

The Chesapeake Dispatcher

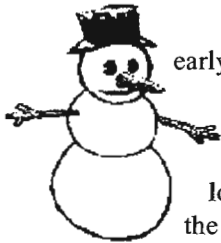


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You Are Invited To Our Holiday Open House Dec. 1st - 1 to 4 P.M.



Our Annual Holiday Open House arrives early this year - Sunday, December 1. This is our opportunity to greet old friends, meet new ones, and reminisce about the good old days. Our gift shop is not to be overlooked as a great source for unique gifts for the railway buff - young or old. As always, we appreciate your contributions to our goodies table. We also appreciate volunteers who are willing to help us decorate. So here is your holiday reminder:

Sunday, November 24, 1-4 p.m. - Decorate the museum

Saturday, November 30, anytime - prepare a goodie

Sunday, December 1, 1-4 p.m. - Holiday Open House

Come and enjoy the decorations and sample all the wonderful treats of the season!

Mark Your Calendars

Volunteer Training Workshop - Saturday, March 15

Once again we will be holding our Volunteer Training Workshop in March. Plan to attend and share your experience with others. We need new volunteers, so please bring a friend. We plan an interesting and fun day for all who attend. **Save March 15 for Museum training.**

Annual Right of Way Hike - April 5

Our annual hike along the old Right of Way of the Chesapeake Beach Railway is planned for **Saturday, April 5**. The Raindate is the following Saturday, April 12. This year we plan to hike the section of the Right of Way from the Patuxent River at Jug Bay to Upper Marlboro.

For more information of these events, please call Harriet Stout at the Museum, (410-257-3892).

Thank You To Volunteers

Our volunteers have again provided many hours of valuable service to the museum. Without the help of these many wonderful people, we could not offer the programs and the open hours that we do. The records show approximately 1200 hours of volunteer service. Thanks to all those who contributed their time and talents to the Museum. Betty Quigley continues to do an excellent job of scheduling volunteers and manning the museum on the weekends.

On the weekends the volunteers serve as Station Masters when we are open to the public. The following volunteers have put in weekend service as well as other duties.

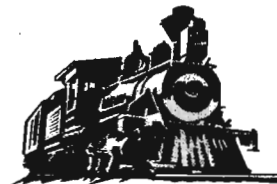
Don Avery
Janet Bates
Mildred Finlon
Ed Haack
Larry Hatch
Kathy Hogan
Lori Hogan
J. Evan Ireland
Joseph Korczynski

Ingrid Lamb
Patricia Lavato
Carol Leverone
Michael Long
Bernard Loveless
Marjorie Meleen
Beverly Page
John Reidesel

Other volunteers have helped the Museum in a variety of ways over the past year. They have assisted with maintenance, special events, and other special needs. These special helpers are:

Robert Alley
Charlotte Allison
Margie Bliss
Ralph Carrello
Vince Cipriani
Mary "Kitch" Eisenman
Girl Scout Cadet Troop #1190
Patricia Haynie

Joan Kilmon
Jim Lacombe
Jay Loveless
Betty MacDonald
Charles MacDonald
Jane Schaub
Diane Smith
Mike Weber



Recent Acquisitions

We have added a number of interesting items to our collections over the past few months through gifts and purchases. Friends of the Museum have been generous with donations that add to our treasures. We have also been able to purchase a number of items, mostly postcards and some photographs. Funds from our Calvert County budget, as well as generous support from the Friends of the Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum have made these purchases possible. Thank you to everyone who has shared their treasures with us.

Hugh H. Gibson - Digital Color Photographs: Visit to Museum, (Bernie, Harriet, and Friend).

*Jack Yellott - Digital reproductions: *Black and white photo of John Cole Bosley, Captain of the steamboat Dreamland; Color postcard, steamer Dreamland.

Purchase - Black and white postcard: "Fishing and Crabbing Pier, North Chesapeake Beach, Md."

Purchase - Black and white postcard: View of the Boardwalk, Looking south from the water, pre 1915.

Purchase - Color tinted postcard: "The Boardwalk, Chesapeake Beach, Md." Looking north, pre 1914.

Purchase - Black and white postcard: "Crabbing and Fishing on the Long Pier, Chesapeake Beach, Md." (Postmarked Aug 30, 1909).

Purchase Brass Token: "Chesapeake Beach Park (\$7.50)"

Purchase - Black and white postcard: "Happy Days at North Beach, Md." Postmarked Sept 3, 1943.

