

THE WILDFOWLER

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Cornelia Randall Holland

June 5, 1898 – February 12, 1988

Cornelia Holland (aka “Nini”) was the only daughter of Bernard P. Holland, Sr. and Emily Holland. She was the 4th Holland child to be born in the “Holland Cottage” (aka “The Brickhouse”).

Nini was 11 years old when the Hollands moved into their new home at “Ozone”. Shortly after they moved John L. Holland was born in the new house. Immediately Nini took responsibility for looking after and supervising John.

Emily opened “The Variety Shop” (a yard goods shop) in the B. P. Holland Store on 17th Street in Virginia Beach. This presented opportunity for Nini to learn how to sew and knit. She became an expert knitter and seamstress. These skills allowed her to take in jobs at “Ozone” while she cared for her younger brother. Because Emily was at the “shop” nearly every day working, someone had to pay the price for taking care of the rest of the family. Unfortunately that person was Nini. With the help of an African American woman, Virginia Snead, Nini took care of the household chores, sewed and knitted for her mother’s customers, and became a wonderful cook. It was not unusual for the eldest daughter in a family during this time to assume many of the house hold chores; but, it was especially difficult for Nini.

Nini was very much in love with a young man and wanted to marry him. Her parents had forbidden the marriage and they convinced her to forget the young man with a trip to Europe and a promise to inherit “Ozone” Her three older brothers all attended the University of Virginia and Nini resented the fact that she was not as well educated as her brothers.



Cornelia Randall Holland

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Emily always regretted sacrificing Nini to care for the family. It was one of her last statements before she passed.





Upcoming Guild Events:

11/05, 12, 19, 26/2018: de Witt Garden Club
10:00 am, at the museum
Meets every Monday
Bring your work gloves and tools

11/20/2018: Board Meeting
6:00 pm

12/04/2017 Christmas Party 6:00pm – 9:00pm
FOP #8 961 S. Birdneck Road – Potluck Supper

12/03, 10, 17, 2018: de Witt Garden Club
10:00 am, at the museum
Meets every Monday
Bring your work gloves and tools
(No Meeting on December 24th or 31st)

12/18/2018: Board Meeting
6:00 pm

Save these Dates

Dine Out for The de Witt

Monday 01/28/2019 IL'giardino 910 Atlantic Avenue 5:30pm-8:00pm

Tuesday 02/12/2019 The Pub 1001 Laskin Road 5:30pm-8:00pm

Tuesday 03/26/2019 Surf Rider 1375 Oceana Blvd 5:30pm-8:00pm

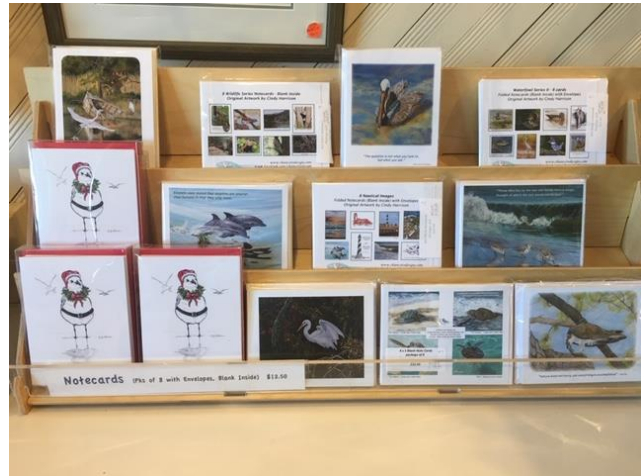
Monday 04/24/2019 The Raven 1200 Atlantic Avenue 5:30pm-8:00pm

