

THE WILDFOWLER

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Back Bay Wildfowl Guild Memories:

Back to Julia deWitt's Journals

Monday, February 26, 1917 (Julia is just 14 years old)

I knew almost all of my lessons. I caught the 3:15 car home. The Belgian relief Community met at our house. Nine members were present. They made skirts for the Belgian's, and everyone gave some money, tea and cake were served. I tried to do some of my lessons. I received a letter from Aunt Julia Coppe'. She is 92 years old. Elizabeth came home late as she stayed at school to practice basketball.

Saturday, March 3, 1917

I made a lot of different cooked and uncooked candies, which I sold to benefit the soldier's fund. Miss Brickhouse came down to spend the day with us. She is Amelie's English teacher at school. This is Amelie's last year. We had a nice dinner. Two little girls spent the day with Caroline. Amelie made a nice cake for Peter's birthday. Elizabeth went over to play cards at Cornelia's house. I did some of my lessons before supper. Then we went to Mary and Bessie Dickerson's to practice.

Friday, April 6, 1917

"Good Friday", **WAR!!!** War was declared against Germany. It is a very cold day. Mama picked some flowers and went to Norfolk to put them on Papa's grave. I made some hot cross buns and Hity sold them for the Belgian relief. I made a lot of candy. Mama came home late. John and Cornelius caught some fish and sold them for their "Mite Box" church missionary fund. After supper Mama, Amelie, Elizabeth, Katrine and I went to church services. There were right many people there as on the beach two house parties were taking place for Easter. The service was so impressive.

Thursday, May 17, 1917

It is "Memorial Day" so we had holiday. I worked some in my garden. Katrine and Harriet went up to Miss Baker's for the night and there they went to a little dance. I cooked dinner and supper as Virginia was off. Dinner was baked macaroni, biscuits, meat, etc. Supper was soup, potatoes, biscuits, peanut butter, meat, and loaf of bread. I wrote to Mama and received one from her.



Fast forward now to June 1923. Julia is now 20 years old and unaware of the impending disaster that is approaching.

Friday, June 1, 1923

It is Hity's birthday, she turned 18 years old. Cornelius, John, and Hity went up to school on the 7:32am. Elisabeth went to town on the one o'clock car to see Mama at Mrs. Townsends. Mama was preparing to leave with Dr. Strickland because she has had a nervous breakdown. She must be under his care until she improves. We are very upset, but we'll try to remain cheerful as we feel she will soon be all well again. Elizabeth did some shopping and came home with Hity and Mary Nixon, who will be here for the weekend. Hity had a nice birthday, but we missed our dear Mama. Hity got some stockings, hairnets, and barrettes. Jean Tate and Elizabeth Ulrich were also here for supper. The boys of Galilee church gave a minstrel show, which we all went to, it was very good.



Saturday, June 2, 1923

Uncle Andre phoned and said Mama was better. He will try to phone us twice daily. Hity and Mary Nixon were asked to come and help serve at Miss Coskin's and Mrs. Henderson's luncheon at Sea Pines. She was giving it to the teachers of Norfolk. They had a delicious luncheon and got home around 6:30 PM. At 8 they went to the Dealfonte opening with Paul and Caroline. Dick, Cornelius, and John went somewhere else. Uncle Andre phoned again at 8 and said Mama was doing nicely but could not see anyone at the present. I wrote to Amelie. Aunt Carrie writes she will be here tomorrow.

Sunday, June 3, 1923

The children went to Sunday school this morning but came back within half an hour. I went to church. Aunt Carrie got here at 11:00 o'clock from Washington, DC, but did not go to church this morning. She looks the same as last year. Mama had a good night. Mr and Mrs Nixon, Winnifred and Frank, came down with their little son to pickup Mary. Mary is certainly a nice visitor to have, she is also very musical. Cousins Florence, Cousin Louis, Mr and Mrs Raper and family (little girls) came down to go bathing and stayed only a little while. Tony Cronenberg came up to see us. He has not been here since he left for Colorado where his sister, Annette, died.

