



**THE MUSEUM**  
**AT**  
**COLONIAL BEACH**

*Newsletter*

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*President's Message*

Art Buswell

*Thank You for your support!*

Previously I asked for support to return our membership level to the 300 member level which we attained several years ago. Although we have yet to make that goal we are moving steadily in that direction. Our membership Chair, Patti Hansley together with Treasurer and Curator, Mitzi Saffos, Nancy Saddler, Assistant Curator and Web Site Developer have worked very hard in this effort. You will see several new initiatives designed to attract new members and encourage the return of former members. As I have said this Society and the Museum are for you the membership, and dedicated to the preservation of our colorful history.

In that regard I invite you to get involved and participate in activities at the Museum. Contact Jane Trail our Volunteer Coordinator, at 224-0472 and help out. You will enjoy the experience and meet some very nice visitors to our Museum.

About the roof, it is in desperate need of repair and painting prior to the onset of winter weather. We have received a pledge of \$1400 from the Town and several donations from individuals and organizations. Within the week I will solicit prices from several contractors to do the job. My only hope is that we don't find severe damage to the roof structure. I am sure that you will hear more on this as we move forward.

Thank you for supporting the Historical Society and The Museum at Colonial Beach.

*Curator's Corner*

Mitzi Saffos

The curatorial department was a beehive of activity during the last quarter. We tackled our last major cleanup project, a collections closet on the second floor. As with most closets, this one contained a huge assortment of odds and ends that had grown to enormous proportions over the years. This space is now spic and span and will serve as our textile storage area. We are still in need of acid-free containers for collection storage. Please contact Mitzi Saffos at 804-224-0996 or 804-224-3379 if you would like to support this effort.

During the spring and summer months, curatorial staff were hard at work on our latest exhibit, "Oyster Wars," which opened in August to very favorable reviews. Attendance for this exhibit continues to grow, and because the subject is so relevant to our town's history, all of the Oyster Wars material will be incorporated into the Museum's Watermens' Room as a permanent exhibit. Many thanks to Nancy Saddler (owner of Wavadexter, a graphic and web design firm) for her invaluable contributions to this exhibit.

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 P.O. Box 215, Colonial Beach, VA 22443

Our next exhibit, "Picturing America," will open on Friday, November 12. The theme of this exhibit, democracy, is a very fitting one as we celebrate Veteran's Day on November 11. We are looking for photos and memorabilia from folks who have served our country in the armed forces. Coming in December is an exhibit on Christmas toys from the past. Please contact the curatorial staff at 804-224-3379 if you have items you are willing to loan for these exhibits.

## *Membership*

### **Patti Hansley**

In an attempt to expand our membership family and to remind those who have not renewed, the CBHS will issue a mass mailing to zip code 22443. If you receive a membership solicitation and you have already paid your renewal, please ignore this mailing. If you have not paid your renewal please do so. Your tax deductible donations help to defray the cost of maintaining the building.

Welcome returning members: Ron and Susan Altemus, Kris and Ralph Mason, Edna Edmondson, Harry and Lori Wehr, Jennifer Sullivan and Michele Mehrling, John and Pam Narney, Steve and Ann Swope, Woody Wise, Zedda Viets, Betty Wilson, Ranelle and Chris Bruch, Stewart and Debbie Lindsey, Mike and Tracey Simmons, and Lloyd and Ursulina Wright.

With pleasure we welcome our new members: Peter and Roberta Fahrney, Judith and Gary Mc Irvin, and, Fran and Ron Harris, Wanda Goforth, Paul Kaller and Madeline La Porta, Steve and Gale Griffin, James and Julie Muskett, and Baker Davenport.

## *Volunteers*

### **Jane Trail**

We are getting close to the end of the year 2010. The Museum will be closing on Dec. 11th and will re-open in April of 2011.

It has been a great year for volunteers and visitors. Our exhibits have once again been outstanding and drew lots of attention. Thanks to all our volunteers we were able to have the Museum staffed every weekend and for the 2nd Friday Art Walk every month. In fact, recently I had to call for help due to some last minute scheduling problems. My thanks to Barbara Elvin and Mary Gardner for answering my call and helping out on such short notice. We are very appreciative of you and all our volunteers.

Without all of you we could not keep the Museum open. I just received a few more names of people

interested in our Museum and would like to volunteer. I will be calling them soon and hope to get them started next year, if not sooner.

We always have room for more. Anyone interested can just give me a call at 804-224-0472.

## *Treasurer's Report*

### **Mitzi Saffos**

The quarterly report for the period of 1 July through 30 September is as follows. Income for the quarter was \$2,995.12. Expenses for the same period were \$2,499.10.

