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Seagull
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—Greetings from Commissioner Virginia E. Haines



On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, I welcome you to the summer 2024 issue of Ocean County: Out & About, A Free Newsguide to Arts & Heritage Events. The pages of this issue are graced with artwork received in response to a call for contributions from the Pine Shores Art Association.

Please take special note of our exciting palette of summer cultural opportunities in the event listings and for updated events check: <http://www.oceancountytourism.com/frmEvents>.

Many of our towns and boroughs provide wonderful outdoor concerts including the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation's "The Carousel of Music Concert Series." The Carousel concerts will be offered at a variety of locations including the Ocean County Library in Toms River. Please check inside for time and locations of all offerings.

The Ocean County Board Commissioners continues to offer a traveling *American Revolution in Ocean County* exhibit trailer. For arrangements to bring the trailer to your public event in Ocean County call 732-929-4779.

This year, sixteen art and nine history organizations will receive a total of \$268,000 in grant support through the Ocean County Board of Commissioners funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission.

The 2025 grant cycle for Ocean County non-profits will begin with an informational workshop on August 7, the mandatory notice of intent is due August 21, and the application is due September 9. Local Arts Program grants will total \$150,000, the County History Partnership Program will total \$88,000, and a Special Funding Initiative will provide an additional \$30,000 in funding.

The Ocean County Board of Commissioners is proud to announce that Malcolm Robinson received the 2024 Ocean County Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award. Thomas P. Farner received the 2024 Pauline S. Miller Ocean County Lifetime History Award.

The Borough of Seaside Heights received the 2024 Historic Preservation Award for their restoration of the Dr. Floyd Moreland Carousel. Cheryl Kirby received the Special Award of Merit for the magazine Echoes of LBI. Kathryn and Grove Conrad received the 2024 Virginia E. Haines Historic Advocate Awards. Michael T. Mangum received the 2024 John C. Bartlett Government Leadership Award.

Nomination forms for future awardees and lists of past awardees are at: <http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmSaluteAwards.aspx>.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Virginia E. Haines". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "H".

Commissioner Virginia E. Haines
Chairwoman of Ocean County Cultural & Heritage
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SALUTE TO OCEAN COUNTY

A CELEBRATION OF ARTS & CULTURE

The Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission's awards celebration, the 13th annual *Salute to Ocean County*, was held on May 16th at the Grunin Center at Ocean County College in Toms River. The 2024 awardees include some of Ocean County's leaders in the humanities – individuals and organizations dedicated to preserving history, culture, and the arts in their communities and regions. Each of the awardees received a short documentary produced by local high school students.

To submit nominations for Salute awards, please complete a nomination form and submit to thart@co.ocean.nj.us or mail to 1198 Bandon Road, Toms River, NJ, 08753
<https://rb.gy/96w9f5>

2024 AWARDEES

John C. Bartlett, Jr. Government Leadership Award:

Michael T. Mangum - [youtube.com/watch?v=r_xoNrghUdU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_xoNrghUdU)

Ocean County Lifetime Achievement in the Arts:

Malcolm Robinson - [youtube.com/watch?v=kHKTboETV1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHKTboETV1s)

Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award for Ocean County History:

Thomas P. Farner - [youtube.com/watch?v=b2i36P9CmdA&t=1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2i36P9CmdA&t=1s)

Special Award of Merit:

Cheryl Kirby: Echoes of LBI -
[youtube.com/watch?v=gihzUQHbQ7c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gihzUQHbQ7c)

Virginia E. Haines Historic Advocate Award:

Kathryn D. Conrad - [youtube.com/watch?v=uXz97r9rFO8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXz97r9rFO8)
W. Grove Conrad - [youtube.com/watch?v=uXz97r9rFO8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXz97r9rFO8)

Historic Preservation Award:

Seaside Heights - Dr. Floyd Moreland Carousel - [youtube.com/watch?v=4YvsN3ER3Go](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YvsN3ER3Go)



SALUTE TO OCEAN COUNTY

RECENT PREVIOUS AWARDEES

Check the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage website for awardees prior to 2016.

Ocean County Lifetime Achievement in the Arts

Past Awardees

2023: Harry Bower - Visual Artist
2022: Mary May - Basket Weaver
2021: Art Birdsall – Decoy Carver
2020: Robert Popovics - Naturalist, Innovator, Artist
2019: Thomas E. Rutledge - Visual Artist
2018: Eva Lucena Welch - Dance
2017: Kate Leigh Cutler - Visual Artist
2016: Cathleen Engelsen - Visual Artist

Founders Award

Past Awardees

2017: Sherry D. Schnepf from Our Gang Players

Art Advocate Award

Past Awardees

2020: Carol Ann Herbert

Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award for Ocean County History

Past Awardees

2023: Gretchen Coyle
2022: Eleanor Ditton
2020: Deborah C. Whitcraft
2019: Margaret Thomas Buchholz
2018: Alfred T. Stokely
2017: Jeanette Llyod
2016: Carl Jablonski

John C. Bartlett, Jr. Government Leadership Award

Past Awardees

2022: Bahiyyah Abdullah
2019: Elaine H. McConnell
2018: J. Mark Mutter

Virginia E. Haines Historic Advocate Award

Past Awardees

2020: Virginia E. Haines

Ocean County Cultural Response Award

Past Awardees

2021: Brick Children's Community Theatre
2021: Lighthouse International Film Festival
2021: Ocean Professional Theatre (Surflight)

Special Recognition for Advancement of the Arts in Ocean County

Past Awardees

2023: Paul Hartelius
2018: June Sullivan
2016: Marshall Kern

Historic Preservation Award

Past Awardees

2023: LBI Historical Association - Fisherman's Cottage
2017: Ken Fredericks & Larry Midrano - 1877 The Buhler Mansion Pine Beach

Special Award of Merit

Past Awardees

2022: Reisa Sweet - Recognition for contributions to Ocean County Human Relations Commission
2021: Ocean County Memories Founded 1850! - Andrew Anderson and Patrick Leon Asay
2019: William de Camp, Jr. - Recognition for contributions to Barnegat Bay
2018: Joseph Lappin - Recognition for lifetime of service to boating on Barnegat Bay
2017: Richard Morris - Historic Preservation Advocate
2017: Valerie Vaughn - Giving Voice to the Stories of Ocean County
2016: Duane M. Grembowicz - Commissioner Service Award 30 years
2016: Roberta Krantz - Commissioner Service Award 30 years
2016: Sidney L. Taylor* - Commissioner Service Award 2006 - 2012

Malcolm Robinson: Lifetime Achievement in the Arts

By Pat Johnson



Malcolm Robinson painting a shorebird decoy.
Photo credit: Tuckerton Seaport.

Malcolm Robinson is the recipient of the Ocean County Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award not only for his fine traditional Barnegat Bay decoys, but for his kindness and patience in teaching young and emerging decoy folk artists. In his capacity as a volunteer with the Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, he founded their Youth Carving program and at 79-years young he is a guest teacher occasionally at the Seaport to students aged 11 to 17.