Monday, June 4 1923

Hity had a hard time deciding what to get in the clothesline for her graduation. Uncle Andre phoned again and said Mama is doing nicely. John Smith spent the day with Paul and Peter. During the afternoon Peter Burnett, Harry and Miss Betty Poindexter came down. Carter drove down in a beautiful Packard machine with Uma Sloane. They stayed long enough for Carter to go bathing. John went back with them, and will spend the night at this Betty's, Harry's aunt. After supper Aunt Carrie, Elizabeth, Paul, Peter and I went for a walk.

Keep it in mind, at ages 21 and 20, Elizabeth and Julia are now the heads of household while Mrs de Witt recovers from her illness. We will continue this series in the next newsletter, stay tuned.





Upcoming Guild Events:

06/06,13, 20, 27/2022: de Witt Garden Club

9:00 am, at the museum

Meets every Monday

We are a hands on Garden Club

So bring your gloves and tools.

06/21/2022: Board Meeting

In person at deWitt Cottage

6:00 pm

06/19/2022 Father's Day

07/04/2022: Independence Day

Friday July 1st through Monday July 4th



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In person at deWitt Cottage

6:00 pm

08/16/2022: Board Meeting

In person at deWitt Cottage

6:00 pm

09/06/2021 (Tuesday) Back Bay Wildfowl Guild

Membership Meeting, 7:00pm, Social 6:00pm

Speaker: TBA

Save these Dates:

Sunday, 10/16/2022 AWHM Fall Barbeque & Oyster Roast

This will also be a Back Bay Wildfowl Guild Homecoming and Reunion

Tuesday, 12/06/2022 5:00pm until 9:00pm

AWHM Christmas Party

Location to be Announced

12/10/2022 - Photos with Santa & the Red Truck,
and Holiday Craft Fair – 12/2/2022 Gingerbread Extravaganza



Manie Haywood July 16, 1898 - October 28, 1969

Rare Black duck - Wire over canvas.



Manie was born and raised on Colington Island near Kill Devil Hills in North Carolina. Manie was employed by the U.S. Coast Guard and served at various locations along the Outer Banks. Manie was introduced to water fowling and carving at the age of 14. He also was a talented boat builder and in his spare time from the Coast Guard built boats for local gun clubs including the Whalehead Club. As a hunting guide Manie would be requested by dignitaries and politicians from Washington DC and North Carolina.

Manie carved wooden working decoys early in life but only a few have survived. He started carving and making canvas decoys in the 1930s to 1940s. The consistency and attractive construction of his canvas decoy is unmatched by other makers. Manie's decoys show remarkable form and can be identified by the groove carved in the top of each bill.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Back Bay Wildfowl Guild Members,

As members of the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild, you will be very excited and proud to see all the great things happening at the museum.

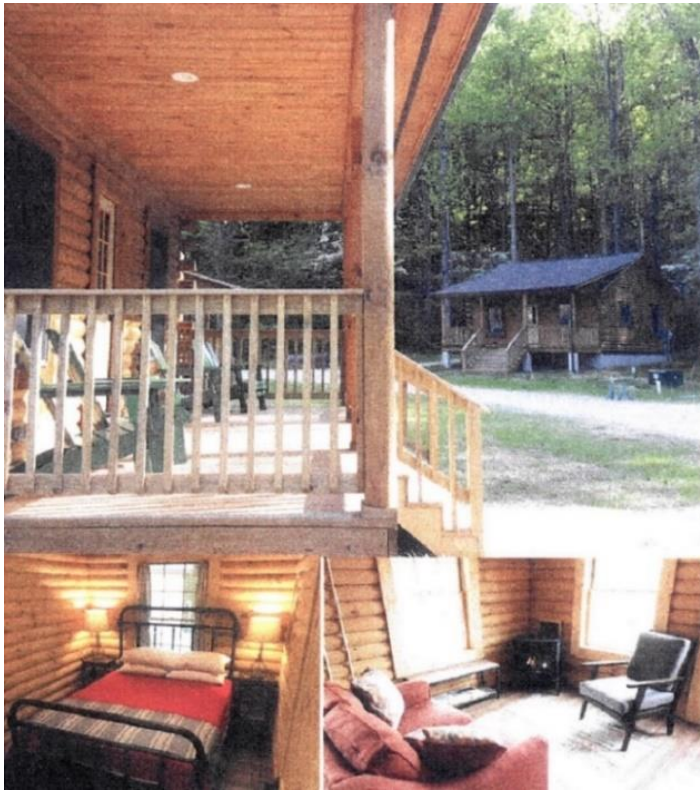
Exhibits throughout the museum have been updated, the gardens around the cottage have been manicured and are in full bloom, and the newly completed gazebo is already drawing more events and visitors.

