



Left - Claudia Leister & Barbara Jones train on new computer database program to track all donations and gifts.



Lincoln Methodist Church piano (1925-1960). This early Gulbransen church piano was donated to the museum by Frank & Debbie Clendaniel and her mother Betty Nailor. The movers are Eugene Hitch, Frank Clendaniel, Barney Vincelette, and Ross from Lincoln.



George Black home at 1007 S.E. Front Street. The front section dates to 1782 and has one of the earliest intact post & beam frameworks. Home to early Marshall Mill owners.



Causey Springs Gazebo, circa 1880, was a gathering spot for early Milfordians before 1900. The structure sat at the northeast corner of Church and Causey Avenues (site of a convenience store today). Moved to Causey property in 1903 and became part of Eleanor Vinyard Washburn's first garage in 1936. Owned today by John & Aldon James, sons of the late Dr. O.A. James, Milford surgeon.



## Augusta Rechristened at Vinyard's

The restored 50' cruising yacht *Augusta* slid down the launch ways at Vinyard shipyard in Milford on June 12, 2010 cheered by 350 well-wishers. The first Vinyard pleasure yacht built in 1927 was recovered from neglect in Virginia after 83 years on Chesapeake Bay and painstakingly repaired and upgraded over the past nine months for another life as a modern pleasure yacht.

Sudler & Joan Lofland partnered with the Milford Museum to host the admiring crowd for a cocktail fundraising event to benefit the Museum. The Loflands purchased the dormant shipyard in 1996, brought it back to life as a home for wooden boats and recovered much of its lost history, including three Vinyard-built yachts, since its founding by Wilson M. Vinyard in 1896.

The Milford Community Band played nautical scores as Sudler Lofland recounted historical events that coincided with the original launch ceremony in 1927. The *Augusta* slid into the Mispillion river on time at 11:00 a.m. "high-tide" for the Saturday launch. The Max Pasano family from Baltimore, owners of the yacht for 30 years of its life on Chesapeake Bay, witnessed the restored yacht prepare for a new life of luxury.

Marilyn Wittington & Eric Rau from Delaware Humanities Forum, Randy Goss & Tom Summers from Delaware State Archives, Mayor Ronnie Rogers and many dignitaries joined well-wishers for a cocktail-luncheon party hosted by the Loflands. Nearly \$10,000 was raised from donations for Museum capital projects. Major contributors Tom Draper, Elmer Fannin and Dave Burton attended the historic launch of the *Augusta*.



Augusta slides off the ways at 11:10 a.m. on June 12th.

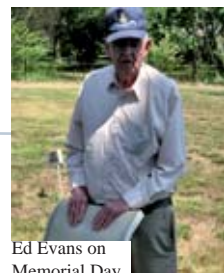


Current and former State Archive officials, Tom Summers & Russell McCabe and their wives during launch ceremony festivities June 12<sup>th</sup>.

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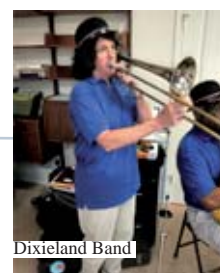
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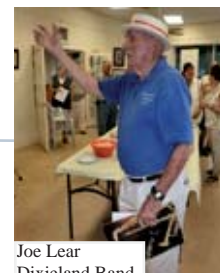
Ed Evans on Memorial Day



Jean & Mike Oates - Flying



Dixieland Band



Joe Lear Dixieland Band



Mike Fannin & Dave Hitchens from Country Life Homes

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Tom Draper poses with renowned artist, John Bayalis, at left. Dave Burton and Elmer Fannin await the christening in second photo. Journalist Kim Hoey Stevenson poses with her daughter, Lydia. Far right—local entrepreneur Davis Wood and boat owner poses at the woodworking shop.



## Shiplaunching Fundraising Party at Vinyard's



The fundraising catered luncheon was attended by 300 guests. A mobile display portraying "Shipbuilding History of Milford" was available for public viewing for the first time on June 12, 2010. Left photo - Mike Leister, director of the AMC Museum at DAFB in Dover, and Claudia Leister converse with city councilman S. Allen Pikus and museum treasurer Don Abrutyn. Right photo - Boss and Theresa Johnson and daughter, councilwoman Katrina Johnson Wilson enjoy refreshments prior to the 11:00 a.m. launch. Milford City Council governs the Milford Museum through a public charter.

## AUGUSTA'S Restoration and SEATRIALS



J. Sudler Lofland poses with his restoration crew for the 83 year-old yacht, *Augusta*. From left: John Davis, James West, Master Chief Jack Fessler, John Hollingsworth and master electrician Bill Taylor. Right top: Cabin quarters from the *Augusta*. Exquisite woodwork and cabinets. Right bottom: Joan Lofland, owner and event coordinator on launch day with museum chairman Dave Kenton, leader of fundraising effort for the Museum Capital Campaign.



## Mispillion Art League - Mural Project & Reception



The Mispillion Art League held a reception on July 19th to honor all artists and donors for the S.E. Front Street mural project. Harry Humes & Sara Gallagher represented the Mispillion Art League. Rhonda and Dan Bond were major sponsors and Diane Deeney was a major contributing artist for two of the mural scenes.



**Mispillion Art League \$1,000 Mural Donors**  
From left - Dan & Rhonda Bond, Dave Kenton, Mike Fannin, David Hitchens and Doug Morrow. (Photo by Bob Connelly)



Sudler & Joan Lofland address the christening guests at Vinyard Shipyard just prior to the launch of the *Augusta*.



The Passano Family - owners of the *Augusta* yacht for many years, attended the launch ceremony at Vinyard shipyard. Max & Helen Passano with daughters, Tammy & Catherine with husbands, Justin and Seth and children.