Charles & Katey Stuart - Coach Seats From B & O Railroad, c. 1950-1960; Semaphore blade (possibly from C & O RR); B & O Corner post (From Mt. Clare Station) dated 1864.

Joan Kilmon - Small archival collection, photos, and postcard.

Helen Ward Wheeler - CBR Pass issued to Mrs. Hugh W. Ward, wife of Chesapeake Beach Railway Company Physician.

Robert Harrigan - (From the publishers) Book: Pastimes in Washington, written by Robert Harrigan; Heritage Books, Bowie, 2002.

Steven McDonald - Digital copy photograph: Two children on the Beach at CB, c. 1915-1925.

*Robert Hurry/Calvert Marine Museum - Photocopy: Newspaper article about Mrs. Milton, "Some Fisherwoman", 8/21/1920.

Purchase Postcard - "North Beach, Md. Murphy's Hotel - Finest on the Beach".

Clare May Buckmaster - Two lanterns.

Bee Hobbs - 21 Books (From Mr. Rubins)

Jim Tigner - Digital copy black and white postcard, "Steamer State of Delaware, Chesapeake Bay Trip to Seaside Park, Md."; "Chesapeake Beach, Md." View of the Boardwalk from the water, c. 1910; "Steamer 'Dixie'. Chesapeake Bay Trip, to Seaside Park, Md." C. 1930's; Freedley Studio postcard of unidentified couple.

Purchase - Postcard: Color, "Sunbathers on the Beach", c. 1950's or early 1960's.

*Joseph Korczynski - Magazine: Bus World, Spring 1984; *Sweetheart poem on Baltimore Steam Packet (Old Bay Line) stationary.

Dennis Young - Color photograph: Station/Museum - building, summer 2001.

*Purchase - Black and white postcards: c. 1940's: *"Fishing Fleet North Beach, Md."; "Bay Avenue North Beach, Md."; *"North Beach, Md."

Purchase - Black and white postcard: "Yachting, Chesapeake Beach, MD." Possible 1921 Postmark.

Items marked with a star are featured in this newsletter. (Some items have been listed in earlier newsletters.)

Exhibit And Conservation Work

Work continues on improving the quality of our exhibits and the care we are giving our collection items. Kathleen Addario continues her work of providing archival quality framing for our framed exhibit items. Over the winter she will also be doing labels for exhibits. Catherine Valentour, a professional conservator, is cleaning and treating our 3-dimensional artifacts for their long-term survival. Early in the summer she treated the hogsheads on the porch of the museum. Currently she is working with several of the railroad jacks and lanterns.

Look for more improvements in the spring!

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Curator's Dreams Fulfilled

Two major projects that have been successfully completed during the past few months have been long term dreams of the Curator. The two projects are firstly, the addition of one or more Family Day programs to our calendar, and secondly, planning and development of appropriate early twentieth century gardens around the Museum. You can read about these projects elsewhere in the newsletter. But the Curator would especially like to thank the people whose hard work made these dreams come true in this Newsletter. Mary Ellen Curran, who is working as a contract employee of the Museum, planned and did most of the work to make our first Fall Family Fun Day a great success. Charlotte Allison rolled up her sleeves and put a lot of enthusiastic hard work into planning and planting the new garden beds and container gardens that will beautify the grounds in the coming months. Thank you, Mary Ellen and Charlotte!

Fun Summer Programs

The Museum had another series of fun programs for children this past summer. The Thursday morning programs brought a new group of youngsters and their parents and grandparents to the Museum. Volunteers again helped to make the program a success. This year Kathy Hogan, Lori Hogan, and Mike Weber helped Harriet Stout. Mary Ellen Curran, our new education program assistant, also assisted with the program.

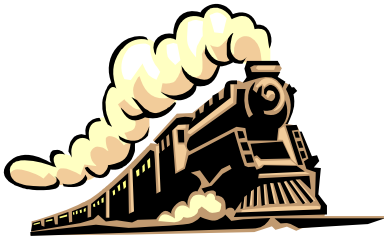
Miss Mariah, the station watchdog, was again a favorite with the children. She was joined this summer by her curly haired sister, Belle. Mariah remains her sweet and humble self in spite of getting her photo in The Calvert Recorder.

Again, we hosted a number of extra programs by special request. Both adult and youth groups enjoyed visits to the museum for special programs. Many thanks to the volunteers to helped us out with the summer programs.