"In the late '90s, a group of us carvers started teaching adult classes and then in 2004, we organized the youth carving class. I ran it for 15 to 16 years until COVID put a stop to it," said Robinson. "At first it was all local kids like Andrew Tonnesen (who continues to carve as an adult) but then they came from farther away—a kid from Shamong is now a

doctor and another girl, Sarah Myers came from the other side of Trenton. Her parents drove her twice a month. She started when she was 11 and she never missed a class until she graduated. She and Andrew are my prized students. Andrew has won a lot of first prizes. His first year [competing] he won first, second and third ribbons for contemporary antique decoys in the World Championship against the best carvers in the world. He still comes to the class to help instruct the younger students."

Robinson taught kids to carve for 16 years until the pandemic hit and person-to-person teaching was impossible. In 2022, Robinson helped restart the Youth Carving workshops and he continues to be a guest carver. He enlivens his teaching with stories of hunting and history of decoy carving.

Robinson is a 5th generation carver in his family, descended from Barnegat Bay's most prolific carver, Harry V. Shourds of Tuckerton.

Editor's Note: In 2023, carvers Mark Ford and Gene Marshall began volunteering as the regular instructors of the revitalized Youth Carving Club. They have a full club of 7 students and meet monthly. Robinson is always around to lend a helping hand.

"My grandmother was [Harry V. Shourds'] granddaughter, so he was my great, great grandfather. My grandmother raised my brother and me, and she would talk about him. He used scrap wood and house paint to make decoys and would charge fifty cents apiece for them."

Harry V.'s son, Harry M. Shourds carved decoys and all three of his sons, Alvin, Raymond and Harry carved. "My Uncle Lewis Rossell, Jr. carved so I'm the 5th generation in my family," explained Robinson.

Robinson was born and raised on Long Beach Island in a bayman's home in the Brick Row that is still standing on Bay Avenue. He attended Beach Haven Elementary School. "As soon as school was over, all the kids ran home, got their fishing poles and went fishing off the dock at Morrisons." His other favorite

Robinson continued...

pastimes were racing bicycles, swimming in the ocean and clamming in the bay.

“I started clamming with my Uncle Lewis Rossell when I was 10 years old. He was a true bayman—clammed and scalloped his entire life from the time he came out of the service. He loved the solitude out on the bay and the fact he was his own boss.” Those early lessons were impressed on Robinson who later started a surveying business.

“I first started carving in woodshop class in Southern Regional High School in 1958. The decoy was made of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch pine and it looked like I put the head on the bottom,” joked Robinson. “I didn’t carve again until 1980, by that time my oldest son and the twin boys were born. I took night classes at Southern Regional, but I learned more sitting in the local barbershop in Beach Haven from Bill Schimmer. Also, by this time we were renting an apartment in Ship Bottom from Herb Miller who was the Chief of Police in Ship Bottom. Miller carved and set up a shop in a spare bedroom downstairs. I also took classes with Gary Giberson (of Swan Bay Folklife Center) who had a shop in Smithville selling decoys.”

Robinson is one of the founding members of the Tuckerton Seaport, served on the board at

its inception and has volunteered there ever since. “My wife Helen was very supportive. When the Tuckerton Seaport opened I was over there every weekend demonstrating decoy carving. My oldest son asked his mother if it bothered her and she said ‘Nope,’ that was my relaxation time because at that time I had my own surveying business.”

In 1998, Robinson offered his first decoy class for adults along with carvers Joe Walton, George Murry, Dick Jessen and Young Harry Shourds. Robinson also contributes his time to the Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy and Gunning show, serving on the show committee. His decoys won in the Traditional Shorebird category in 2007 and Traditional Shorebird rig in 2015. Youth Carving Club members were encouraged each year to enter their own shorebirds and/or working decoys into the Decoy Show’s youth contests. In 2009, Robinson received the Hurley Conklin Award at the Decoy Show. The award is presented to people who have lived in the Barnegat Bay tradition. The award is named in honor of the last of the Great Old Time Barnegat Bay Carvers, Hurley Conklin (1913-1998). The award is presented to people who have lived in the Barnegat Bay tradition and is named in honor of one of the great old time Barnegat Bay carvers, Hurley Conklin (1913-1998).

Carving instructor Nancee Jo Luciani, former youth carver Sarah Myers, and Malcolm Robinson.
Photo credit: Tuckerton Seaport.



In 2012, Malcolm Robinson was recognized with the South Jersey Cultural Alliance’s Paul Aiken Encore Award. The purpose of the award is to honor the generosity of individuals, corporations, foundations and government agencies for their support of Southern New Jersey’s nonprofit arts, history, and cultural organizations and artists.

Robinson has earned the Ocean County Lifetime Achievement in the Arts by enriching the cultural fabric of Ocean County through his dedication to the Folk Arts in Barnegat Bay sharing that knowledge with the people of Ocean County. In particular, he is being honored for decades of work for the Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen’s Museum and passing on the living tradition of decoy carving to the youth of our region.”

Michael T. Mangum - John C. Bartlett Government Leadership Award

By Pat Johnson

Long-time Ocean County Parks and Recreation employee and director, Michael T. Mangum is the 2024 recipient of the John C. Bartlett, Jr. Government Leadership Award. Mangum retired April 1 of this year with the distinction of being the longest tenured Ocean County Parks Director at 20 years and 8 months. Altogether Mangum worked in the Parks department for over 46 years, starting as an entry-level parks naturalist.

He is most proud of the part he has played in the preservation and stewardship of almost 30,000 acres of wild lands for both passive recreation and conservation through the Ocean County's Natural Lands Trust; the 4,500 acres preserved in the county's twenty-seven parks and two golf courses. "Ocean County is the number one county in the state in terms of preserving land," said Mangum. "The Commissioners deserve a lot of credit."

Mangum has a unique understanding of the interconnection of art, history, and environment in public programming. He is the Ocean County employee that, in partnership with other organizations, kick-started the Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy and Gunning Show, now in its 42nd year.

As the liaison to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners for the Cultural and Heritage Commission, Mangum advocated for the preservation and interpretation of Ocean County's historic resources. Highlights of that work includes the Civil War, WWI and WWII anniversary commemorations, and the 10-year celebration planned for America 250.



John C. Bartlett (L) with Michael T. Mangum (R).
Photo Credit: Ocean County Parks.

Mangum also saw to the historic preservation of Cedar Bridge Tavern in Barnegat (the site of the last documented land engagement of the American Revolution), Cloverdale Farm; the ongoing restoration of the Mary Etta Cox House; and the preservation plans for Wells Mills' Cedarview Lodge and Ocean County Park in Lakewood. Ocean County Park was once the estate of John D. Rockefeller. The Rockefeller's donated the land in 1940 and it became the first County Park in Ocean County. It has many specimen trees from all over the country. "That is a man-made landscape, history is totally tied into that landscape," said Mangum.

