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Heritage Day in Island Heights!

It all began at the Camp Meeting Ground in 1878 IH United Methodist Church & IH Cultural & Heritage Association invite all residents and guests to the 1st Annual "Island Heights Heritage Day". Music, Art Exhibition, Games for the Kiddies, Historical Exhibits and more! Meet your local civic and cultural groups. The summertime Methodist Camp Meetings are a part of the history of our town and the IH United Methodist Church. Join us there to meet all the groups and organizations that make this such a special town.

The IH branch of the Ocean County Library will have the Jersey Shore Spin Wheel and other give-aways. Listen to IH resident Ken Tomaso's a cappella group (vocals only) "Transfer Station" perform at 3:00.

Stop by our IHCHA table at the Camp Meeting Ground to view some historical photos and mementos. We will also have the Cottage Museum open for visitors until 6 pm. Inside the museum are some of the students' models (see p 2) and there is a new display from the Seaport Society, so please visit the museum Saturday!

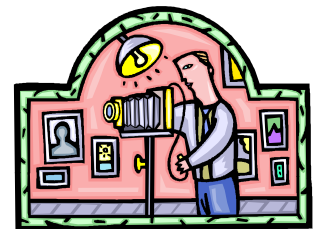
**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS:
JULY 17TH
2:00-7:00 PM**

Rain Date: 7/18/2010

19th Century Photography Program

On Monday, June 21st, Gary Saretzky, archivist & photographer presented a program at our regular monthly meeting. Over 40 people attended this very informative and interesting lecture. Mr. Saretzky's program included an introduction of the major influences in early photography, starting with L.J.M. Daguerre and the beginning of Daguerreotype photography. According to the 1870 census, of the 7,558 photographers in the United

States, 3 were listed in Ocean County. Mr. Saretzky then presented the biographies of the approximately 21 photographers from Ocean County in the late 19th century, including Charlotte Prosch, the first female professional photographer in New Jersey, and James R. Applegate of Toms River. It was interesting to see the portraits and scenes of our local area. It was great to see so many attendees! Thank you for your support.



*Mark Your Calendars!
Next monthly meeting, Monday,
July 19th at 7pm at IH Methodist Church. Timothy G. Hart,
Division Director of Ocean
County Cultural & Heritage
Commission will present a program about the Revolutionary War in Ocean County.*

Mrs. Romano's 3rd Graders Visit the Cottage

On Wednesday, June 2, 2010, Mrs. Romano's 3rd grade class visited our Cottage Museum. Trustees Ann Asay and Barbara Rooberg were on hand to guide the students. Mrs. Asay gave a wonderful tour of our circa 1880 cottage which the children loved, particularly the toy room and the kitchen. They all had fun looking through the old view master, a relic of the past that most youngsters had not seen before. Mrs. Rooberg showed the students pictures of the types of clothing and bathing wear that people wore in the late 1800s, including one of a corset which they thought funny. They also really enjoyed the pictures of

toys from that era, seeing what children would play with compared to their toys today.

Barbara said, "The children were just great - polite, interested, and attentive, a wonderful reflection of the people of Island Heights." IHCHA is pleased to be able to enrich the students' understanding of our rich history through their Museum visit. Special thanks to Ann & Barb!

Mrs. Romano then invited the IHCHA Trustees to stop by her classroom on June 18th, "Island Heights Day" at the grade school. There the Trustees had a chance to see the student's IH building projects. Each building model was ac-

companied by a report.

We are fortunate to have a few of the children's models on display in the Cottage Museum. Be sure to stop by



Cottage Hours: Every Wednesday 2 - 4:00 & 3rd Saturday of the month, 10am—Noon

Thank You!

IHCHA would like to thank the many people who contribute in so many ways. Thank you to Lynn & Jim Lennox for the donation in memory of Lynn's mother, Virginia Orth, and Steve Doyle who participates in the Aetna Partnership Matching Funds program, and Hecht Brothers for their annual donations. Thank you, Harry Bower, for cutting the grass at the Cottage. Also, thank you to our newest helper, Mr. Bob Riehl, who has been donating his time & materials to power wash & stain the handicap ramp and outdoor furniture, some yard work, and other needed projects. Thank you, IH Borough Public Works, for your assistance, also!

We appreciate the generosity of so many people!



IH Homes History: 24 Highland Bend

Between the 1880s & 1920s, the most popular architectural styles of homes being built in town were mostly Queen Anne and Gothic & Colonial Revival. The "Keifaber/Punderson House" at 24 Highland Bend is perched on the highest spot in Island Heights (and reputedly the highest spot on the Jersey Shore south of Atlantic Highlands). The home was built in 1908 as a summer home for Peter W. Kiefaber, a Philadelphia butter and egg merchant, and

his nine children. This 3-story home features eight bedrooms and wonderful river views. The Kiefabers sold the house in 1960 to the Punderson family (also with nine children) and is still owned today by one of the nine children, James Punderson. The property once had more land, but in 1922 a lot on the west was sold and the present house moved from the corner of Ocean and Highland Avenues. From the street the back of the house appears to be simple "American Foursquare", with its only ornamentation being matching stained glass windows on all three stories on the west side and a small third floor balcony. The view from the river (as seen in photo left) shows the front of the house with its three-story octagonal corner tower (a Queen Anne influence), the bay windows, dormers

and wrap around porch. The house has commanding views to the east, south and west from all floors, and presents a striking picture as it sits high atop the bluff. The interior of the house is a fine example of the Craftsman style, with its high chestnut beamed ceilings, stained glass lights and central fireplace in a full width of the house living room. In 2009 the home was one of the featured properties in our IHCHA Garden Tour. Sarah Punderson has developed the property over the past 15 years into the beautiful gardens you see today.

Information from "Island Heights Historical Walking Tour" with permission from the author, Sarah Punderson.