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Back Bay Wildfowl Guild Memories New Historical Road Markers To Be Installed at deWitt Cottage

Bernard Holland was the son of John Lytleton Tazewell Holland and Emma Alice Walton. John and Emma resided on the Walton Family Plantation “Osceola” with Emma’s parents in Fluvanna County, Virginia. John was a circuit riding preacher, traveling each week to a different church for Sunday services. Shortly after Bernard was born in 1867; the Walton Family plantation was taken by carpetbaggers for unpaid taxes owed on the property. The Hollands were forced to move to more modest accommodations in Goochland County, Virginia. In 1885 Bernard and his younger brother, Walton, moved to Virginia Beach where Bernard had been hired as a clerk by the Virginia Beach and Cape Henry Railroad.

Bernard’s first career assignment was as a clerk in the Princess Anne Hotel between 14th and 17th Streets on the oceanfront. The railroad owned 90% of Virginia Beach and the Princess Anne Hotel. Bernard and Walton both lived in the Princess Anne Hotel. It was customary for wealthy New Englanders to spend at least part of the winter season in Florida. Trains were the primary means of transportation in the late 1800’s. It was a very long trip from New York to St. Augustine; so the railroads owned several lavish stop overs on the trip South. The Princess Anne Hotel was one of these favored stops. It was during one of these stop overs that Bernard Holland met Emily Randall Gregory. They instantly fell in love and were wed in 1895 in Cooperstown, NY with a lavish wedding and reception.

Bernard then returned to Virginia Beach and built Emily a beautiful brick Victorian style cottage right on the ocean at 12th Street and Atlantic Ave. The house became known as the “Brick House” because it was the only brick cottage on the beach at the time. It later became known as “The Holland Cottage”.



Bernard and Emily owned a general store on 17th Street where Bernard maintained a small office. He was appointed Virginia Beach’s first Postmaster General. In 1906 Virginia Beach was incorporated into a Township and Bernard was elected it’s first and third Mayor.





Bernard Peabody Holland

Bernard Holland built this beautiful brick Victorian style Cottage in 1895 as wedding present for his wife Emily Randall Gregory

Bernard came to Virginia Beach in 1885 with his brother Walton to take a job with the Virginia Beach and Cape Henry Railroad.

He became the Clerk of the now infamous Princess Anne Hotel.

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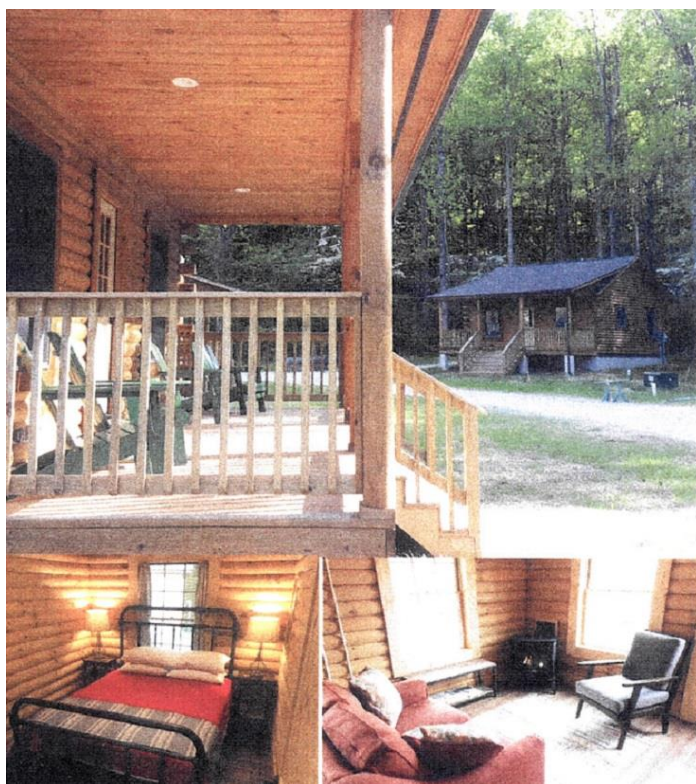
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The new historical road markers will be installed, to celebrate Bernard Holland's life, on Atlantic Ave, directly in front of deWitt Cottage and on The Boardwalk directly behind deWitt Cottage.