Looking for something fun and interesting to do?

Be a Chesapeake Beach Railway Museum
Stationmaster or call about other fun
opportunities available at the museum!

For more information, please call
Harriet at 410-257-3892 or Betty at 301-855-2768

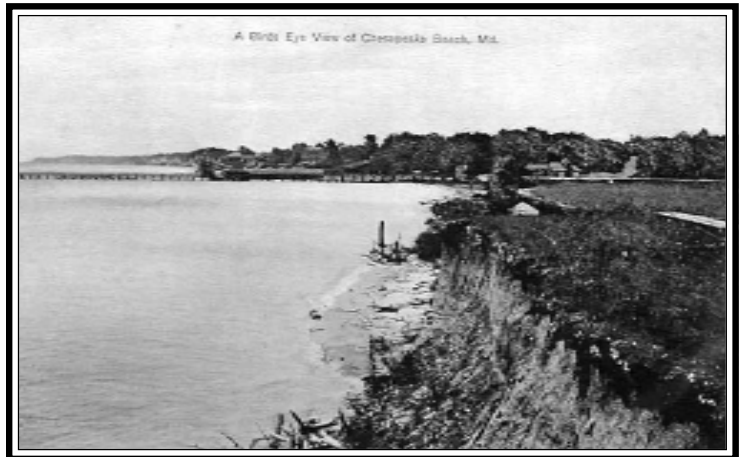


Postcard Purchases Feature Beach

In this Newsletter we are featuring several of the recent postcards that the Museum has purchased. Vince Cipriani continues to assist the Curator in a search for items related to the Museum story. These are only two of the postcards that we have added to the Museum collection in the past six months. We hope to offer more for viewing in a special display next visitor season.



North Beach, MD. C. 1940



A View of Chesapeake Beach, Postmarked July 8, 1909



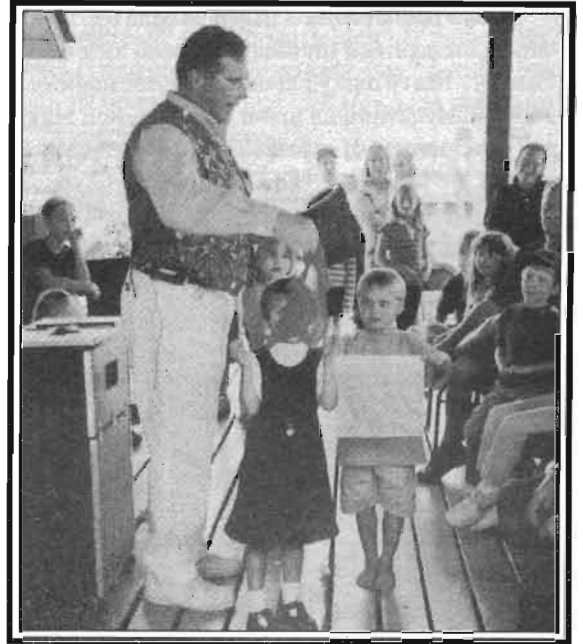
The Fishing Fleet In North Beach, MD

Fall Family Fun Day

The Museum's first annual Fall Family Fun Day on October 6th proved to be a roaring success. It drew about 300 visitors for a fun-filled afternoon.

Singer Tom Wisner led off the day at 1 p.m. with a round of songs from his latest CD "Made of Water." Pat Nutter followed, donating his time and talents to wow both children and adults with his magic. Afterward, Storyteller Charlotte Smutko told spooky stories in the Dolores. The railcar had been appropriately decorated for Halloween. A grant from the Calvert County Cultural Arts Council and help from the Friends of the CBRM made it possible to bring on the performers.

In between the performances, arts and crafts kept the kids busy. They made magnets that looked like railroad crossing signals. Children also made masks with train faces, as well as the turn-of-the-century cup and ball game. Curator Harriet Stout dressed in her 1912 outfit. Items she took out of "Grandmother's Trunk" showed what people wore to Chesapeake Beach 100 years ago. In addition, visitors had their picture taken in early 20th century attire behind a backboard provided by Tim Scheirer of the Calvert Marine Museum. The backboard was a life-size picture of a family just arrived at the beach. Holes were cut in the faces so anyone could step up and step back into time.



