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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.

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Dear Museum Friend,

"We're trying to buy that house," says an 11-year old boy dressed in a bowler hat and oversized suit and tie. What?! Who?! Marjorie Way, the creator of "All Aboard to Wrightsville Beach" was riding down South Lumina Avenue in a trolley with 40 fifth-graders from Wrightsville Beach School. This was the second day, "the real tour." The day before they had their costumes fitted and learned the parts of the people they would be playing on the tour. These were real people with real names who had lived on Wrightsville Beach in 1910. The group had just been through the Landis-Smith House, a lovely early 20th century cottage that still has its outdoor sleeping porch. The boy continued, "We are the Sprunts and we have been talking with the Smiths about buying their house." The girl beside him in a wide-brimmed black hat and long black dress was nodding, "Yes, we like that house. We should buy it." This was not from a script. It was from their immersion in the roles. This is what happens when a creative and resourceful former teacher, a resourceful current teacher and Wrightsville Beach Museum work together. **Help us continue to do this work. Help us make history come alive for our young people.**

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.**

Please consider making a tax-deductible, year-end gift now. Mail to PO Box 584, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480 or donate at <http://www.wbmuseum.com/Membership.htm>.

Thank you for your support. See our website to keep up with our current news and calendar of events: www.wbmuseum.com. We look forward to seeing you at the museum soon.

Sincerely,

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

P.S. *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.*

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