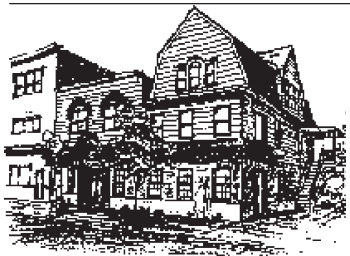




"There is an eternal landscape, a geography of the soul; we search for its outlines all our lives." ~Josephine Hart



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Would you believe the museum may have at least two resident spirits on the premises? One night in June, **Clay Borneman, founder of Cumberland County Paranormal**, along with his staff conducted a scientific experiment into whether or not we did share the building, which was a former funeral home, with the "unworldly." After setting up seven cameras throughout the museum, over 500 feet of connecting wire, audio and other high-tech equipment, he and his staff went to work in search of evidence that could or could not support the theory. After several interesting hours of viewing, listening, reviewing video and audio data, I can say there was NO evidence of any apparitions. HOWEVER, the audio equipment recorded unusual sounds that were not audible to the human ear, and were definitely two different kinds of sounds that might suggest two different sexes. These sounds emanated from what was a former viewing room, and in what I refer to as the laboratory, where they did the embalming. At this point, you can draw your own conclusions. As for my staff and me, we hold the position that we will continue to go about museum business and continue to work in perfect harmony with "whom-ever"?????

I can't believe the summer has gone by so fast. Don't know if it was the excessive hot weather and folks were looking for a cool indoor place to hang out, but the museum enjoyed a very busy summer. **Phyllis Bethel, Mona Pluck, and John Roat** have worked diligently to reorganize and clean out files and photos that have been languishing for years. We also are trying to upgrade our research facilities in that we are in the process of having all of our newspapers that are on microfilm put on a DVD. We have almost 300 reels and the project will probably cost almost \$2000. Special donations for this project will be deeply appreciated.

As the staff unearthed some old photos, I came across a photo of the fire that took the **Hurricane Club** in 1964. If anyone remembers the **Ruthlynn Hotel** also on Pacific Avenue, it was still standing and pictured in the photo, until it, too, gave way to fire in 1981. We also have photos given to us by a gentleman by the name of **Osman M. Corson** from Cape May Court House. He forwarded a collection of old photos taken by his father-in-law, **Jacob A. Eberly, Jr.** who summered and worked here between 1912 and 1917. As a teenager, he was an amateur photographer employed by one of the boardwalk photo shops, and snapped quite a few pictures. One of them was of **Fun Chase Pier** in 1912, a firemen's parade in 1917, and **did you know that Wildwood had a Dog Parade in 1916?**

In July, the museum hosted a book signing and open house. On board were authors **Rob Ascough** and **Al Alven** signing their new book **"Images of America, Hunt's Pier."** The book celebrates the history of Wildwood's famed **"Oceanic Wonderland"** with 128 pages of vintage photographs and memories. Also on hand was **Anita Hirsch** to sign her latest book **"Wildwood By-the-Sea: Nostalgia and Recipes."** We have both books available for sale in our gift shop. They make great gifts for anyone who has every visited our island. To top off the day, we had a continuous screening of **Diane Pooler** and **Scott Hand's** video **"The Hunt's Legacy."** That, too, will also be available for purchase very soon. It is an in-depth view of Hunt's Pier.

In closing, think about this: Bumper sticker of the year - 'If you can read this, thank a teacher and, since it's in English, thank a soldier'

Anne Vinci,

PRESIDENT OF WILDWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

A Blast From the Past!

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Pam Iacono
WHS 1983



Mike Bernstein
WHS 1976



Terria Davolos
WHS 1973



Christine Sicilia
WCHS 1971



Kathryn Malinowski
WCHS 1971



Rosemary Six
WCHS 1971



Anthony Calogero
WCHS 1964



Cherronne Craven Jett
WHS 1954



Dorothy Colangelo Stitt
WHS 1961



Edwin Koehler
WHS 1960



Marie Piro
WHS 1961



Tom Bradshaw
WHS 1960



Fire at the Hurricane Club in 1964. Hurricane was located at 3800 Pacific Ave. (On the SW corner of Garfield & Pacific Aves.) The Ruthlynn Hotel is the building on the right which burnt down in 1981.

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