

Bay Head Historical Society

Serving Bay Head, Mantoloking and Lovelandtown

P. O. Box 127 Bay Head, New Jersey

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Dear Members and Friends of the Bay Head Historical Society,

As this 2022 season draws to a close, I will be stepping down from my position as President of our Board of Trustees, to concentrate my efforts on curating the best possible exhibits for Loveland Homestead Museum.

During the past 4 years, we have completed many major projects with the help and support of our Board, the timeless energy of our volunteers, and the generous donations from members and friends. With new roofs, the interior restoration of the Loveland House, and the transformation of the Slade Dale Cottage into a dedicated gallery space, not to mention much-needed heating and plumbing changes; we are in good shape.

I am particularly proud of the reprinting of William Schoettle's book; *Bay Head 1879 ~ 1911*, which is proving to be a successful fundraiser (See information on page 3), as well as the restoration of our Emma C. Berry boat model to reflect the original boat built in 1866 in Connecticut, owned by Slade Dale from 1931 to 1966 and docked at his marina in Bay Head. Both these efforts were challenging timewise and financially. I am sure that they will be enjoyed in the Slade Dale Cottage gallery for many years.

Next year's exhibit will be very different and equally challenging. I am planning a historical retrospective of the head of the Barnegat Bay based on maps and family records from the time of the Lenape Indians to the mid-twentieth century.

Best wishes for a joyful holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you at the museum next season.

Cathie Coleman, President

Bay Head Historical Society, Board of Trustees

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GERARD R. HARDENBERGH COLLECTION

The Loveland Homestead Museum has a small collection of art by noted Bay Head artist Gerard Rutgers Hardenbergh (1856-1915). Hardenbergh was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, but spent his early years hunting and fishing in and around the Head of Barnegat Bay. It was during this time that he developed an interest in the wildlife and landscapes of the area and took up painting. As a self-taught artist and young ornithologist his early paintings were of the local birds from our area and as he spent more time in the field, he acquired a love for the local landscapes. His works captured a moment in time of just how beautiful the area was before development changed the landscape forever.



Early on he moved into an old houseboat named “the Pelican” and set up his studio here in Scow Ditch just west of the Bay Head Yacht Club. From there he had easy access to the Head of the Bay, Herbert’s Creek, Beaver Dam Creek, and Lovelandtown Meadow where he painted most of his works.

Gerard Rutgers *Hardenbergh ~ Artist and Ornithologist*, written by Patricia H. Burke was published in 2017 and is a comprehensive look at Hardenbergh’s life and work. In February 2021, Morven Museum in Princeton exhibited a very large collection of his works. The exhibit, titled *In Nature’s Realm: The Art of Gerard Rutgers Hardenbergh*, featured Ms. Burke’s book and Tom Van Nostrand helped curate the truly memorable show. Both are Bay Head Historical Society Board of Trustee members.

Included in our collection is a series of prints and descriptions of landscapes which had been included in a portfolio titled Hardenbergh’s *Illustrated Description of Mantoloking*. This print is titled **Lover’s Walk ~ near Bay Head.**