"Historical Preservation and environment are all interconnected -that to me is really important- to educate the public on how they are interrelated."

Mangum is also President of the Colonel Richard Somers Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and Vice President of the State SAR. Through his association with the SAR he has led Ocean County in a fruitful partnership including annual commemorations of the American Revolution in Ocean County and marking every cemetery with a Revolutionary War patriot buried there.

Mangum continued...

Mangum grew up in Toms River where his mother's family had a farm. "Toms River was all farms when I was a kid and we were always outside. My mom never knew where we were and that was okay as long as we were home for dinner." Mangum's mother Matilda was a professional artist and his father Thomas instilled in him love for nature. "He was the outdoorsman, he taught me hunting, fishing and camping." And, he could build just about anything— "furniture, houses, canoes; all my carpentry skills come from my dad. I've made rustic furniture and Garveys—biggest one was 26-feet built in my backyard in Parkertown. I won a prize one year for a smaller garvey."

His garvey was entered in a contest during the Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy and Gunning Show, a premier outdoor festival held yearly in Tuckerton at Tip Seaman County Park—a festival Mangum started with the Ocean County Freeholders' backing. He explains the genesis of the show: "The New Jersey Decoy Collectors Association was just starting to get underway and they wanted to have a tailgate picnic to buy, swap and sell decoys at Tip Seaman Park. Jimmy Allen and Bud Seaman reached out to the county and I suggested that instead of a tailgate, do a real show to showcase real skills and craftsmanship —with all the facets of waterfowling included in the show —boat building, shooting skills, carving, and also to get the kids involved.

"We also decided there would be no cash awards; keep it a friendly show - give out ribbons and plaques and

they have bragging rights. We named it the Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy and Gunning Show because Barnegat Bay was known worldwide. If you talked about duck hunting in the 1800s and you were a waterfowler, you knew Barnegat Bay. We had people come from all over the world not just the U.S. and that name brought them. And traditionally, we always called it 'gunning'—not hunting."

Another intention for the show was to honor the old-timers in the region—Hurley Conklin, Tip Seaman, Sammy Hunt, etc said Mangum. "We tried to add new facets to the show every year—that's what John Holloway would say, that's how you grow it."

"We had and have lots of help—volunteers – some of them for over 40 years."

Once the show was established, the Barnegat Bay Decoy Museum came out of that. "It was built by volunteers but the county was a part of it because we bought the Mouse Factory (Antique store) building. It was a good spot, with good foot traffic during the show. Tom and John Gormley, George Kurtz, Jimmy Allen, Malcolm Robinson, Jeff Daum and so many other people were part of that but Tom and John were the driving force."

"I'm most proud of that decoy show becoming the largest in the country for many years," said Mangum. The show grew from 35 exhibitors and 10 contests in 1989 to 500 exhibitors and 64 contests.

Mangum is also proud of the partnership the county has forged with the New Jersey Forest Fire Service and the prescribed burning it has been doing over the last 35 years to lessen the threat of uncontrolled wildfires. "We have developed a Forest Stewardship Plan for Wells Mills and are working on one for Forked River Mountains among others."

Some people don't understand forest management, said Mangum because they feel the forests should be untouched. "But when we look at the history of the forest, it was first managed by Native Americans with fire. Burning the forest leaves trees much farther



Sara Cureton, NJ Historical Commission, Mangum, and students at the Ocean County WWI Commemoration.

Photo credit: Ocean County Parks.

apart and adds grasslands. For over 100 years the idea was to keep fire out of the environment—but now we are coming back to try to manage the forest—an overstocked forest is not a healthy forest and an unhealthy forest is more susceptible to pests and major wildfires.

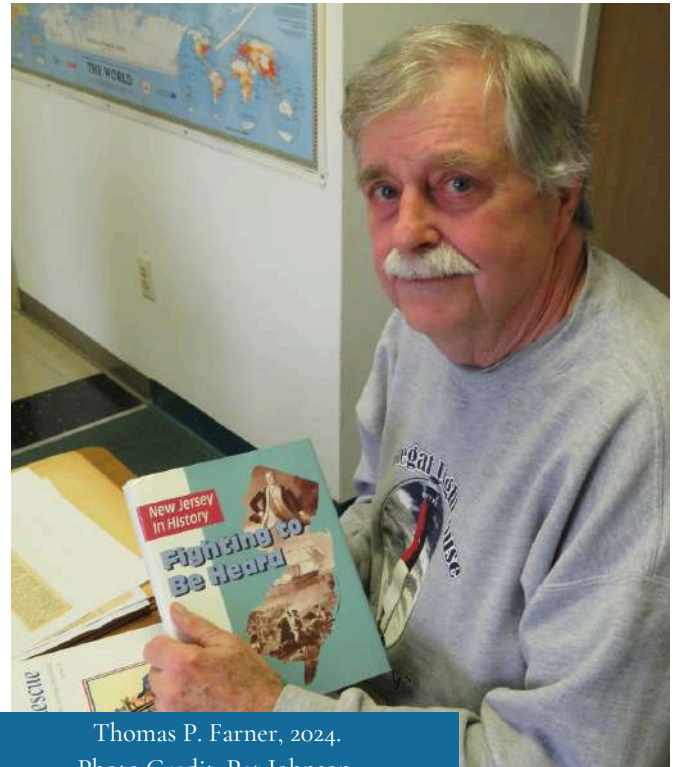
“I’ve been lucky to work for two very supportive Commissioners, (Freeholder) John Bartlett and Commissioner Virginia Haines.

“We have an obligation to educate the public on our history and our environment. The biggest thing is to do right by the public as best you can—and to provide services to the public in a cost effective manner. We have a lot of good people working in the parks department.”

And after so many years of hard work with Ocean County Parks and Recreation, Mangum is ready to enjoy the fruits of his labor along with a grateful public—fishing canoeing, hunting and traveling in the parks and natural lands he helped acquire and preserve.

Thomas P. Farner: Lifetime Achievement in History

By Pat Johnson



Thomas P. Farner, 2024.
Photo Credit: Pat Johnson.



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The 2024 Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award for Ocean County History goes to Thomas P. Farner, author of the book *New Jersey in History: Fighting to be Heard* and writer of *200-Plus*, a weekly history column appearing in *The Sandpaper*, a newsmagazine on Long Beach Island. Because of his publicity in recognizing that the last Revolutionary War skirmish was fought at Cedar Bridge Tavern in Barnegat, Farner is noted for his impact on the preservation of the site—now an Ocean County Parks Historic Site. He also was the author of the booklet *The Forgotten Years: From Yorktown to Paris 1781-1783* for the 225th anniversary of the American Revolution.

Farner continued....