Lucky Oyster Tuesday May 7, 2019 5:30pm-8:00pm



NEW ITEMS ADDED TO GIFT SHOP

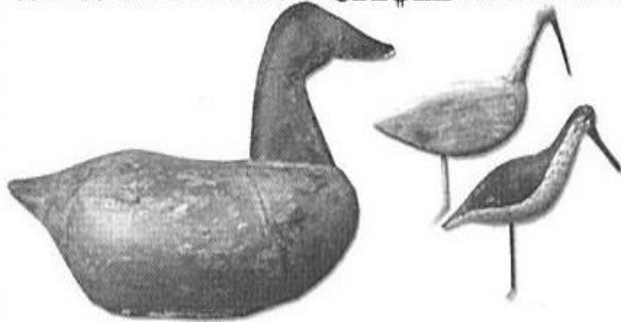
We have partnered with Shore Gallery and Design located at 1556 Laskin Rd #138, Virginia Beach, VA in the Hilltop East Shopping Center to bring you some unique items that the museum gift shop would not be able to offer otherwise. The new items include an assortment of home decorating items with the seashore theme. A Christmas Tree with an assortment of ornaments for Sale. New paintings and note cards by local artist Cindy Harrison. A variety of unique shells, starfish, coasters, nick nacks and statuary are available for your shopping pleasure,



DECOYS WANTED

WE BUY WOODEN OR CANVAS DUCKS, GEESE, SWANS & SHOREBIRDS...
WHAT IS YOUR DECOY WORTH? IT COULD BE WORTH THOUSANDS!

WE WILL PAY YOU **CASH** FOR ANY OLD DECOYS AND HUNTING ITEMS



FREE DECOY IDENTIFICATION
AND EVALUATIONS
of Single Decoys or Entire Collections
BY MARK CROMWELL
(757) 721-2746
Member North Carolina Decoy Collectors Assoc.

COLLECTOR'S SHELF

William D. "Will" Kight Jr. Coot Decoy

By Mark Cromwell

Will Kight Jr. (1897-1977) born in Creeds, VA was a farmer, waterman and a hunting guide at the Corey Lodge, Knotts Island. The lodge was owned by William Corey President of US Steel. Built in 1924 and destroyed by fire in 1940. Will also traveled and worked as a coastal surveyor and played semi-pro baseball in Virginia in the 1920's. He was a meticulous decoy carver and made decoys from various kinds of materials including juniper, balsa, cypress and cork.



Coots also known as "mud hens" or blue petes are members of the rail family. Coots are plentiful, swim in open waters and the decoys are often used by hunters as confidence decoys. I recently purchased a rig of decoys that were used in Back Bay that contained some of Will Kight's coots. The coot is made from cork and a 1 inch. Juniper bottom board. It has a wooden flat sided head with a wooden dowel attaching it to the body.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!

Happy
Thanksgiving



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

OK.....it's "Only" the vice president, but that's part of why I am writing to you. In case you are not aware your hard working Board of Directors has under gone some changes and we have elections coming up in December at the Christmas party to vote on the changes. With some resignations and some interim appointed replacements, the membership will have some new faces to consider for the upcoming election. You will be able to meet them at the Christmas party.



Let me introduce the four (4) individuals up for election, (3) new BoD members and one (1) re-election that make up your current slate of officers who have offered to serve:

1. Jason Seward - Currently serving via appointment, Jason has been nominated and accepted to serve as President.
2. Larry Davenport – Currently serving via appointment, Larry has been nominated and accepted to serve as Treasurer.
3. Jim Briggs – Currently serving via appointment, Jim has been nominated and accepted to serve as a Board member.
4. Bill Walsh – Currently serving out an elected term and has accepted to serve another term.

I would like to emphasize the importance of the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum's (AWHM) membership interest and participation in the election of your Officers. These folks and the current BoD Members have agreed to DONATE their time, talent and energy to the mission of AWHM and to the business end necessary to pursue and sustain that mission. Without a dedicated Board of Directors and a supportive membership, the AWHM would become an archive rather than house them.

Thanks to all who helped and attended the Fall BBQ, it was a success, twofold. First it raised some necessary supplemental funds to maintain AWHM operations. Secondly it provided an opportunity for existing members to socialize and just as importantly for new and prospective members to get to know and appreciate the AWHM. There will have to be more of these type of fundraisers to sustain operations, so I'll ask now that you consider whatever means, talent, etc. you have available to work towards that goal for upcoming events. I hope to see "All y'all" at the AWHM Christmas event on December 4th.

