



# *The Wrightsville Beach Museum of History*

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**The Wrightsville Beach Museum of History has been awarded a 2011 Landfall Foundation grant for the museum's "Collections: Conservation and Public Access Project."**

Landfall Foundation has awarded Wrightsville Beach Museum of History funds in the amount of \$1,274.55 to purchase computer software and conservation materials for the museum's collections.

Wrightsville Beach Museum of History began as the Myers Cottage was moved from the beach to the present site in 1995. Opening its doors in the spring of 1996, the museum's mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the history of Wrightsville Beach. The core of the museum's collection has always been two-fold. 1) The Myers Cottage, where the museum is housed, serves to preserve the early 20<sup>th</sup>-century built landscape of the beach. This is our single most important artifact. 2) The other integral piece of the museum's collection is our large collection of photographs, postcards, pamphlets, maps, and newspapers. This collection of paper-based artifacts is not only important in itself, but it has spurred others to donate their collections to the museum, creating an important repository for the history of the beach.

Our award from Landfall Foundation will allow us to purchase software to greatly enhance the museum's ability to keep the collections information consistent and up to date, give us better access to the museum's video and slide collections, and allow us to use the collection in new ways for presentations in various formats.

We will also be able to purchase archival materials to protect the photos, newspapers, maps and small artifacts and a professional labeling kit to achieve conservation and organizational goals as we look to improve stewardship of our collections.

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