Farner was born in Mount Holly in 1947, his family moved to Ship Bottom in 1958. He taught history in the Pemberton School District, retiring in 2003 after 33 years. During that time he was recognized twice in *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. Being a young teacher however was even less lucrative in the 1970s so he looked for summer employment. Farner also had a desire to have his name in print.

“One of the things that influenced my writing, we had to take two years of Pennsylvania history in college and I realized I knew nothing about New Jersey- it was a new experience.”

“This is how I got started - in 1974 CBS started something called *Bicentennial Minutes* as a prelude to the 1976 Bicentennial. It would tell what happened on that day 200 years ago. I came up with the idea, ‘What the heck—why not do that with what happened in New Jersey?’ I took the idea to the Daily Observer (newspaper) and the publisher supported me. I started the column on Oct. 1974. The plan was to go through the Revolutionary War. But right before the Bicentennial the state was putting out something similar for free (to the newspapers) so I got laid off.”

“In 1975, my wife Carol was working for Zachariah Realtor and a couple of college kids came in asking for them to buy an ad because they were going to start a newspaper called *The Sandpaper*. That was Curt and Gail Travers. So I went to see them –their first issue was in June 1976. So now I worked for *The Sandpaper*.”

During his years writing history columns for *The Sandpaper*, Farner and his wife Carol had many adventures. “My column has become the springboard for everything,” he said. From his articles on the writing of the Constitution, Farner was asked to be a judge of the National Bicentennial Competition for High Schools,

first for Burlington County, then statewide and then in Washington, D.C. “I have a signed document from Chief Justice Warren Burger.” It’s a thank-you for Farner’s ‘invaluable assistance’ in the competition.

Farner is known for his attention to detail and research using primary sources from the Library of Congress, Ocean County Library’s newspaper collection and military records. From his articles on the airships based out of Lakehurst, Farner became friendly with the Director of the Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian.

By 1995, Farner had written hundreds of columns and the decision was made to collect his best for the book, *New Jersey in History, Fighting to Be Heard* published by Down the Shore Publishing in 1996. In his preface he wrote, “I recognized how often the role of the little state of New Jersey has been very much underestimated ... The purpose of this book is to fill in the holes in the fabric of American history.” The book is full of amazing,



Affair at Cedar Bridge commemoration, an Ocean County historic site preserved in part thanks to Thomas P. Farner’s work.
Photo credit: Ocean County.

little-known facts about our state—for instance one chapter explains there was a Tea Party complete with men disguised as Native Americans in

Farner continued....

Gloucester County on December 18, 1774—one year after the Boston Tea Party. Instead of tossing the tea into a harbor, the tea was set ablaze in the town square to send a message to those who would try to circumvent the self-imposed embargo of tea by the colonists. And why does Mount Holly celebrate Halloween with so much attention to witches? In pre-Revolutionary Mount Holly two people were tried as witches and Benjamin Franklin reported on the incident in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*. Upon publication of his book, Farner received official recognition from the New Jersey state legislature during their 1998 session.

In the early years of his column *200-Plus* Farner would travel to Washington, D.C., Toms River and other locations to do research but the explosion of the Internet in the early 90s made research easier. To find some of the obscure bits of history Farner goes to virtual libraries and searches for our local towns.

“I prefer to use primary sources though—for the (stories on the) Revolution I found so much! In 1835 Congress passed a law to award pensions to anyone who was enlisted and served in the Revolution—they had to tell their story and have others testify to it and these are all in the national archives.”

Farner’s series of articles on the final land skirmish of the Revolutionary War is credited in resurrecting interest in Cedar Bridge Tavern—now an Ocean County Parks Historic Site in Barnegat. Farner said his interest was peaked when rereading Charles Beck’s *Forgotten Towns* newspaper columns and book written in the 1950s. “I read about it and I wrote about it for *The SandPaper* in 1982.”

Farner and Carol visited the owner of the tavern at the time, Rudy Koenig, and got a tour of the tavern. Farner conducted more research on the December 27, 1782 skirmish between Patriots and Captain John Bacon’s loyalists known as the ‘Pine Robbers’, in order to bolster the location of the skirmish. Some other local historians claim the battle took place at another Cedar Bridge in Forked River.

“I found a case in Admiralty Court that said Bacon was in Tuckerton on December 15. Shortly after that, the Burlington County militia is looking for Bacon. They left from around Trenton. There was a direct road from Springfield to Tuckerton that goes right through Cedar Bridge (in Barnegat). To get to the other Cedar Bridge you have to go all the way to Toms River and take the Shore Road south. And why would the Burlington County militia go (to find Bacon)? If the battle occurred in Forked River, the Toms River militia would have been assigned.”

Farner also points to the 1930s Works Project Administration project that came to Cedar Bridge Tavern to take photos and document the site. “If it wasn’t so important, why did the WPA spend all that time there?”

On a late winter’s day that felt like spring, Farner was at the Cedar Bridge Tavern Ocean County Historic Site being interviewed by students from Lacey High School for their Digital Media Production class. The resulting video will be part of the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission’s video library. Farner and his wife Carol told their stories and Farner went on to tour the tavern with the crew in tow, explaining the finer points of the battle and early Colonial life. His gifted, animated teaching kept the students spell bound. Farner the historian was equally enjoying himself.

Thomas Farner at Cedar Bridge Tavern, 2024.
Photo credit: Pat Johnson.





Ocean County Health Department

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*Source: cdc.gov/respiratory-viruses/

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BARNEGAT BAY DECOYS AND THEIR MAKERS

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Kathryn D. Conrad & W. Grove Conrad: Virginia E. Haines Historic Advocate Award

The 2024 Virginia E. Haines Historic Advocate Award is presented to W. Grove and Kathryn D. Conrad. The award honors those promoting and developing significant contributions to the overall understanding of the importance of Ocean County history.

The Conrads have spent over a half-century as armchair historians living in opposite ends of the world and throughout the United States. In recent decades they have promoted and served various Ocean County history-based organizations including the Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum, The Barnegat Historical Society, New Jersey Decoy Collectors Association and Ocean County's Wells Mills preservation efforts – not forgetting the Wells Mills Environmental Society with Mr. Conrad as President.

The Conrad family has over two centuries of New Jersey history with the last 150 years of prominence in Barnegat, Long Beach Island, Wells Mills and nearby bay and pineland towns. Grove's great-great grandfather began and grew a Barnegat lumber, coal and hardware business that began before 1870; the family also built and successfully operated several sawmills. Conrad Brothers became a principal supplier of building materials for fast developing Long Beach Island in the decades before and after World War Two. This first Grove Conrad built the Life Saving Station in Harvey Cedars (now a fishing club) and was a principal shipper of the Tuckerton Railroad with his son David serving as the last president of that railroad.

