



The Best of Times and The Worst of Times

2020: What a year! The pandemic closed our doors for 3 and ½ months. It forced most of our meetings to be on Zoom, it wreaked havoc on our live history talks, forced many of our docents to stay home for their own safety, and caused us to miss our best fundraiser in the Reeds gala.

But the pandemic also seemed to inspire so many of us to step forward and move the museum in directions we hadn't thought of going. A quick survey of volunteer hours showed that we have had over 4500 hours of volunteer work performed this past year. That is an incredible number of hours for a small museum and it had tremendous impact.

Because we couldn't bring people in, we moved the museum out to the people

Ted Burke, led us into the digital world with 25 Museum Minutes on Facebook that brought our history out of the books onto the screen. He also oversaw the popular Tranquility Tuesdays and moved our history talks on line. Mike Turner and Teri Fisher got our new website up and running and filled it with new content.

We also held our first ever Art and Writing Contest that brought in over 80 submission and thousands of views.

Our director Kim Park will tell you about one of the effects of our increased reach.

A Message from our Director - Kim Park

Our expanded digital outreach has helped us in this challenging year, establishing connections that have resulted in some exciting acquisitions for our expanding collection of the history of our town. Photos, movies, artifacts and stories have been coming our way from our community of residents and visitors, near and far. Just a few of our 2020 acquisitions include:

- ♦ A 1909 wool ladies bathing costume with two pairs of period water shoes left in an attic of one of the first grand Victorian homes built on the island
- ♦ Priceless early photos from the LeBeau and Clark families
- ♦ A dozen copies of the Stone Harbor Gazette, a newspaper from the very early days of our town
- ♦ Movies of 1950s Baby Parades and damage after the 1962 storm
- ♦ Photos and interviews with the grandchildren of Chief Lennon who served as our town's first night watchman and later police chief into the 1950s



Our museum wasn't created until 1999 and much of our collection documenting the earlier days of our town was donated by our very generous residents and visitors. If you find something that you think we might be interested in, please contact us. I hope you will stop in to see us in person to view some of these amazing treasures that our donors have entrusted us to keep and share with generations to come. If you can't visit us in person, please stay tuned to our digital channels and our website to keep up to date on our virtual offerings at www.StoneHarborMuseum.org.

Kim Park

Virtual Gala



Our first Virtual Gala took place this year on August 26th. While we would have preferred to spend the evening with our members and sponsors on the deck at the Reeds, sadly that was not the case. Nonetheless, the Museum put together a great show, coupled with take-out food from Spiaggetta's Italian Restaurant in

Stone Harbor. Once again, through your generous support, the Museum sold 80 tickets and raised close to \$12,000. For those who were unable to attend, we have posted a link to the Gala show on our web site. Click [here](#) to view the Gala. Enjoy !

Capital Campaign

Our Annual Campaign to payoff our mortgage is about to begin. Thanks to your generous contributions, we have reduced our mortgage from \$436,600 to \$360,600. We would like to pay the mortgage off as soon as possible and redirect those funds into programs for the Stone Harbor community. This year we are asking for a donation of \$100 from each of our patrons. If you can't give \$100, a contribution of any amount will help greatly. Look for details about our Annual Capital Campaign in November

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Volunteers



The Museum wouldn't exist if it were not for the countless hours contributed by Volunteers. Be they Board Members, Project Directors, Docents, Archivists, Scanners, you name it, they do it all. In 2020, Volunteers spent over 4,500 hours of their time helping the Museum. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Kim Park at the Museum. We would love to have you join the team.

Archive Committee



The Archive Committee, headed by Margaret Liesenring, started the year with 100 brand new archive binders that were provided by a grant from the County Freeholders. It was a mammoth task to move over and clean up the material from all the old binders. The new blue binders contain the history of Stone Harbor in the form of old photos, news clippings and personal reminisces.

Books are organized by topic, i.e., Police, baby parades, churches etc. and are full of great detail. The next time you are in the museum pull out a binder and enjoy a trip back to the past.

The Stone Harbor Facebook Page has a total of 2,164 Likes, and 2,243 Followers.

Digital Conversion



Stone Harbor Yacht Club—under construction

The Museum is about to begin the conversion of all of their pictures, documents, books, etc. into digital images that can be viewed on our Web Page.

Remember all of those binders that Margaret and the Archive team have been

working on. Well, that's where we intend to start. One binder at a time. Scanning the pictures, newspaper clippings, and documents and then moving them to our Web Page.



This is a huge project and it will take some time. The Wildwood Museum has been doing this for years and they still have plenty of work to do. If you are interested in spending some time scanning photos, call Kim Park at the museum. We could use your help.