The museum has received the bronze award for best Nature and Science Museum by Coastal Virginia Magazine readers.

I invite all of you to stop by and see what you have made happen at the cottage. And so we can continue improving, I request two favors from you as follows:

- 1) Volunteer to help however you can, i.e. volunteers carving, work in the gardens, provide tours to visitors, provide any others ideas you may have.
- 2) Help to expand membership of your Guild by encouraging at least one of your friends to become a member.

Phil Davenport
President



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MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We are planning a large celebration here at the deWitt cottage on October 16th 2022. It will be our annual Fall Barbeque and Oyster Roast. In addition, we will be having a Back Bay Wildfowl Guild homecoming and reunion. The de Witt Cottage will be 127 years old. It will also be the 47th anniversary of the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild and the 27th anniversary of the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum.

The Museum has started its summer schedule and will now be open seven days a week, 10:00am – 5:00pm, Monday through Sunday. We have continued the Antique Decoy display, in our main gallery, on loan from Jimmy and Kelly Coppedge of Virginia Beach and Andrew Bynum of Bloxom, NC. Please come and visit with us!



The garden is just starting to bloom into its full glory. A lot of hard work has been put in by the members of the deWitt Cottage Garden Club. The gardens have been cleaned up, expanded, and had new plants added. If you have any desire to garden, please consider joining the deWitt Cottage Garden Club. It is an opportunity to learn how to garden in a hostile, saltwater environment from Master Gardeners.

There is a new chainsaw carving addition to our grounds. A Great Horned Owl carved by Scott Kale of Virginia Beach. This item was carved at his Lexington, Virginia mountain cabin; then delivered to the cottage by Parke Atkinson and his "College Hunks". Here you see Scott adding some finishing touches.



As we come to the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2021, we anticipate that we will end the period with a little bit of a deficit this year. We were able to pay for and complete the construction of our new Gazebo and it is a direct result of the hard work your Board of Directors has invested. I would like to thank each one of them for their continued support.

If you have not paid your membership dues for 2021, please consider doing so soon. All memberships now run from the date you last paid your dues for 365 consecutive days. For example, if you paid your dues on January 6, 2021, then your dues for 2021 will not be due until January 30, 2021. I promise to help you stay current and in good standing.

	<p>Free Decoy Identification and Evaluation By Jeff Tinkham Past President of The Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum Call (757) 724-7131 or jeff@tinkhamlaw.com</p>	
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Art Show on the Lawn



June 25, 2022 10am-4pm

At The deWitt Cottage

For more information email rxylgrl71@gmail.com



BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD

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MUSEUM CARVERS

Monday Open
Tuesday: Open
Wednesday: Roy Carlson & Ed Morrison
Thursday: Open
"The Boathouse Boys" Carving Club: Jamie, John, Pete
Friday: Susan Moritz
Saturday: Open
Sunday: Open

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday: OPEN
Wednesday: OPEN
Thursday: OPEN
Friday: OPEN
Saturday: OPEN
Sunday: OPEN
Museum Grounds: Jacky & Tom Richards, Martha Davenport

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

Please understand that we depend on every dollar to operate the museum. If you have not yet paid your 2022 dues, please give serious consideration to sending them into the museum right away. Beginning January 1, 2022, Membership cards will have an expiration date. Each member will receive an invoice from the museum director requesting payment of their annual dues after the expiration date. Memberships run for 12 consecutive months from the date annual dues are paid

2022 DUES

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

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



BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD 2022 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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January 1, 2022 kicked 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