Pat Nutter amazes his audience



Tom Wisner performs one of his songs

Troop #1190 to decorate the Delores for spooky stories. Jane and her troop also manned the arts and crafts tables with Diane Smith during the event. Diane was an invaluable part of the teams that prepared crafts materials, and she helped set up and return tables and chairs.

Betty Quigley and Ed Haack welcomed all the additional visitors inside the Museum. Finally, Van Ireland donated bales of straw and Kirstie Uunila delivered dried cornstalks courtesy of Jefferson Patterson Park to give the Delores her fall look.

The Rod N' Reel grilled and sold hot dogs, soda and chips, as well as providing all the chairs and tables for the event.

Curator Harriet Stout and Education Program Coordinator Mary Ellen Curran wish to thank several dedicated volunteers. Without them the Fall Family Fun Day would not have been possible.

Kathy, Lori and Kevin Hogan worked tirelessly to help with crafts preparation, cleaning and decorating the Delores, and setting up and returning the Rod N' Reel's tables and chairs. Kathy also took pictures of the event and anyone who wanted a picture taken with the backboard.

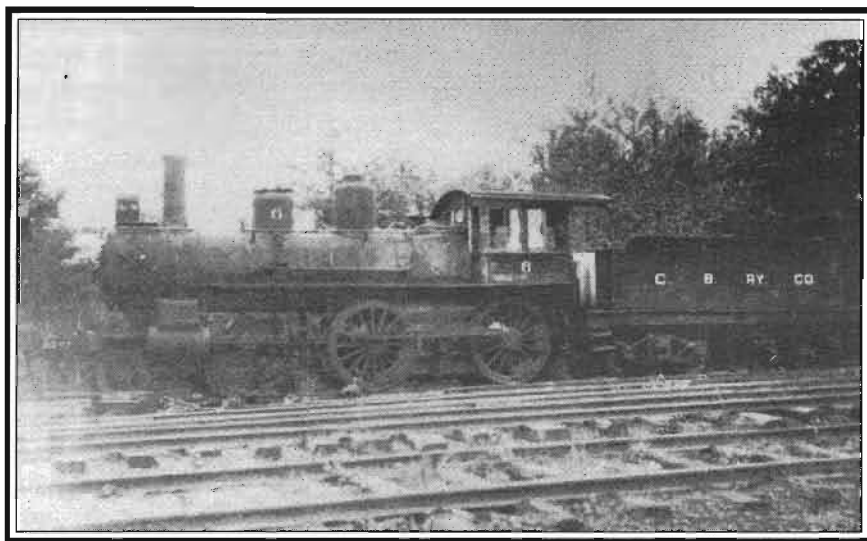
Ed Haack and Mike Long were on the cleaning crew that made the Delores spotless. Mike joined Jane Schaub and her Girl Scout



Charlotte Smucko entertains the children with her stories

"Some Fisherwoman": Mrs. Inez Milton

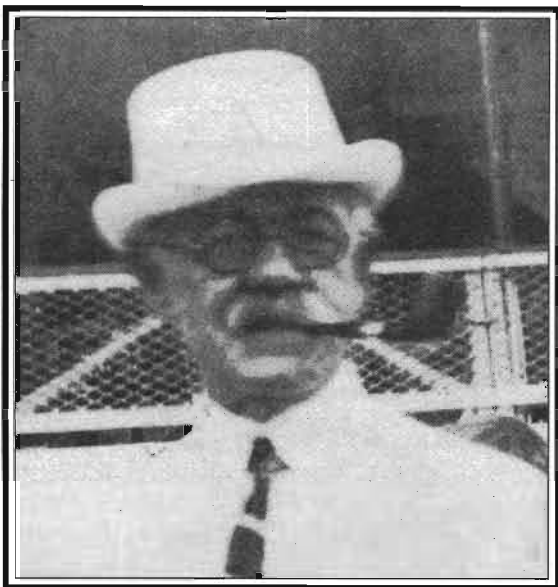
Our friends at the Calvert Marine Museum frequently share the newspaper articles concerning Chesapeake Beach history that they find during their research in old Calvert County papers. Robert Hurry sent us a copy of this very interesting story of Mrs. Milton, known for her swimming instruction, that shows off one of her other talents. It is from The Calvert Gazette, August 21, 1920.



Engine #6, photo donated by Laurence Hampton

Found: A Photo Of Engine #6

The Museum has been searching for a photo of CBR Engine #6 since 1978 when the museum was started. At last one was found by Laurence Hampton, a longtime friend and member of the Museum. It came from a private collection of railroad photographs in Baltimore. We would like to share it with you.



