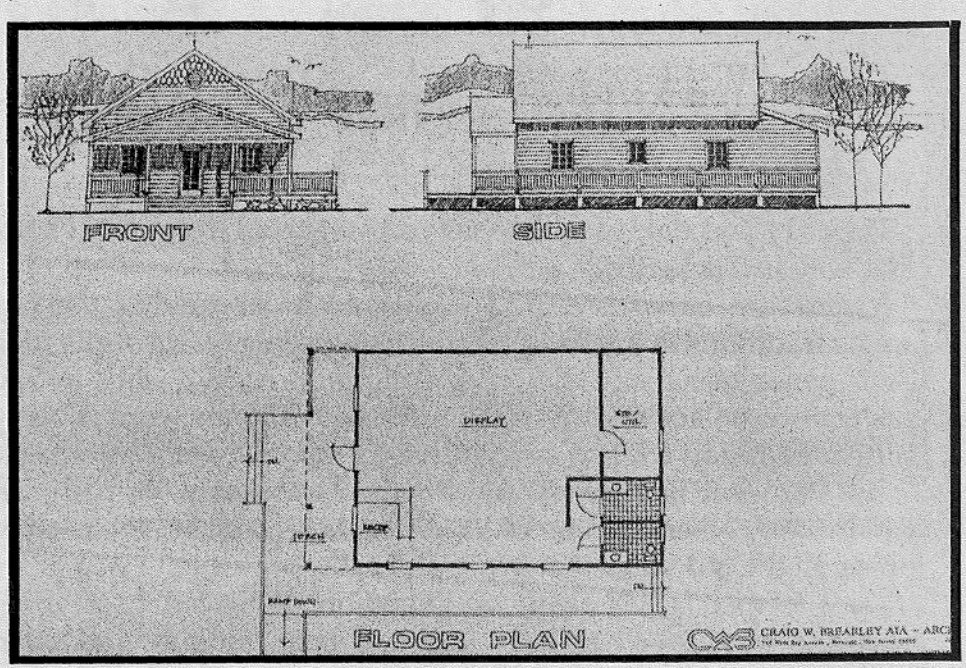
Museum Dream Becoming Reality

Community Support Is Raising the Roof





Architect's renderings of museum (top) and annex building.

The community will not have to wait long before it sees visible evidence of history in the keeping, as a museum might be called.

By the time of the 1993 decoy show in Tuckerton, visitors should be dropping in on area history preserved in its own annex building.

Although the eventual goal is a comprehensive $1 million facility, the annex is an interim plan bound for reality in the immediate future.

Phase I of museum construction will take the form of an authentic replica of an old gunning shanty — modified to house artifacts the museum is already gathering.

Besides providing an appropriate showplace for valuable memorabilia that has been donated, the building is intended to perform another important function — to show the community that the museum founders are serious in their endeavor.

In terms of support, ground has already been broken.

We're grateful to say we're laying the framework for our annex building with tremendous help from the community. As quickly as we announced our plans, supporters began stopping museum members on the street to offer assistance.

The result will build an initial repository more quickly than we first imagined — now pending a few final approvals, construction could be completed this winter. It seems everyone agrees that the time to begin preserving our rich past is right now.

Designed with 1,200 square feet of display and storage space, the building will be elevated on pilings and accessible to the handicapped.

When the museum's permanent home is completed, the annex will remain on the grounds to be equipped as a model of an early 1900s gunning shack.

The following individuals, businesses and organizations have donated their services to date:

- Craig Brearley — Architectural
- Buterick Bulkheading — Pile driving
- County of Ocean — Pilings
- John Delaporte — Heating, air conditioning
- David Disbrow — Construction
- Earthworks — Excavation
- Green Thumb Gardens — Landscaping
- Tim Hart — Electrical
- Tom Hartley — Roofing, siding
- Nelke-Constantine & Associates, Inc. — Engineering
- Gene Zazinski — Plumbing

Anyone who is interested in more information about the construction of the shanty or who feels they have a service or trade that may be beneficial can contact David Disbrow at (609) 296-8348. Any help is greatly appreciated.