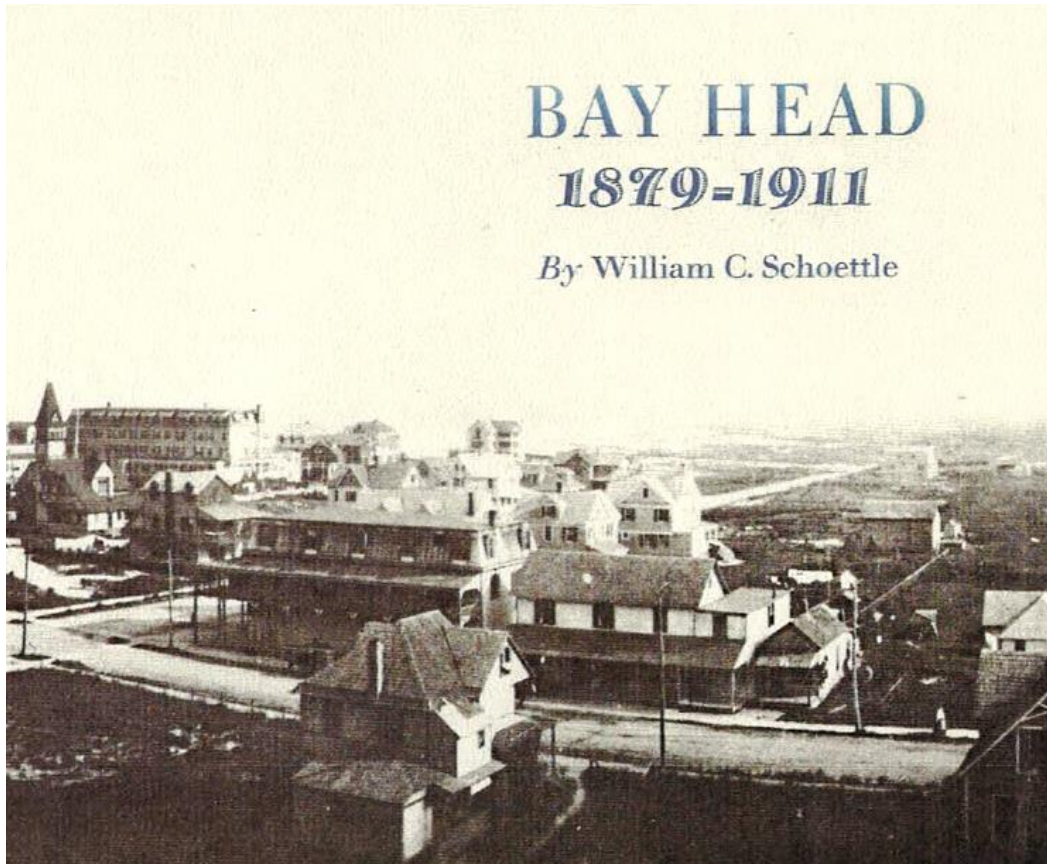
Pictured are **Sailboats** (left) and **Treasure Island**, located in the Manasquan River; it was originally titled Osborne Avenue, but the name was changed when by Robert Louis Stevenson renamed it while visiting the area a few years after the book by the same name was published. These pictures are on permanent display at the museum. Visit, and enjoy these works of art which depict Bay Head in days gone by.

Contributed by Tom Van Ostrand

A GIFT WORTH GIVING

Looking for a unique Christmas gift, housewarming gift or to replace a lost copy...

BAY HEAD 1879 ~ 1911 by William C. Schoettle is the accurate reproduction of the original book published in 1966. An index has been added. The book is available at our museum or you can contact us through Constant Contact on our website, and we will contact you about your order. The book costs \$64.00 including postage if needed. Local orders can be picked up at the museum, or we are happy to deliver them. The book is sold as a fund-raising effort, \$25.00 can be taken as a tax deduction for each book purchased. Gift wrapping is available for purchases made at the Museum.



VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.

Although our season ends the weekend before Christmas, we will be working on research, cataloging, and archiving during the winter months. If you have time on your hands, there are always things to do...bring a friend or two or three. Choose a project that suits you best and enjoy learning the history of your community.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Our special Victorian Christmas will begin on Saturday, December 3rd and will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, until December 18th. All welcome.

You are cordially invited to the
Bay Head Historical Society
Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 4th, 4 to 6 pm

at the Bay Head Historical Society's Loveland Homestead Museum

Corner of Bridge Avenue and Bay Avenue

Wine and extra special treats will be served



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2023 or make a donation. Your contribution will help maintain our collections, as well as our buildings and grounds. This income allows us to present exhibits and programs that are interesting and educational. Your donation is tax-deductible; your check is your receipt. BHHS is a tax-exempt corporation (22-3219135). Mail your check to BHHS, PO Box 127, Bay Head, New Jersey 08742.

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