Income for this period includes donations for the much needed roof repair on the Museum building. We continue our fundraising efforts for this project, which we hope to complete before the onset of bad weather. Donations may be forwarded to the Colonial Beach Historical Society at P.O. Box 215, Colonial Beach, Virginia 22443. many thanks to all who have donated to this effort!

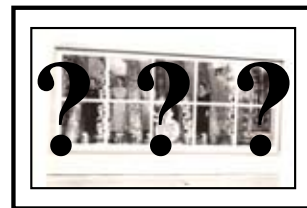
## *Christmas Home and Lights Tour*

### **Betty Whitestone**

Saturday, December 11th, the Historical Society will be having Open House at the Museum at 5:30 pm before leaving at 6:30 for the tour.

If you wish to have your home on the tour, please contact the Museum at 224-3379, or Betty Whitestone at 224-8619 as soon as possible, so we can go over the details of the tour of your home.

Tickets will be \$15.00 per person, and will be on sale at the Museum and also at Open House; reservations are available.



## *Mystery Photo in Last Newsletter*

We've been told by Mary Virginia Stanford that the photo of the "live mannequins" in the storefront window that was featured in our last newsletter was taken at Cooper's store, some time in the 1950s. Thanks for the info!

If you have a mystery photo from the Beach that you would like to have identified, please send an electronic copy to us at cbmuseum@hotmail.com, or come by and we'll scan your old photo while you wait, to be included in an upcoming edition of the newsletter.

## Upcoming in 2010

### Exhibits

Picturing America	November 12	Runs through December
Christmas Toys	November 26	Runs through December

### Events

Quilt Show and Sale	November 6	Contact Edna Edmondson, 804-224-9889
Holiday House Tour	December 11	Contact Betty Whitestone, 804-224-8619

For more information about an exhibit or event, contact the person listed, or check the Museum website at [www.MuseumAtColonialBeach.com](http://www.MuseumAtColonialBeach.com), or leave a message on the Museum phone at 804-224-3379.



### *We're Still Trying to Fix the Roof!*

We're still working on raising funds to fix our 100+ year old roof. The town of Colonial Beach has generously agreed to contribute half the amount to get it patched and painted, up to \$1400. Several companies have been contacted for bids, and we're hoping to have a contract set and the work done before winter sets in.

Since we're not 100% sure patching and painting will take care of the entire problem, we're continuing our effort to "raise the roof," and we're hoping our members and friends will help us out once again.

If you would like to contribute to the roof fund, please send your tax-deductible donation to the Colonial Beach Historical Society.

Thank you for your support!

*These local businesses support us with their membership and generous donations; please support them with your patronage!*

<b>Metro Golf Carts</b>	<b>116 Washington Avenue</b>	<b>Colonial Beach VA 22443</b>
<b>The Bell House</b>	<b>821 Irving Avenue</b>	<b>Colonial Beach VA 22443</b>
<b>Stanford's Marine Railway</b>	<b>829 Robin Grove Lane</b>	<b>Colonial Beach VA 22443</b>
<b>Jarrett Thor Fine Arts</b>	<b>100 Taylor Street #101</b>	<b>Colonial Beach VA 22443</b>
<b>Party Services by Dori/Dori Farrell</b>	<b>920 Horton Street</b>	<b>Colonial Beach VA 22443</b>
<b>Colonial Beach Real Estate</b>	<b>501 Washington Avenue</b>	<b>Colonial Beach VA 22443</b>
<b>Colonial Beach Yacht Center</b>	<b>1787 Castlewood Drive</b>	<b>Colonial Beach VA 22443</b>
<b>Curley Packing Company</b>	<b>551 Lafayette Street</b>	<b>Colonial Beach VA 22443</b>
<b>James Monroe Foundation</b>	<b>113 Foushee Street</b>	<b>Richmond VA 23220</b>
<b>Northern Neck Elks Lodge #2666</b>	<b>719 Ferry Landing</b>	<b>Colonial Beach VA 22443</b>
<b>Colonial Beach Foundation</b>	<b>PO Box 375</b>	<b>Colonial Beach VA 22443</b>

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**Support the Museum through your membership in the Colonial Beach Historical Society  
JOIN US NOW!**

**New Membership / Renewal Application**

Please accept my application for membership/renewal in the Colonial Beach Historical Society, Inc. and the Museum.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home/Cell/Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership Desired

Individual	\$15.00 ( )	Family	\$25.00 ( )
Business	\$30.00 ( )	Student	\$ 3.00 ( )

Dues are per-year from July 1 through June 30. Please detach this application and mail along with your check to:

The Colonial Beach Historical Society, Inc.  
P.O. Box 215  
Colonial Beach, VA 22443

Volunteer Area(s) of Interest \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The Colonial Beach Historical Society meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Cooper Library, Washington Avenue, Colonial Beach. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.