Art & Writing Contest



The idea for the first ever Stone Harbor Museum Art and Writing Contest started a couple of years ago, but just last January we got funding to run the contest and print a book of our entries. We originally scheduled it for June of 2020, but Covid-19 intervened and we moved the start up to late March with the idea that people stuck at home might like to use their talents for our contest. And we were right, as we

got 80 entries from people ages 4 to 93 and over 4,000 views on our Web Site.

Alexa Moszer, age 15, captured the spirit of Stone Harbor during the Pandemic.

“They play a game of who can get farthest away.”

The Lonely Beach

By: Alexa Moszer
March 28, 2020

The waves sound
Crashing against each other
They howl out
They go up
And then fall down

The waves make it to the sand
And then are thrown back
Again and again and again
Back into the huge sea
That you can't see the end of

The sand has only one set of footprints
The beach is lonely
No people lounging on the sand
None in its waters
Few people there
When they see each other
They play a game of
Who can get farthest away

The seashells sit
Half covered in sand
Half uncovered and open
Pick out the pretty ones
Discard the
Ugly
Broken
Cracked

Visit our [Web Page](#) to view all of the entries in the Art & Writing Contest.

Digital Outreach



In order to enhance its digital outreach, the museum has expanded its offerings to “virtual visitors”. Every week the museum publishes new episodes of two signature series. On Tuesday’s we publish [“Tranquility Tuesday’s”](#) these are minute-long snippets of scenes and tableaus around Stone Harbor and surround-

ing areas. These programs offer a minute of peaceful reflection and appreciation of Stone Harbor’s beauty. On Friday’s, we offer The [“Stone Harbor Museum Minute”](#). These are brief programs which highlight a topic of local interest. One week we may feature a vintage building, a shipwreck or a grand old hotel. With expert narration, photos and other exhibits, a fascinating snippet of Stone Harbor History is brought to life. These weekly programs are posted on our Facebook page and are also archived on our [website](#). We invite you to enjoy and comment on these weekly offerings and feel free to suggest subjects for future episodes.



Vintage House Project

The Museum has started a new project that focuses on the Vintage Houses in Stone Harbor. We plan on working with the owners to research their home, documenting original deeds, etc. as well as taking pictures of the homes, and showcasing homes on our Web Site. With the owner’s consent, we are also thinking of creating a walking tour or Trolley tour of the homes. Our records show that there are 228 homes with a Vintage House plaque. We sent our first mailing to the owners of these homes in October and received numerous responses from owners interested in participating in the project. Throughout the winter months, we will be in touch with everyone who responded, finding out more about their homes, scheduling pictures for the Spring, and listening to them tell us all about their beautiful homes. If you are interested in participating the Vintage House Project, please contact Karen Lee Camagna. Karen can be reached at SHMvintagehouses@gmail or (484)-437-1978.



2021 Projects

Here are just a few projects you can look forward to in 2021:

- ◆ History Lectures (Virtual and/or On-Site)
- ◆ Museum Minutes
- ◆ Art & Writing Contest
- ◆ Summer Crossword Puzzle
- ◆ Vintage House Project
- ◆ 2021 Membership Drive
- ◆ Expanding our Oral History Project
- ◆ Restarting the Museum's Online Store
- ◆ Annual Gala
- ◆ A film about the history, demolition, and reconstruction of the Villa Maria By the Sea convent on 111th Street
- ◆ A series of films about the African American experience in Stone Harbor
- ◆ More personal histories and "Stone Harbor stories"



The Stone Harbor Museum has 1,586 contacts on our email list. Of that, 54% of the recipients open our emails, 3X the Industry average.

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1920s might be Harry Clark on the right



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Where Memories Come to Stay ⚓



Harry S. Clarke "Jake"



Pat + Catherine Anderson



Beach class 1935



Since March of 2020, the new Stone Harbor Museum Web Site averages 3,000 view per month.



Flora Farree with chickens on 92 Street circa 1920



Stone Harbor Museum

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- ◆ 9410 2nd Ave. in Stone Harbor, NJ 08247
- ◆ Winter Hours : Thursday thru Saturday
10AM—1PM
- ◆ Admission is Free



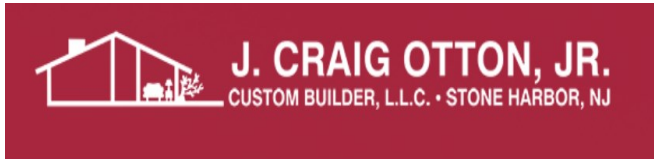
Original Stone Harbor Museum



Current Stone Harbor Museum

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Visit us at our [Web Page](#) to get all of the latest info on the Museum !



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