



## Stone Harbor Museum Newsletter

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### Happy Holidays Give the gift of History this Holiday Season

Please join us! Ask us about a Stone Harbor Museum Membership

## Inaugural Risley Award

*President's Corner*  
*by Jim Talone*

Over 100 years ago three brothers, Howard, Reese and David Risley purchased the southern half of Seven Mile Island. When they bought the land there were few roads, no public water works, no churches and no bridge to the mainland. But the Risley's had a dream of creating a safe town where families could enjoy the ocean breezes and beautiful beach.

You can see their vision in the advertising and the postcards that are a relic of the past. After starting the town, the Risley brothers moved on and never saw their dream completed. However, the dream carried on in the ensuing decades even when the hurricane of '44 destroyed the town's boardwalk (which was never rebuilt.)



The Risley brothers' influence continues to this day. I was recently at a Borough Council meeting and I was impressed by the quiet way the fabric of this town is woven. Each decision is painstakingly considered in regard to keeping with the town's quaint character.

Terrie Cwik, a shaper of dreams, came to her position as President of the Stone Harbor Museum by her vast knowledge of the history of Stone Harbor and willingness to do a job she thought must be done. Terrie wove her own dream by making sure the doors of the Museum were open on regular hours, recruiting knowledgeable Docents and even staffing the snack table at Tuesday's at the Tower. In January 2017 Terrie also led the Museum Board to buy the William Ris Gallery thereby ensuring Stone Harbor Museum would be at a more visible and accessible location to serve the public. For that foresight and dedication we honored Terrie with the inaugural Risley Prize on August 17, 2018 during our first annual dinner and fundraiser at the Reeds at Shelter Haven.



## BEACH TAG RAFFLE WINNER!

SEASON 1981

980

Name Fran Burns

Address 309 79th St.

City Avalon State NJ Zip 08202

Phone # 410 340 7676

481-5-42210 No. 0004 RA-2018-04  
NJ LGCCC ID# Municipal RL#

### Beach Tag Raffle WINNER!!

Although we had hoped to pick the Beach Tag Raffle Ticket Winner during the Thanksgiving Parade the weather had other ideas. We moved the event to the Stone Harbor Museum and on Saturday, November 24 @ 5PM Santa Claus spun the drum and Mayor Judy Davies-Dunhour picked the winning ticket. Congratulations Fran Burns of 79th St! Word on the street is that she was one of the first people to purchase a Beach Tag Raffle Tickets. Many thanks to Mayor Judy Davies-Dunhour, Santa Claus and all those who supported the Stone Harbor Museum by purchasing Beach Tag Raffle Tickets.

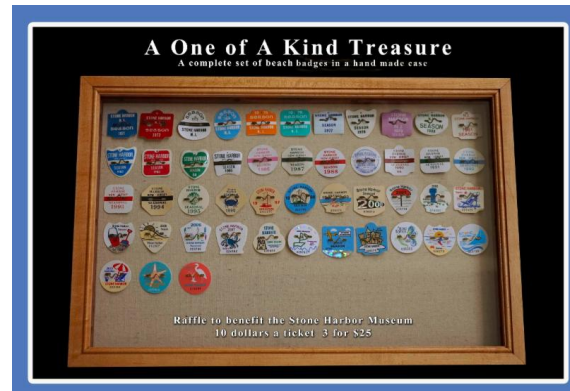


*We were having so much fun we accidentally took the picture with the Beach Badge Shadow Box upside down...OOOOPS!*

## History of the Beach Tag Raffle

The idea for a Stone Harbor Museum Beach Tag Raffle started about three years ago at a Board Meeting when one of our members heard that a full set of Stone Harbor Beach Badges had significant monetary value. We had two complete sets in the Museum and most of a third set. Because many visitors and homeowners in Stone Harbor have memories attached to their beach tags, we knew this could be a successful fundraising effort. When we checked online we found that while the 1971 beach tag, the first year of beach badges, had sold for over \$2,000 the drop off of value was considerable after that first year. We didn't know what a complete set would bring but we did know that it would have value.

This past April when we were exploring fundraising ideas the raffling off of beach badges was discussed. Jay Stump contacted his friend, Doug Heisler of Jack's Cove of Chestertown, MD, a fine woodworker, and together they worked to create a shadow box for existing and future beach tags. Once Patty Stump secured licensing from the state we began selling tickets in mid July to wide acclaim. Thanks to all who helped us by selling tickets and those of you who helped by purchasing tickets.



## 2019 Beach Tags

Last year's Beach Badges are today's history. Please donate your unwanted/duplicate beach tags to the Stone Harbor Museum. Ask us about purchasing missing tag years.



**Holiday Beach Tags** are HERE! Purchase your new 2019 Holiday Beach Badges from



**2019 Summer Seasonal Beach Tags** Seasonal, pre-paid, and free Veteran beach

the Borough Offices in Stone Harbor or the Chamber Offices on 96th Street while supplies last. Holiday tags may be used for the summer season as well.