Another great grandfather, a Predmore, was a Barnegat sea captain, leaving the sea to become the captain of the Loveladies Life Saving Station and in his later years a historically prominent maker of what is today known as the classic Barnegat decoy. The world of old decoys has been a mainstream focus of Grove and Kathy for fifty years including a six-year stint for Grove as the President of the New Jersey Decoy Collectors Association.

Kathy, too, has not only a Philadelphia/New Jersey multi-generational history but has twenty plus years of teaching students' geography and history and in recent years becoming a go-to person for local genealogical work. She explains that each of us owns a legacy and if we can assist in or get below the obvious, each legacy is something to be proud of – it cannot be taken away.



Grove and Kathy Conrad, 2024.
Photo credit: Pat Johnson.

Kathy's volunteer work with Tuckerton Seaport is exemplary of her spirit and a testament to this award. Kathy cataloged the loosely documented decoy collection. She designed and oversaw the restoration

Conrads continued....

of the Hester Sedge gunning club that included the documentation and exhibit of Barnegat Bay duck hunting clubs and she established with Linda Salmons the Surf Museum. In the midst of these accomplishments, she organized three Seaport juried art shows as well as coordinated changing exhibits most notably Tuckerton Railroad and the New Jersey 350 year celebration.

The Conrads' most recent "advocacy" has been leading the revitalization of the Barnegat Historical Society. That 60-year Society was on the brink of folding; Grove's love of his younger years in Barnegat and Kathy's history ethic set them on a course to help bring the Barnegat Historical Society back to being important towards helping those "from away" in knowing of and having pride in their new-found roots.

"The participation of Ocean County has been an important part of this revitalization" says Grove. "The county's Cultural and Heritage Commission and its Department of Parks and Recreation have provided us with meeting venues, lecture leaders, special grant funds as well as guidance for our future and continued revival".

Two of the presentations include: 'Ol Tales of Barnegat presented at Cloverdale Farm County Park on June 15, 2pm and Salt Hay Farms & Farming at Cedar Bridge Tavern County Historic Site on July 27 at 3pm.

Grove Conrad, 2024.
Photo Credit: Pat Johnson.



Kathy Conrad holds a 1920 quilt, the subject of one of her latest research projects.
Photo credit: Pat Johnson.

When asked why the all-consuming interest in Jersey history Mr. and Mrs. Conrad explain:

"We are romantics – we love life. In the 57 years of our marriage we have lived in foreign countries and throughout the United States; in every place we loved the history and lives of the people. Kathy calls it the great unending adventure. This past quarter-century we have become romantics of the history and people of here, where we live, and where our people are from.... of our roots. We are humbled with this Virginia E. Haines Historic Advocate Award."

They explain this romanticism of South Jersey people and places with an Andrew Wyeth quotation – both having an admiration for the art works and thoughts of Wyeth:

"I've seen so many things that go unrecorded... These subtle things that go by. People I know. I don't know why I record them; I just want to get these things out. You can be in a place for years and years and not see something and then when it dawns, all sorts of nuggets of richness start popping all over the place, you've gotten below the obvious."

And so, in selecting W. Grove and Kathryn Conrad for this Virginia E. Haines Award, Ocean County has selected two who have "gotten below the obvious," they are nuggets of richness – congratulations.

Special Award of Merit: Cheryl Kirby & Echoes of LBI

By Pat Johnson

Cheryl Kirby was awarded the 2024 Special Merit Award for “enriching the cultural fabric of Ocean County” through her publication of *Echoes of LBI*. Kirby was raised on LBI, owns Things Adrift, a store specializing in exotic shells, and lives in Ship Bottom. The magazine is dedicated to retelling the memories of those who lived, vacationed and love LBI and publishing poetry about LBI, as well as, artwork by local artists and photographers. It is also a rarity itself, a beautiful example of a “slick” magazine, which means it is printed on the best paper with high photographic resolution and for all its costliness to print, the magazine is free to the public. The covers always feature one or more shells and the issues have become collector’s items.

Last year was the 15th Anniversary of the magazine and the cover was a colorful collage of favorite shells from contributors, staff and readers.

“I started *Echoes* to keep the history of LBI alive and to promote local artists, poets and authors,” said Kirby. “As the name says, *Echoes* is the reverberation of the people, places and arts that have shaped LBI over the years.”

Keeping a lively LBI is foremost in Kirby’s intentions, not just in publishing *Echoes* but in the festivals she has either started or helps sustain. She was instrumental in founding the Lighthouse International Film Festival now in its 15th year and the Sea Glass Festival held September 29 and 30. The Sea Glass Festival rounds out the tourist year with a Best Sea Glass contest, Best Found Fossil, lectures and a Wrack line Sculpture Contest wherein contestants make sculptures from beach-found flotsam and



Cheryl Kirby, 2024.
Photo Credit: Pat Johnson.

jetsam. The festival still hold the Guinness World Book of Records for the amount of people blowing a conch at one time.

“I was born and raised in Harvey Cedars and am a third generation Islander,” said Kirby. “My father, Robert Van Meter was the Chief of Police while I was growing up. We lived on Essex Avenue. Before the March 1962 storm, in my neighborhood there were many long tracts of land that ran perpendicular from the Boulevard to the ocean with a single house on the oceanfront. Stands of small cedars, bayberry bushes and beach plums grew throughout that area. It was our favorite place to play. On the ocean side were the woods and on the bayside were meadows and marshes. Everyday was a thrilling, nature adventure.”

Kirby’s grandparents, Raymond and Edith Van Meter lived on Kinsey Cove.

“There we played, fished, crabbed and learned about boating. We learned about life, love of family, fair play and respect for the natural world around us.”

“We went ice skating in winter. In those days there were a lot more children—enough to fill a school bus.” Kirby attended the LBI grade school in Ship Bottom and she dedicates a special page or two in *Echoes* to the 4th graders every year—publishing their poems.

Kirby opened her store ‘Things Adrift’ at 406 Long Beach Boulevard in Ship Bottom in 1974. People are stunned by the beautiful and rare shells she has for sale. Some of the specimens could be in a museum and some of the larger shells are one of a kind. She owns the largest giant clam in the United States and every year people are encouraged to take a selfie sitting in the ‘jaws’ of the clam. Her favorite shell is called the Precious Wentletrap. “The Emperor of Japan would pay a fortune for them –when they became rare they were made of rice paper to sell to the Emperor. Today there are easier ways to harvest the shells and the rice paper ones are more valuable now.”

Kirby studied and knows all the scientific or Latin names of the shells and although children’s passions for collecting exotic shells have gone the way of stamp collecting, adults are very interested in decorating with natural objects like shells, said Kirby. She also sells paintings by local artists: Carol Freas, Nancy Edwards, Pat Morgan, and still has some pieces by the late watercolor artist Robert Sakson.

