to having the old station house relocated in front of his businesses blocking their

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ON GOING RESTORATION TO MUSEUM SITE

There is a lot of activity expected this winter around the old station house beginning in November. The city has let a contract for the look out tower immediately adjacent to the museum building. That contract calls for a complete overhaul of the pre-world war II structure. The little house on top has been removed by crane to ground level for maintenance and painting. In the meantime structural steel workers are replacing some steel components that after seventy years have corroded in the continuous salt air environment. Welding and strengthening of other bracing and the staircase is also taking place. After making the tower structurally sound, it will be sand blasted and primed and painted with special industrial paints. The last step will be to return the little look out house to its place on top of the tower along with the delicate camera that the local TV station, WBOC maintains in conjunction with the Town of Ocean City.

The aim is to cut future maintenance

The contractor that submitted the lowest bid reports that he will begin work on November 3rd. As in the past, long time museum member and former contractor, George Hurley, will be assisting the city engineering department in overseeing the work.

As members will recall, the entire north end of the Museum was completely re-sided and decorative woods replaced last winter. The old lead flashings used by the Life Saving Service in 1891 had completely given up and water getting behind the siding had caused more than a little rot. Additionally when the building was moved to its new location sandblasting was used to remove all lead based paints. The blasting caused much of the softer grains in the siding to deteriorate. This winter the other three sides of the building will get a similar treatment. Modern synthetic materials are being used in many instances that are made to look exactly like the old wood substances.

If time and weather conditions will per-

**MUSEUMS OF WORCESTER COUNTY
CELEBRATE EARLY EASTERN SHORE CHRISTMAS**

Step back in time and revisit an Early Eastern Shore Christmas as nine of the ten Museums of Worcester County portray Christmas traditions of times past.

All of the Museums, with the exception of Furnace Town, will be open for self-guided tours on Saturday, December 13, 2008 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Since there is not enough time in one day to visit all of the Museums, it may be a good idea to plan on visiting Furnace Town on December 6-7 when they will be open and featuring a "19th Century Christmas".

For more information call:

(410)-632-2032

The other Museums will be featuring

the following themes:

Costen House

The Legend of the Kissing Ball

Sturgis One-Room School

Country Christmas Feast

Girdletree Barnes Bank

Nativity Scenes

Mt. Zion One-Room School

Classroom Decorations

Julia A. Purnell Museum

The Victorian Christmas Tree

Queponco Railway Station

Transportation

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

1700s Anglican Christmas Service

O.C. Life-Saving Station

Christmas by the Sea

HARBOR DAY AT THE DOCKS

The 1st Annual Harbor Day at the Docks was held on Saturday, October 11th at the Commercial Harbor in West Ocean City. It was a collaboration between the Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, Chamber of Commerce, Worcester County Commissioners, and the Town of Ocean City, with its goal being to celebrate Ocean City's maritime heritage.

An estimated 3500 to 4000 people attended the event and enjoyed listen-

ing to storytellers, watching net mending and fish cleaning demonstrations as well as exploring the many exhibits on display.

Many thanks to volunteers Janet Cherrix, Bob Stevens, J.D. and Sandy Quillin of the Museum Society and Joe Britvch and Arthur LaPole of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. They made it possible for the Museum to participate in this wonderful event.

The Harbor Day planning



Joe Britvch of the U.S. Coast Guard

committee has received extremely positive feedback and are making plans for the 2nd Annual event to be held on October 10, 2009.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE DECEMBER 7TH

The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum will hold an Open House on Sunday, December 7th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Museum, which is located on the Boardwalk at the Inlet.

There will be free admis-

sion for everyone and 10 percent off all items in the gift shop. Museum Society members will receive an additional 10 percent discount on purchases. Knowledgeable volunteers and staff members will be available to answer ques-

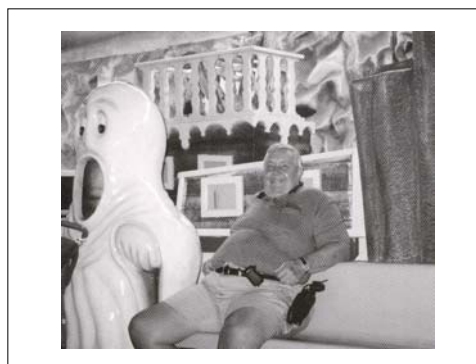
tions about the history of the U.S. Life-Saving Service and the many other fascinating exhibits.

The museum's gift shop provides excellent holiday shopping with a variety of books for adults and children, gifts, jewelry and

TRIMPER... .CONTINUED

He was involved with the Museum Committee from its inception thirty years ago and served as an officer several times. He was President of the Ocean City Museum Society, Inc. at the time of his death.

His dedication and interest in preserving the history of Ocean City was outstanding. He will be greatly missed by all.



Granville Trimper, on his bench at Trimper's Rides.

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WELCOME ABOARD NEW MEMBERS!

The Board of Directors take great pleasure in welcoming the following new members:

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Donations for 30th Anniversary Dinner

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MUSEUM SEEKS PHOTOBOOTH PICTURES

The Ocean City Life-Saving Station Museum is currently designing a new boardwalk exhibit that will include pictures taken in Photo-booths in Ocean City throughout the years. The museum is asking you to share these types of photographs with us.

Please make the extra effort to go through your photo albums to look for photographs of yourselves and family taken at the old photo machines. Remember, you got 4 for a Quarter.

The images are of great importance to the history of the Ocean City Boardwalk. During the early days on the Boardwalk the "picture machines" were located, as they are today, in the arcades and at the rides.



"Before the photo booth first appeared, in the 1920's most portraits were made in studios. The new, inexpensive process made photographs accessible to everyone. "For 25 cents people could go and get a memory of who they were, of a special occasion, of a first date, an anniversary, graduation or just for fun. For many people, those were the only photo of themselves that they had."

Photographs can be mailed to the Museum.
P.O. Box 603 , Ocean City, MD 21843.

They will be scanned/copied, and returned to you very quickly.

Images can also be sent via email to:

curator@ocmuseum.org

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