The design for the marker will be similar to the one pictured here to the left. It will also be the first local road maker installed in Virginia Beach!

The research and grant for this project is being conducted by our volunteer historian, Julie Spivey. We hope to have the new markers installed by April.

The picture on the left is just an example, not the final design.



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Upcoming Guild Events:

Sunday 10/16/2022 AWHM Fall Barbeque & Oyster Roast
de Witt Cottage 1113 Atlantic Avenue
1:00pm until 6:00pm

Tickets are available at: <https://go.evvnt.com/1281298-0>

10/18/2022: Board Meeting
6:00 pm at the Museum

11/15/2022: Board Meeting
6:00 pm at the Museum

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
1113 Atlantic Avenue
At the Museum

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

12/2/2022 Gingerbread Extravaganza

MUSEUM HOURS CHANGING

**BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 THE ATLANTIC WILDFOWL HERITAGE MUSEUM
WILL ONLY BE OPEN ON WEDNESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY 10:00AM-5:00PM UNTIL MONDAY MAY 29, 2023
WHEN WE WILL RE-OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK 10:00AM UNTIL 5:00PM.**



COLLECTOR'S SHELF
Maurice Randolph Waterman

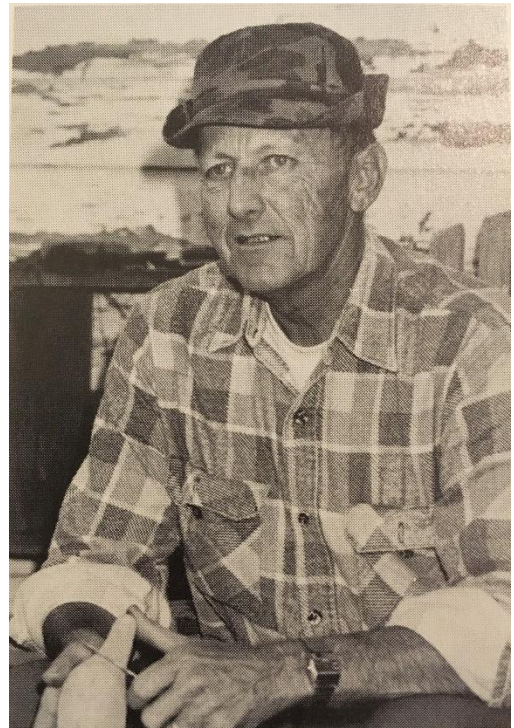
Jan. 28, 1931 to Sept. 26, 2022

“Morris” Waterman was born in Knotts Island, NC on Blackfoot Rd. he married June Riggs from Sandbridge and they were married for 67 years. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. And was awarded a Purple Heart and also a Gold Star. After serving in the Marines Morris worked for NCDOT as a crew leader for 25 years. And could run every piece of equipment they had.

He started carving decoys for hunting in the 1950's. In 1965 “Morris” began to carve reproduction decoys and refined his talents to become a craftsman at repairing old decoys. Morris was recognized as one of the best decoy repairman in North Carolina and he taught many young people the skill of carving decoys. Also, he was an excellent painter (the BEST) of Mason Factory Decoys.

His father, Samuel H. Waterman Was a hunting guide for The Swan Island Club in the Currituck Sound.

Morris would accompany his father to Swan Island as a young man to help him with odd jobs at the club and watch his father repair and paint the club decoys. Morris' grandfather, George Cason, also worked as the caretaker for The Swan Island Club.



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In the 1950's “Morris” also enjoyed racing boats in American Power Boat Assoc. Morris was one of the founding members of the Knotts Island Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company and helped to build the fire station and secure Knotts Island's first fire truck for the island.

“Morris” will be greatly missed by not only his family and friends but especially by me personally and the decoy community for his great talents of restoring antique decoys.