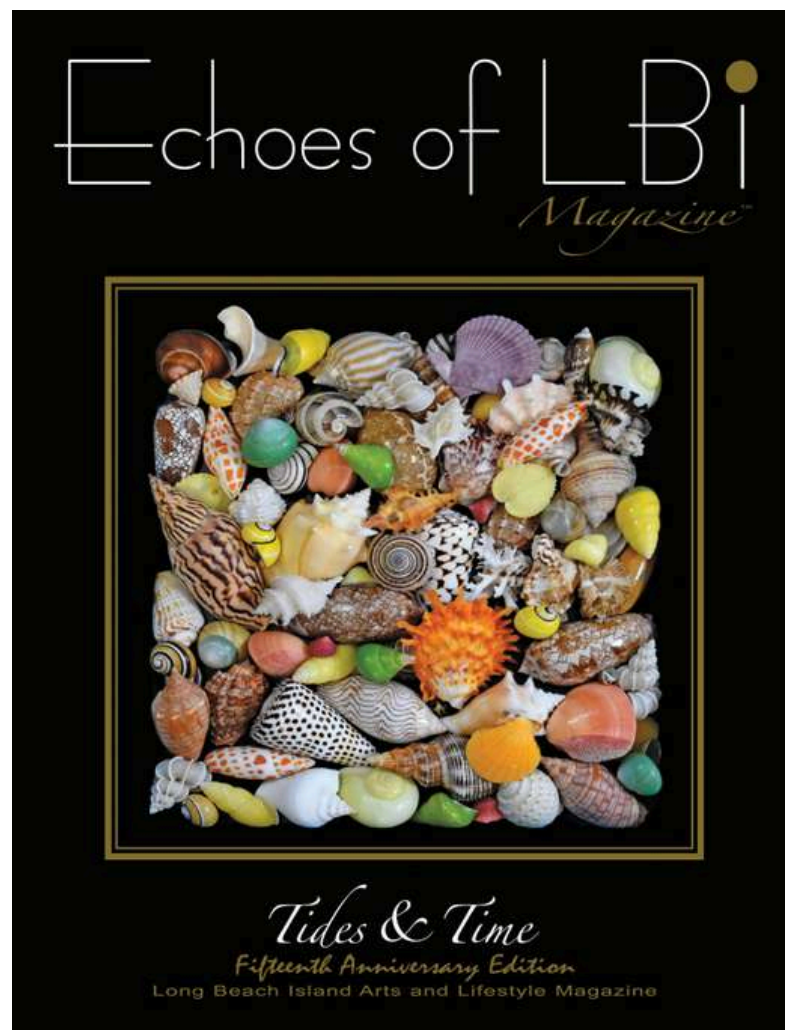
Kirby’s own passion for collecting started when just a child, beachcombing with her sisters and brothers and her mother. Now she has turned her passion to collecting stories of the place she knows best and loves.

In her anniversary issue there were stories about beachcombing, horseshoe crabs, Barnegat Lighthouse, Southern Ocean Medical Center, LBI Garden Club, a memory of a teacher at the LBI Grade School, a tribute to writer Margaret ‘Poochy’ Thomas, Barnegat Yacht Club, a reunion of kids who grew up in Harvey Cedars, a story of Beach Haven West, The Lucy Evelyn, Boris Blai and more poetry and photographs than any other magazine has the nerve to publish.

“We’ll never run out of stories about LBI. All my writers love to do these stories,” said Kirby.

Kirby can be found at Things Adrift most days when the store is open. Starting in May, the store will be open everyday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you have a unique story or anecdote, she’ll want to hear it.

<https://echoesoflbi.com/>



Seaside Heights & the Moreland Carousel: Historic Preservation Award

By Pat Johnson

Seaside Heights has been awarded the Historic Preservation Award for the restoration of the Dr. Floyd L. Moreland Carousel and returning it to the public to enjoy.

The Carousel offers 58 wooden animals, 35 jumping horses that go up and down on poles, 18 standing horses, 2 camels, a lion, tiger and donkey plus two chariots—one of which has been modified to allow for wheelchair use. The ride also sports the original Wurlitzer player organ that has dozens of selections that can fill the air with holiday music, old time or pop tunes. It's estimated the carousel was built in early 1910 and first located on Burlington Island Park in the Delaware River. The best estimate on when it was moved to the Seaside Heights boardwalk is between 1932 and 1936.

In 2012 the Carousel miraculously survived Superstorm Sandy but in 2014, the owners of Casino Pier were looking to sell it and it would probably have been lost to the borough. That's when the Borough stepped in and offered to purchase it, said Seaside Heights Administrator Chris Vaz. This began a two-year odyssey to facilitate a land swap between the borough and the owners of Casino Pier. The borough had to clear state hurdles to allow it to swap a section of borough-owned beach for a vacant parcel of land on the boardwalk further north at Cateret and Sampson Avenues. The Pier had sustained damage during Sandy and wanted to rebuild on land, not over the sea. The Pier has since rebuilt their amusement rides, adding a Ferris wheel and roller coaster and



Carousel horses prior to renovation.
Photo Credit: Brian Crockett.

contributing to Seaside Heights' tourist attractions, said the administrator.

"When the owners floated the idea of selling it away from Seaside Heights, the publicity was so great and so many people wanted to preserve it that we worked out the deal." As part of the settlement, a 67-acre parcel of land along the Toms River was also preserved through the Green Acres program.

The Carousel needed lots of work even through it had been restored once in the 1980s under the prompting of Doctor Floyd L. Moreland. "He loved carousels and after sprucing it up, became the operator," said Vaz. The carousel is named for him.

As Seaside Heights administrator, Vaz worked diligently to secure a \$750,000 grant from the New Jersey Historic Trust in 2019.

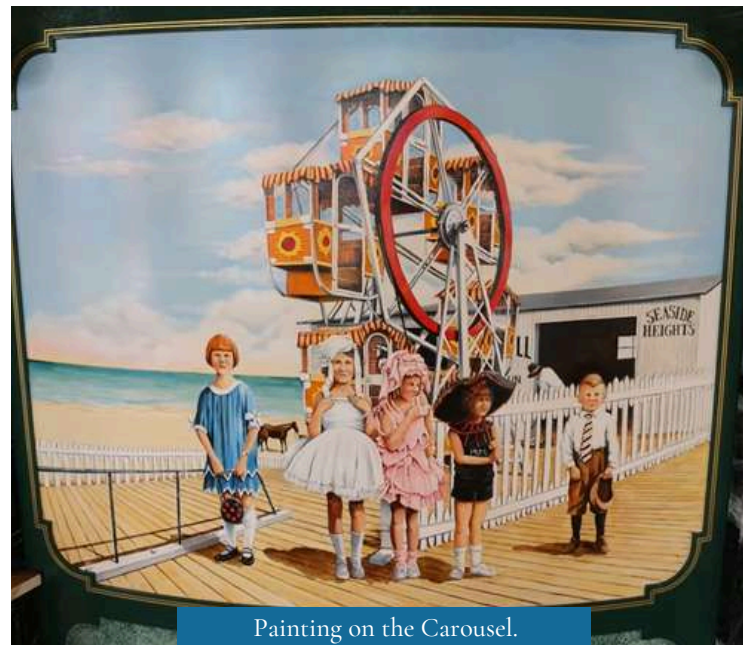
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The borough also formed the Seaside Heights Historical Society. “The nonprofit Historical Society was necessary to be able to serve as the fundraising arm,” Vaz explained. The Carousel and the pavilion belong to the borough in perpetuity.