John C. Bosley, Yellott family photograph

John C. Bosley, Owner And Captain Of The Dreamland

The Museum has a number of photos of the well-known steamboat, The Dreamland, but until recently we had no photo images of the owner and captain, John Cole Bosley. This spring his grandson, John Bosley Yellett, Jr., presented us with a copy of a photo from their family collection.

Some Fisherwoman.

Mrs. Samuel Burleigh Milton, of Washington, D. C., who has a country house at Chesapeake Beach, and who holds old Prince Frederick most dearly to her heart for having been wedded here in 1909, is declared by her friends who have enjoyed the hospitality of "Seyton," the name of her summer home, as some fisherwoman. Mrs. Milton numbers the art of angling among her many outdoor accomplishments. She is an expert swimmer and enjoys the distinction of being the head of the World's Life Saving Alliance for that section of country and during the summer sojourns at Chesapeake Beach. She has been instrumental in going to the rescue and saving at heavy odds the lives of a number of persons from drowning.

Mrs. Milton's latest exploit in the water is related by an eyewitness on the long pier at the Beach, which indicates in a most characteristic manner the courage and intrepid daring of the young society matron, of the Capital. She was fishing at the end of the half-mile pier in nearly twenty feet of water. She got a strike which proved to be a rockfish, but when she pulled it to the top of the water Mr. Rockfish bolted for the piling and in a trice had wound the fish line about the post and broke the line. Repairing the tackle, Mrs. Milton cast again in the same spot and again the "bobber" went down almost out of sight and in less time than it takes to tell it rockfish No. 2 duplicated the trick of his predecessor, but instead of pulling on the line as before, Mrs. Milton astounded the anglers sitting about her on the pier by quickly doffing her skirt, hat and shoes and going overboard after that fish. She swam down alongside the piling to a depth of fully six feet, following the line, until she was able to nab the fish under the gills, release the line and swim up and around to a ladder nailed to the pier for the use of swimmers. When she landed on the pier holding firmly to Mr. Rockfish she was given a hearty cheer for her unique accomplishment. She has proven to be not only a rare fisherwoman but also an expert underwater swimmer. The fish weighed 2½ pounds.

Mrs. Milton is regarded as one of the best anglers on the Chesapeake Bay and usually lands the first rockfish of the season. This is her twelfth summer season at her country place, "Seyton."

Charles C. Bates Golf Shootout



Bernie Loveless accepts a check for \$1,200 from Mrs. Charles Bates and Keith L. Newman

Family and friends held the Inaugural Charles C. Bates Golf Shootout on October 4, 2002 to honor Charles Bates at the Twin Shields Golf Club in Owings, Maryland. Bernie Loveless, the Co-Chairman of the Friends of the Museum accepted the \$1,200 check from Mrs. Charles (Janet) Bates and Keith Newman, Bates' grandson and Tournament Chairman.

Many of us knew Charles "Butch" Bates as the treasurer of the Friends of the Chesapeake Beach Railway. He served in that capacity for over 11 years. We want to add our thanks to the many sponsors and donors of the golf tournament.

The **Hole Sponsors** were All American Environmental Service, Inc., Bates Family, Busy Bees Indoor Playground, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, Calvert Trust, Century Distributors, Herrington Harbour, Ledo Pizza, Level One Personnel, Marx Plumbing LLC, Morgan Stanley, Pace Construction LLC, Rod 'n' Reel Restaurant, Roland's Supermarket, Sneade's Home Center, Sports Extra, Vineyard Sound Technology and The Voice News.


The **Donors** included Ace Hardware, Mr. Bus Cannon, Fastop Food, Ms. Jane Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kilduff, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lawn, Bernie Loveless, Mr. and Mrs. John Lowry, Mrs. Ruth Marx, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morris, NDC Company, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Newman, Ms. Betty Quigley, Sam's Club, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith, Ms. Sheila Stout, Mr. Eugene Young, Mr. and Mrs. Woody Young, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Young.



Sweetheart Poem

Do you remember the Good Old Days when you wrote poems to your sweetheart? And do you remember those happy days of steamboat trips on the Chesapeake Bay? Just for fun, here's a sweetheart poem written on Old Bay Line stationery that Joseph Korczynski found recently.

