



at the AVALON HISTORY CENTER

215 39th Street, Avalon, NJ 08202

HISTORY CENTER SUMMER HOURS

Begin Memorial Day Weekend!

Tuesday-Sunday 10am to 4pm. Closed Mondays.

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SUMMER 2018 EVENTS & PROGRAMS!

Check out our three-part series on the history of Avalon this summer!

Part 1 – The Railroad Age (through 1939)

Tuesday, July 17 at 6pm

Join Interpreter Bill Mengel to learn about Avalon's origins, founders, infrastructure buildup (including the railroad!) and early businesses.

Part 2 – War Years & Beyond (1940-1962)

Tuesday, July 31 at 6pm

Join Collections Coordinator Bonita Risley as she covers the impact of WWII on Avalon, changes through the 1950s and on to the powerful Nor'easter of March 1962, which altered the course of the island's history.

Part 3 – Recent Memory (1963 to today)

Tuesday, August 14 at 6pm

Join Director Nina Ranalli to reflect on Avalon's history in more recent years, characterized by new businesses, rapid development, and shifting demographics.

Plus, lots of other great events and programs!

Avalon Historical Society's Annual Photography Contest

Accepting entries during the month of May. Entries on display during the month of June.

Avalon Historical Society Olde House Tour – June 16 at 1pm. Enjoy tours of several of Avalon's old homes. This is a ticketed event beginning at the History Center.

4th Annual Paper Peddler Trivia Night! – Tuesday, June 19 at 6pm. Bring a team of friends and demonstrate your knowledge of Avalon's history and culture in a Quizzo-inspired trivia game! Enjoy old photos and memorabilia. Prizes will be awarded to the winning teams. Call ahead to reserve a table for your team of up to four people.

New Avalon Assembly Chautauqua at the Jersey Shore – Tuesdays, June 26, July 10, July 24, and August 7 at 7pm at the First United Methodist Church of Avalon.

Chautauqua assemblies provided education and enrichment for adults in communities across the United States beginning in the late 19th century. Join in a revival of this tradition by attending a variety of lectures on cultural and historical topics. Held at the First United Methodist Church of Avalon.

MONDAY FUNDAYS at Avalon History Center: Behind the Scenes at the Museum!

July 16, July 30, and August 13 at 10am. A program for children. Look, touch, learn and explore with hands-on activities. All ages welcome, best for 10+. No registration required.

Avalon Historical Society Annual Clam Shell Pitch Competition, 30th St. Beach

July 21 at 8:30am. Try your hand at this fun, horseshoes-like sport, historically played on Avalon's beaches! No experience necessary. Tournaments for singles and doubles. Register and practice beginning at 8:30am at 30th St beach. Tournament starts at 9am.

Avalon Players 50th Anniversary Reunion

Saturday, July 28 from 4-6pm at Avalon Community Hall

Fifty years ago, Dennis Soens, Bonnie Matt and Ginny Lynch asked the then-mayor of Avalon if they could use Community Hall to put on a show. The mayor approved and the dramatic ensemble "Avalon Players" was born, taking the stage in its first production, "A Taste of Broadway." Join us in celebrating 50 years of musical theater & community! Attend the reunion to reconnect with old friends, view memorabilia from past shows, and enjoy refreshments. No tickets needed, but if possible please RSVP via our Facebook event so we have a rough head count. Have photos or memorabilia you'd like to share? Please call the Avalon History Center, (609) 967-0090.



Did you know?

Avalon has started a recognition program for houses that are 50+ years old, and meet other criteria. You could apply to be listed on the Avalon Register of Historic Places, and receive the right to display an official plaque recognizing that status! Visit our website for more information and application.