In order to restore the attraction, the entire carousel was dismantled and sent to “Carousels and Carvings” in Marion, Ohio - the only business in the US that completely restores carousels.

“They meticulously de-assembled the carousel, put it on trucks and drove it to their workshop where they reassembled it. Then once it was done, they de-assembled it again and brought it to the pavilion and reassembled it,” said Vaz. Vaz made three trips during the process to check on progress and was duly impressed. “Once you see it fully restored, it’s unbelievable how beautiful [it is],” he said.

Although already a shining example of a disappearing piece of Americana, (only 4 wooden carousels are left in New Jersey and only 200 in all of the country) restoration on the Carousel will continue. The wooden horses and animals are awaiting full restoration. Every year, starting this fall, three or four horses or animals will be sent to the company in Ohio to be completely taken down to the original wood and repainted.



Painting on the Carousel.
Photo credit: NJ.com.

The Carousel is sure to boost tourism especially at the north end of the boardwalk that had previously been less traveled. “Our hope is that people will walk to see and ride the carousel,” said Vaz.

Starting last July, the pavilion was open to allow visitors to see the restoration in progress and on New Year’s Eve, 300 people came to see it.

Vaz grew up in Seaside Heights, is also the borough historian and is dedicated to preserving the history of his hometown. He has been collecting Seaside Heights memorabilia for a number of years. The center panels of the carousel were repainted with scenes taken from old post cards that Vaz had collected. “I started collecting post cards and stories about Seaside Heights in the 1990s. In the back of my mind, I thought they would be part of a local museum.” He recently donated his ephemera to the historical society. “Now we have two rooms in the back of the pavilion, two galleries where we tell Seaside Heights history.” Vaz also lent his postcard collection for a book on Seaside Heights by Arcadia publishing in 2010.

This summer, the sounds of the Wurlitzer organ will again mingle with the laughter of children on the Carousel, adding to a lineage of memories of Seaside Heights.



Carousel building exterior, Seaside Heights.
Photo Credit: NJ.com.

Ocean County Teen Arts Festival

The Ocean County Teen Arts Festival is proudly hosted by the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College. The festival is cosponsored by the Ocean County Board of Commission through the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

Held in mid-March, the Ocean County Teen Arts Festival invites high school students to showcase their artistic talents to their peers, receive professional feedback from adjudicators, and participate in free cross-disciplinary workshops on campus. Top students from each category are nominated to participate at the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival. The Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commissioners evaluate those

adjudicated for excellence and pick finalists to showcase at the *Salute to Ocean County*. The Commission supports the students by providing each of the finalists with an award of \$650. Additionally, several Ocean County high schools receive \$1,000 each to produce documentaries on the *Salute to Ocean County* awardees. Lacey Township High School was selected to receive an award of an additional \$1,000 for the best production in the documentary category for their production on Thomas P. Farner - Lifetime Achievement in History.

The following schools were selected to showcase their talent at the *Salute to Ocean County*:

Visual Arts:

Jackson Memorial High School - *On A Line* by Benjamin Springfield

Student Film:

Jackson Liberty High School - *Kismet*

Dance:

Jackson Liberty High School - *Express*

Vocal:

Southern Regional High School - *O Magnum, Heartbeat, Good Vibrations*

Instrumental:

Pinelands Regional High School - *Take The A Train*

Creative Writing:

Barnegat High School - *Wriggling Vines* by Tru Lomby

Musical Theater:

Southern Regional High School - *Voulez Vous*



On A Line
by Benjamin Springfield.



Two Locations:



94 Stafford Ave.
Manahawkin



140 East Main St.
Tuckerton

visit us at:
pineshoresartassociation.org

Gallery Shows & Opportunities:

PSAA Members can choose to have their art in multiple shows in FIVE galleries throughout the year!

Stafford Studio Gallery: Spring and Fall shows offer cash awards. The Annual Student Show recognizes work done in PSAA classes.

Photography is featured in an annual show, and Special Theme shows present new challenges to artists!

Tuckerton Art Center: Gallery shows coordinate with town festivals to give members four annual art sale events!

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Borough Hall Gallery features PSAA work.



Art Classes & Workshops:

Learn something new, or brush up on those skills!

Beginner to Advanced Artist Levels, all are welcome here!

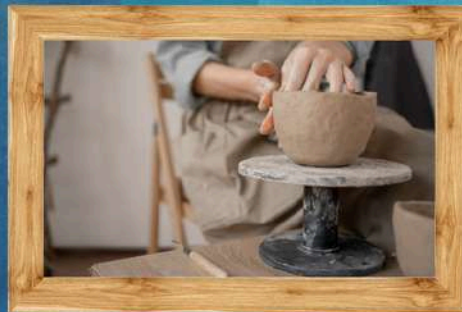
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Pine Shores Art Association received funding this year from a grant administered by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission from funds granted by the New Jersey State Arts Council, a division of the Department of State. Pine Shores Art Programs are also generously supported by Stafford Township, The Borough of Beach Haven, The Borough of Tuckerton, and by TD Bank.



Large print and other Special Assistance/Accommodations are available upon request. Please request services two weeks in advance.

Make Art at Stafford Avenue by Lois Lyons



Boat Ride by Linda Saladino



Super Moon over Little Egg harbor by Diane Tomash



Hanging Out by Carol Freeze



Storm Over Sedges II by Linda Ramsay



The Good Life by Paul Hartelius



A View from A Far by Linda Werner



Sunrise on the Beach by Joyce Echoward



Turpin Beach by Carlo Gaboardi



Hunting the Marsh by Catherine Falcon



Three Gulls by Jim Maloney



Boy on the Beach by Tom Foster



Sunset Sail by MaryBeth McCabe



On The Rocks by Alicia Molloy



Gull Interrupted by Lisa Budd *Up and Away* by Veronica Astrom



Grace Calvary Church
by Shelly Ristow



Springtime by
Kathy Crocker



Gullible by Barbara Whelan



Lucille's Country Cooking

By Pat Johnson



Karen Bates-Flynn, Diane Brown and her daughter Kim Lohr at Lucille's.
Photo credit: Pat Johnson.