Wayne Jarman

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|  | <p>Free Decoy Identification and Evaluation By Jeff Tinkham Past President of The Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum Call (757) 721-7131 or jeff@tinkhamlaw.com</p> |  |
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FROM THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR

Tuesday, December 4, 2017 will be the date for our annual Christmas Party. We will gather in the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #8, 961 S. Birdneck Road at 6:00pm for dinner and the menu is potluck. So all you ladies need to bring out your best recipes. The museum will provide the meat (Ham and Turkey) along with Coffee and Tea. Setups will be available at the FOP bar (BYOB). We will have live music and perhaps some surprise entertainment. Members and their guests are welcome free of charge. If you are not a member and you would like to attend please contact the director. Please make you plans now to attend and reserve your place by calling the director at (757) 437-8432 or email him at director@atwildfowl.org. Everyone must RSVP.

November 1, 2017 kicks off our 2nd Annual Fall and Winter Raffle. We are raffling off a commemorative copy of the Endless Summer 50th Anniversary Book and movie DVD. A \$395 value. The book set is on display at the museum, (see below). Tickets are \$5.00 each and we will only sell 200 tickets. Tickets can be purchased at the Museum in person or by emailing the director at director@atwildfowl.org. We will also accept checks via snail mail.

Dine out for the deWitt starts on January 28, 2018 at IL'Giardino's Restorante 910 Atlantic Avenue (one block south of the deWitt Cottage). This is the program where you take your spouse out to dinner and the restaurant donates a percentage of what your meal cost to the museum. Easy peasy; you go out to dinner with your friends, family, or potential new guild member and the museum receives a nice donation. So let's see how many people we can pack into IL'Giardino's Restorante.





BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

, President Wayne Jarman, Vice President
Jim Mehne, Secretary Roger Shope, Treasurer
Mark Cromwell Jeff Tinkham
Parke Atkinson Jason Seward
Tom Richards William Walsh, Jr., Curator
Fletcher Bryant, President Emeritus

MUSEUM CARVERS

Monday: Elaine Polizos
Tuesday: Pete DiPietro
Wednesday: Roy Carlson & Ed Morrison
Thursday: Hank Grigolite
"The Boathouse Boys" Carving Club: Al, Jamie, John, Pete & Charlie
Friday: Susan Moritz
Saturday: Gentry Childress & Ben Purvis
Sunday: OPEN

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday: OPEN
Wednesday: Archie Johnson 10a-2p
Thursday: Joe Leo OPEN
Friday: OPEN
Saturday: OPEN
Sunday: OPEN
Museum Grounds: Nancy Lekberg, Lori Bagley, Lois Stickles, Jacky Richards, and Lena Lindsay

MUSEUM STAFF

Lynn Hightower, Director Ann Smith, Gift Shop Manager

MUSEUM CONTACT INFORMATION

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You can now pay your dues online at awhm.org !

January 1, 2019 will kick off our Annual Membership Campaign. A lot of changes in the dues structure have been approved by the Board of Directors for the coming new year. Each of you were mailed a brochure outlining the changes for the coming year. If you have any questions about the changes please call the Director at (757) 437-8432 or email him at director@atwildfowl.org .

2018 DUES

\$35/YR INDIVIDUAL
\$100/YR BRONZE
\$500/YR GOLD

\$50/FAMILY
\$200/YR SILVER
\$1,000/YR PRESIDENTS CIRCLE



BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

NAME: _____ AMOUNT PAID _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ [CELL] _____

January 1, 2018 will kick off our Annual Membership Campaign. Each member is encouraged to find one new member to join the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild. Our very existence depends on growing the membership of the Guild. Please encourage everyone you know to become a member!

Please pass this newsletter on to any potential new member!