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tags are available for purchase/pickup at the Stone Harbor Beach Tag Office (95th St and the Beach) via cash/check 7 days-a-week through Labor Day weekend 10:00am-4:00pm.

## Wednesday Night Stories

In July the Museum began hosting presentations on specific topics to educate the public on the history of Stone Harbor. Our Wednesday Night Stories were very popular with over 30 guests in attendance each week. On July 14 we learned about Victorian Cape May, July 18 The Cape May Navy, July 25 Stone Harbor in the 50's, August 1 Early Stone Harbor, August 8 The Stone Harbor Lifeguards and finishing with Trains on Seven Mile Island, August 15. Look for our new list of Wednesday Night Story topics coming this July & August 2019. We hope you will come join us to learn and share Stone Harbor's history.



### Rufwud

On Friday, July 26, 2018 the Stone Harbor Museum hosted a wine and cheese open house to celebrate Rufwud, the oldest single family home remaining in Stone Harbor. Built in 1915, Rufwud was changing ownership and we were given permission to share this vintage home with the public. Over 130 people enjoyed socializing and touring one of Stone Harbor's oldest homes.



### Women's Civic Luncheon

The Women's Civic Club of Stone Harbor hosted an end of season luncheon at the Stone Harbor Golf Club on September 19, 2018. Stone Harbor Museum President Jim Talone shared a presentation on the history of Stone Harbor to the guests in attendance.

## Active Day of Cape May Visit

This fall 21 members of Active Day of Cape May County, a day program for anyone ages 18 and over with a medical need, came to visit the Stone Harbor Museum as part of celebrating "Active

Services Week" from Sept. 17-22. Many thanks to Angela Bean of Active Day for including the Stone Harbor Museum in their celebration and for Docents Terrie Cwik, Marilyn Timms, Helene Carlin and Marie McFadden for assisting our guests through the Museum. A fun time was had by all and we look forward to their visit Spring 2019.



## News From Docent Coordinator Marilyn Timms

The Stone Harbor Museum has more than 25 dedicated volunteer Docents who help guide visitors through our many artifacts and exhibits. This past season we were pleased to add two new Docents, Marie McFadden and Jeff Blevins to our roster. All Docents cover the museum during our regular hours, and many also volunteer at special events, such as our evening programs and the refreshment table at the Water Tower concerts. It is truly a labor of love as we all enjoy sharing our Stone Harbor stories with visitors who are equally enthusiastic about sharing theirs.

We ended our 2018 season with a get-together on August 29th where we celebrated our successful season and recognized three Docents with a plaque representing their ten years of service to the Museum. John Idler, Linda Picanza, and Bob Levins were the honorees. A sincere thank you goes out to those three volunteers and all Docents for their efforts in making the Stone Harbor Museum the special place that it is.



## Vintage Houses of Stone Harbor

Stone Harbor Museum encourages the preservation of unique homes in Stone Harbor. The "Vintage Houses of Stone Harbor" program was started two years ago to formally recognize and celebrate certified houses. There are now 190 of these homes in the Borough proudly displaying Vintage House plaques. The Museum has self guided walking tour brochures which group the vintage homes in three areas: North, Central and South, an interesting way to spend a few hours.

## Stone Harbor Vintage Photos

The Stone Harbor Museum Mission is to acquire, preserve, display, celebrate, and promote archives and artifacts relevant to the development of our unique cultural heritage and to delight, inspire, and educate the present and future generations about the story of Stone Harbor, NJ. To further our mission, a limited number of old Stone Harbor "Vintage Photos" in black and white on canvas on wood stretchers will be available for sale in 4 basic sizes.

<u>size</u>	<u>price</u>
5" x 7"	\$20
14" x 19"	\$140
25" x 25"	\$200
42" x 42"	\$280

*Other custom sizes available with appropriate prices  
Delivery in approximately 2 weeks, payment due at time of order*  
Please call the Stone Harbor Museum at 609-368-7500 or Bob Ashman 609-368-3342 for more details. Makes a great Christmas Gift!

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## We Need Your Help

### Archival Committee

Do you want something to do this winter? The Archival Committee (also known as the scrapbooking committee) could use your help.

**What do we do?** We update the binders at the Museum.

**When do we meet?** Thursday mornings from 9:30 until noon.

**What are the benefits?** You are helping to preserve Stone Harbor's history while socializing with your friends and neighbors.

If you are interested, please contact The Stone Harbor Museum at 609-368-7500.

Thank you.  
Margaret Leisenring, Archival Committee

### Other Opportunities to Volunteer:

*There are many opportunities for anyone who is interested in preserving and celebrating the history of Stone Harbor. You can volunteer in many different capacities and as often as you'd like. New faces and new ideas are always welcome. Our board of 11 trustees meets monthly and is seeking new people to volunteer. We also have numerous committees on which to serve. Planning events, making displays and scrapbooking are just a few examples of how you could help. If you enjoy meeting new people, become a Docent during the summer months. It is heartwarming listening to visitors share stories of how Stone Harbor has enriched their lives.*

*If you are interested in helping the museum in any way, please contact Stone Harbor Museum at 609-368-7500.*