OCTOBER 16, 2022 | 1:00 - 6:00 PM

ANNUAL OYSTER ROAST AND BARBECUE

Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum

AT THE DE WITT COTTAGE
1113 Atlantic Ave Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Tickets at: go.evvnt.com/1281298-0

\$60
PRESALE

FEATURING: Pork Barbecue and Beef Brisket Sandwiches by Beach Bully BBQ.
Roasted Sewansecott Eastern Shore Oysters. Live Music from Billy Kendra's
Tiki Bar Band, Beer, Wine, and Cocktails - all included with your ticket.

PLUS you will receive a one year membership to the AWHM Museum.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all!

We have a number of events coming as shown below which, I hope you will attend. I also want to pass along a congratulatory note to our expert volunteers who have made our gardens beautiful.

For the past 4 years, Jacky Richards, Martha Davenport and the deWitt Cottage Garden Club have earned Awards of Merit from the Virginia Beach Council of Garden Clubs for their efforts in maintaining and beautifying the deWitt Gardens, and now they have done it again. Five years in a row! Congratulations ladies.

On Tuesday, September 6, 2022, we hosted our first general membership meeting since before the pandemic. We had about 25 people attend and we had an old favorite guest speaker, Billy Crockett. The picture to the right is of Billy with Mark and Margie Cromwell and some of his carvings, Thank you to everyone who attended.



Get your tickets now for the return of our annual oyster roast. This year's event will take place Sunday, October 16th. Spend a beautiful fall day in the gardens, enjoying cocktails, wine, beer, BBQ, Beef Brisket and Eastern Shore Sewansecott oysters! Sweet and salty these oysters are always a big hit! Then close out the afternoon dancing to the tunes of the Tiki Bar Band. Comprised of lead singer Billy Kendra and his partner Mike Binetti, their music is fun and energetic. Tickets available at <https://go.evvnt.com/1281298-0>

December 2, 2022 Kicks off our annual Gingerbread Extravaganza. Visit the museum to see gingerbread houses made by restaurants, businesses, bakeries, culinary students, and volunteers from around the city. It will be a sweet treat; I promise.

Our Christmas party this year will be at the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum in deWitt Cottage, December 6, 2022 5:00pm until 9:00pm. Come and revisit the museum, enjoy an evening of food, beverage and fellowship. Everyone brings an hors d'oeuvres or desert. Come and enjoy an old fashion Christmas evening.



On December 10, 2022, Santa will be at the deWitt Cottage from 11:00am -2:00pm to allow you to take pictures with Santa Claus and his big red truck. There will also be several craft vendors present for your shopping pleasure.

On Saturday August 27, 2022, Jim Brockman our friend and member of the Atlantic Wildfowl Heritage Museum, suffered a devastating fire to his home and workshop. Jim was able to escape the fire but was unable to save anything else and at 75 years old he must now, in his words, "start over from scratch". Sadly, he had no insurance. Our Director, Lynn Hightower, and Board Member Aimee Rhodes established a GOFUNDME Account for Jim. The picture on the left is of Lynn giving Jim the first of what we hope will be many checks. If you would

like to help Jim, you can contribute at this Link: [Fundraiser by Charles Hightower : Jim Brockman's Recovery Fund \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundraiser-by-charles-hightower-jim-brockman-s-recovery-fund). Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far.

Respectfully, Phil Davenport





At deWitt Cottage
1113 Atlantic Avenue
Virginia Beach, VA

Everyone brings their favorite hors d'oeuvres or Dessert
Enough to share
Beverages will be provided

We will see
you there!

Merry
Christmas!



BACK BAY WILDFOWL GUILD

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Tom Richards	Jason Seward
Jeff Tinkham	William Walsh, Jr., Curator
Aimee Rhodes	Fletcher Bryant, President Emeritus

MUSEUM CARVERS

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

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

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

MUSEUM STAFF

Lynn Hightower, Director Joe Leo, Operations Mgr.

MUSEUM CONTACT INFORMATION

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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

