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New Art Exhibits in Beach Haven

BEACH HAVEN, NJ— The Borough of Beach Haven and Pine Shores Art Association present "The Way We Were", a walk through the history of Long Beach Island, thanks to generous loans totaling 60 treasured items from the collections of Kris and Marge Anderson, Beach Haven Public Library Museum, John Law Fine Arts Framing and Gallery, Long Beach Island Historical Association Museum, New Jersey Maritime Museum, Lawrence Oliphant, Unshredded Nostalgia, and Pine Shores Art Association artists past and present.

These paintings, photographs, marine charts, maps and more on display present a fascinating visual history of early business, homes, hotels, shipwrecks, salvage "wreckers", railroads, fishermen, and the first automobile bridge - all showing how Beach Haven developed, with brief notes explaining the way we grew from the 1700s on.

The exhibit will be up through the second week of May, when there will be a weekend reception for the community at the conclusion of the show. A flip guidebook presents information about the organizations and individuals providing this wonderful collection that offers a rare opportunity to see some historic artifacts brought together in one exhibit.

A 1918 photograph of a pound fishing boat and crew from Crest Fishery, which is used as the exhibit poster, is attached here. The photo is on loan from the private collection of Kris and Marge Anderson.

The first-floor history theme continues up the marble stairs with 1930s photographs from the collection of David Gurtcheff, taken by his father.

The second floor of Borough Hall features a new exhibit by the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton University permanent collection. Artist Tony Rudisill's avian prints have been exhibited at notable venues such as the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, Ward Museum of Waterfowl and the Newman Galleries. For over 60 years, Tony has painted and sculpted works reflecting the wildlife of southern New Jersey.

These shows can be seen during normal Borough Hall business hours, Monday-Friday from 9 to 4 pm at S Bay and Engleside Avenues in downtown Beach Haven. For more information, contact Suzi Hoffman at redcanoestudio@comcast.net or 240-462-8963 or Lonny Hall at lch226@mac.com or 609-709-4403.

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