



**Wrightsville Beach Museum of History**  
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***The mission of Wrightsville Beach Museum is to collect, care for, exhibit, and interpret items that will serve to educate and illustrate the history of Wrightsville Beach.***

October 27, 2011

Dear Museum Friend,

**How old is this house? It survived Hurricane Hazel? The trolley went all the way downtown? Look at the Oceanic Hotel! Don't you wish we still had the Lumina and the trolley? I loved the candy counter at Newell's.**

We address these questions and comments every day at the Wrightsville Beach Museum of History. People want to know what it was like to be here at the beach 100 years ago. They love remembering what it was like 50 or 20 years ago. They want to see the Newell's and Middle of the Island signs we have on the gallery walls. Smiles and memories flood back.

**Help us continue to do this work. Help us make history come alive for our visitors both young and young at heart.**

In 2011, in spite of a challenging economy, Wrightsville Beach Museum of History has had a year of growth. **We receive no funding from federal, state or local government for operations**, yet we have been able to increase our programming and outreach while stabilizing our collections and our building. **We could not have done this without the generosity of others.**

We were awarded a Landfall Foundation grant to provide us with tools to organize and make accessible our collections. A gift from the Rostan Family Foundation to our building fund was used to replace our porch and siding that had worn out after 100 years. We had a Member Event with Dr. Chris Fonvielle as a speaker on Civil War Wrightsville Beach. Our Shrimperoo was another fun community event that brought money in to the museum. We created and put on an exhibit on postcards featuring ones in our collection called "Wish You Were Here!" and had Elaine Henson give a talk on postcard history. In spite of Hurricane Irene we held a very successful Lumina Daze with additional musical groups and a live auction. Our art day featuring Henry Jay MacMillan was well-attended and transformed the museum into an art gallery for an afternoon. Soon we will be decorating the museum for Christmas and will hold our Jingle Bell Run 5K. **We cannot do all this alone.**

Our members are our museum's most valuable asset. Without the financial and physical assistance of our many friends, we could not continue to preserve our beach's history and cultivate those who will carry on after us in this endeavor.

**Please consider becoming a museum member.**

How about a **Gift Membership** for Holiday giving? We have a lovely gift certificate we can make out for you to give those who are hard to shop for. We also have a Student membership for students on your gift list.

**Give to the Wrightsville Beach Museum of History through your IRA.** The IRA Charitable Rollover will expire on December 31, 2011. Originally passed in 2006 as part of the Pension Protection Act, the IRA Charitable Rollover allows individuals age 70½ and older to make direct transfers totaling up to \$100,000 per year to 501(c)(3) organizations, without having to count the transfers as income for federal income tax purposes. (The distribution will be free from income tax but will not generate an income tax charitable deduction.)

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See our website to keep up with our current news and calendar of events: [www.wbmuseum.com](http://www.wbmuseum.com). We look forward to seeing you at the museum soon.

Sincerely,

Madeline Flagler, Executive Director      Catherine M. O'Quinn, Membership Chairman

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**Circle level of membership:**

\$ 15.00	Beach Daisy (student)	\$ 100.00	Beachcomber (family)
\$ 25.00	Sand Daisy (individual)	\$ 500.00	Lifeguard (engraved plank)
\$ 50.00	Jetty Jumper (couple)	_____	Gift Membership

You may also join or renew securely online at <http://www.wbmuseum.com/Membership.htm>.

*Thank you for your tax-deductible donation.  
It keeps our doors open, our programs intact, and our collections secure.*