BALTIMORE STEAM PACKET COMPANY
(Old Bay Line)



FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICE SINCE 1840

BETWEEN
BALTIMORE OLD POINT COMFORT AND NORFOLK PORTSMOUTH

STEAMERS SAIL DAILY FROM BALTIMORE AND NORFOLK AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMORANDUM

Lady Fair

*My Lady Fair it's the perfume
you wear
With its fragrance so rare
That captures me enraptures
me*

*My Lady Fair it's the perfume
you wear
on your lips in your hair
That's so endearing and so
alluring
You're like a rose at dawn
So lovely and new
A beautiful rose dear
could not with dew*

*Lady divine for you only
I care*

*And the perfume you wear
I adore you
My Lady Fair.*

Bay Breeze Summer Concerts

It was a hot summer but many people figured that a way to keep cool was to attend our Bay Breeze Summer Concerts! Headlining our series in June was The Calvert Brass Consortium. They are an energetic group that just blows your mind - their music got up-close and personal as the crowd joined them under the eaves when it started to rain! "Rained Out" is not a term we use for our concerts - some people bring umbrellas, some people don't mind getting a little wet, and the rest of us just join the performers.

The Calvert Community Dance Band is another favorite, and they entertained us in July. The music is always enjoyable and it's truly neighbor greeting neighbor as this group of volunteer musicians get together and play for the sheer enjoyment of making music.

It wouldn't be August if we didn't host The Dixie Ramblers. Everyone has come to expect this fine group of bluegrass stylists near the end of summer. They always surprise us with soloists, jokes du jour, and new arrangements.

How lucky we are to have the Annapolis Chorale as our September friends. Using their voices as instruments, their concerts are awesome. From Broadway to the American Spirit, they are reminders of how rich our musical background really is.

Our concert series is reminiscent of concerts in the park from yesteryear. We are consistent - the second Thursday of June, July, August and September - you can mark your calendars now for 2003 !



The massed Annapolis Chorale entertains in September



Curator Travels

The Curator made two short trips during the summer that included some time for professional learning. In August a family wedding took Harriet to Detroit. While there she visited the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. In the village she enjoyed a ride on an historic carousel. There was also an old railroad station and a roundhouse to visit, as well as an operational steam train. Thomas Edison's Menlo Park workshops are also in the Village. Inside the museum there are many treasures of transportation history including a wonderful collection of trains and early automobiles. The curator took notes on the early Model T exhibits.

Later in the summer Harriet was able to attend the Thirtieth Annual U. S. Army Museum System Training Course. This was held in New Orleans; she missed Hurricane Isidore by only a few days. She was able to attend a number of training sessions as well as visiting a few museums and historical sites; she brought back many new ideas for our programs.

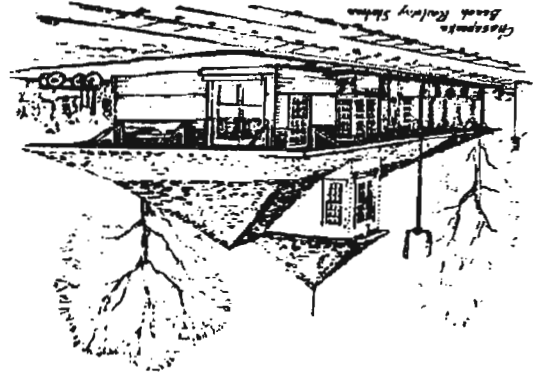


Visitor Statistics For 2002

The Public Season at the Museum has again been a very busy one, and we have had interesting visitors from near and far. Visitors who left their signatures in our guest register came from at least 16 foreign countries and 38 different states. The countries included Australia, Germany, England, Peru, Turkmenistan, Malaysia, India, Finland, Zimbabwe, Brazil, Canada, and both the Czech and the Slovak Republics. The total number of visitors from the first of January through the first week of October was a total of 10,228.

Gone To The Dogs

The Museum has finally really gone to the dogs. Most of you have met Miss Mariah, Harriet's black labrador. This year she was joined by her adopted sister Belle, a black curly coated retriever. Surprisingly, some visitors didn't even notice the two dogs quietly sleeping under or beside the desk. They were often so still that many people even thought they weren't real dogs. But when dog lovers stopped to say hello, the two girls gave them a special welcome. The dogs earn their keep by helping with children's groups and making special friends. They work hard at being good ambassadors for the Museum, and they even dress up in their engineers' caps and kerchiefs for special events.



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