

MORE MUSEUM MOMENTS



Museum Commissioners held a monthly meeting in the new Research Center at the Vinyard Shipyard. (Left to right: Al Lauckner, Bob Voshell, Bill Brerenton, Charles Hammond, Joan Lofland, Harry Humes, Claudia Leister and Mike Wheedleton.)



Sussex County Councilman Sam Wilson poses with Executive Director Claudia Leister and Vice President David Kenton in front of the Museum booth during the Freedom Festival.



Santa's Christmas will be the theme of this year's special **Holiday Exhibit**. The exhibit will open **Saturday, November 24th** and run through the first of the year. During the 2011 Holiday Stroll we had over 400 people visit the Museum.



Make sure to save the date of **Sunday, December 2, 2012** and join us for our Friends of the Museum **Holiday Party**. It will be held at the Milford Museum from Milford Museum from 2:00 to 4:00 with refreshments and special entertainment.

Please remember the Museum during your holiday giving. Your donations enable us to employ our Executive Director.

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MILFORD MUSEUM FALL NEWSLETTER

MISSION

The Milford Museum is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase knowledge and appreciation of Milford's history. The Museum's goal is to collect and exhibit objects which will preserve Milford's history and inform the public about our rich heritage.



The Milford Museum is located at 121 S. Walnut Street in downtown Milford between City Hall and PNC Bank.

Office Phone: (302) 424-1080

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Closed on Mondays and Major Holidays

Find us on the web at:

www.milfordDEmuseum.org

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info@milfordDEmuseum.org

GRAND RE-OPENING

The Milford Museum recently re-opened after a twelve week "face lift" closure. The Museum is housed in Milford's original 1910 post office building. The structure is owned by the State's Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, and operated as a Commission of the City of Milford. State historic restoration money was used to build a new handicapped access ramp, resurface the parking lot, fix the roof leaks, and upgrade the security and fire systems.

Museum staff used this opportunity to repaint interior galleries, improve signage, and change exhibits. Additional items were moved from storage to display cases.

NOTE: Museum hours have expanded in order to fulfill DelDot requirements for highway signage.



Milford Mayor and Museum Commissioners cut the ribbon to re-open the Museum the evening of July 24, 2012.

RE-OPENING CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES



A good crowd gathered outside the Museum for music and refreshments despite the humid and windy evening. Thanks to the **Bayside Four** and **Out of Order** for sharing their musical talents.



EXHIBIT CHANGES & UPDATES



ABOVE: View an assortment of old **Milford photographs** and **business memorabilia**. The Museum now has over 2,200 Milford related photographs and images scanned into the computer. Let us know if there is a special picture that you would like to have copied.

RIGHT: **RECENT DONATIONS** is a special display with an assortment of newly acquired objects. We want our donors to know that we appreciate their treasures and don't just store them in the basement.



MUSEUM ACTIVITIES



DELAWARE POLITICS OF THE PAST

Thanks to Commissioner Bob Voshell for all of his time and talent in putting together our newest exhibit. Did you know that there have been nine Delaware governors from Milford? Visit the Museum to get more details about our part in history.



Thanks to Dick Caldwell for allowing us to display his collection of **Delaware Lighthouse** models.



An **upgraded ramp and parking lot** now provide safer access to the Museum. The old stoplight on the left was originally located at the intersection of Northwest Front and North Walnut Streets about 1920. It was removed in 1950 when Walnut Street was paved and widened.



Kyle Breckner (second from right) and Boy Scout friends help Kyle with his Eagle Scout project. Kyle is painting and refurbishing the basements textile storage room.