Lucille's Country Cooking in Warren Grove is a popular breakfast and lunch eatery serving great food at good prices but it's more than that. In the tiny hamlet of Warren Grove, Lucille's is the community's gathering place, the place where locals keep up to date on news and each other's health and well-being. In that way it's a throw back to easier times when community was more than a catch phrase. Lucille's is smack dab in the Pinelands and the restaurant sees many tourists and dedicated local diners, and is responsible for sending

a great number of folks to the newly renovated Cedar Bridge Tavern Historic Site and Ocean County Park to enjoy outdoor recreation and tales of the last documented land engagement of the American Revolution.

Lucille's is named for Lucille Bates Wickward who started the business with her husband James Bates in 1975. After she passed in January, 2016, her two daughters, Diane Brown and Karen Bates-Flynn took over the business. Both worked other jobs: Diane only recently retired as a purchasing specialist for Stafford Township and Karen has kept her school bus driver job.

“We wanted to continue Mom's traditions,” said Karen. “And continue what she taught us, ‘Be kind, be generous and make sure you laugh.’”

Diane gave a short history of how Lucille's came to be. According to Diane, her father told her mom that they were opening a hot dog stand connected to his new welding business but when her mom saw the building it was much more than that. “She thought it would be like a take-out window but it was more like a diner and she was so shy! Painfully shy. At first she wouldn't come out from the kitchen and talk to people. But once she realized people were kind she started talking and then she couldn't stop,” said Diane. “She could read people very well. She could tell if they were upset or needed to talk, she was like everybody's mom or grandma.”

The business took off. In the 1970's, when Atlantic City was booming, trucks would be driving Route 539 to the various sandpits to supply the concrete to

build the Casinos. “So we had a lot of truck drivers,” said Diane. “Our father always said the best places to eat are where the truck drivers stop,” said Karen. Her parents kept the place open from 5 a.m. till 3 p.m. Karen was only five years old when the family moved to Warren Grove and Diane was thirteen. As with many family businesses the kids were put to work as soon as they were able.

“Diane started waitressing right off the bat and I started peeling potatoes when I was six or seven,” said Karen. “We both made hamburger patties using a press that we had. We did dishes,” added Diane. “We were always closed one day a week—it was our family day.”

The sisters work well together and their personalities compliment each other—Diane mainly runs the

Lucille's continued...

business end of things –purchasing food and paying bills while Karen is the social director. “I’m like my mom and she’s like my Dad,” said Karen. Both their daughters, Kim Lohr and Lauryn Flynn also work at the restaurant.

“All our customers get along,” said Diane.

“They color our life. It’s amazing how accepting people are here—you start a conversation and everyone joins in - So you’re not dining along,” said Karen.

Laughter has always been a staple at Lucille’s. “Mother put a ‘road kill special’ on the menu as a joke –possum today, raccoon tomorrow—you could tell if someone was from way out of town—they’d look at the menu and point it out and my mom would laugh –‘Got ‘em.’”

In 2015, the famous food critic and TV personality Anthony Bourdain put the restaurant on the map by including Lucille’s on his TV show and Lucille’s became part of his official Anthony Bourdain New Jersey Food Trail. The Food Trail is still part of the VisitNJ.org travel guide.

“People still come through on that,” said Diane. “All our food and soups are homemade, and are Mom’s recipes except for a few we have added.”

Tourists also stop to get their photo op with the 8-foot tall Jersey Devil statue in the parking lot. This dapper Jersey Devil is the second iteration by chainsaw artist Joe Wenal, the first one was stolen in May of 2023.

“The day it was stolen, I called him and he was heartbroken,” said Diane. “He said, ‘I’ll get started right now.’ That was May and he delivered it in October. This one has more detail because he spent more time on it.”

Tourism in the pines didn’t stop during the COVID outbreak, it actually improved, said Karen. “People got outdoors again—it’s like they rediscovered something they didn’t know they had missed. We had hikers, bikers, bird watchers, people looking for

wildflowers, people just wanting to get away from commercialized places.”

Being out in the heart of the Pine Plains, an area known for its fast-moving forest fires doesn’t faze the sisters. “We’re kind of protected here. Over there (to the west) is the swamp...and fires generally come from that direction. The one big, big fire, (June 2023 burned 5,000 acres) it was a day like this - blue sky, you couldn’t tell there was a fire.” said Diane.



Jersey Devil statue by Joe Wenal.
Photo Credit: Pat Johnson.

At present Lucille’s no longer has the contract to supply the New Jersey Forest Fire Service with food during a fire, “But back in the day when we had a fire, the commander would drive to the house and say, ‘Lucille, we need 500 sandwiches, and she would get us up out of bed and we would make them,’” said Diane.

The look of Lucille’s, with all its quirky character, will be getting a spruce up for the 50th Anniversary but don’t expect much to change—it will still be exactly what you didn’t know you needed—home-cooking with a friendly, family atmosphere.

Lucille’s Country Cooking is located at 1496 Rte. 539, Warren Grove. <https://www.lucillescountrycooking.com/>

Tuckerton Historical Society Opens Little Museum on Tuckerton Creek

By Pat Johnson



Newest Museum location.
Photo Credit: Pat Johnson.

The Tuckerton Historical Society celebrated 50 years in 2020 and is still going strong and growing under new leadership. President Kathleen Cortese, Vice-President Connie Woolson and co-curators, Sue Zubriski and Ursula Catalano have come up with ways to increase donations and interest in Tuckerton history by opening The Tuckerton 'Crik' Museum in the Little Borough Hall, 22 South Green Street and Willow Landing in Tuckerton.

The present small building was once the borough of Tuckerton's town hall and jail. A number of years ago, the borough agreed to let the Tuckerton Historical Society rent the vacant building for \$1 a year as long as the Society maintained the inside of the building including utilities and the town maintained the outside and grounds.

Since the Society's headquarters and main depository of artifacts and ephemera is housed in the Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum located at

the corner of Wisteria and Oak Lanes in Little Egg Harbor, the Society used it sparingly. The Society always decorated the building for Christmas and for many years held their annual holiday party during the town's 'Ye Olde Tuckerton Christmas' event in the building while inviting the community to enjoy free clam chowder and cookies. One of the founding members, Barbara Bolton also held Rocking Chair and Strawberry Tea events for the older residents of town who gave oral history of days gone by.

The recent decision to move some artifacts related to the Creek's history to downtown Tuckerton is to capture the casual street traffic. Already by opening it on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., many have stopped in and had their curiosity peaked in local history, said Cortese.

The front of the two-room building constructed in 1906 houses the artifacts and some of the books that are published through the Society. Included are a series of 15 books with stories compiled and edited from local newspapers (The Tuckerton Beacon and The Observer) by Steve Dodson. President Kathleen Cortese has also written a historical novel, *Once Upon a Time in Tuckerton* imaginatively recreating the time (1912-1925) when Tuckerton was at the forefront of wireless communication.

If Cortese is there on Saturdays, she will gladly autograph her book with purchase.

All monetary donations collected from visitors to Little Borough Hall and a percentage of sales donated from local crafters & consignment items will be set aside for the Tuckerton Historical Preservation Commission to use exclusively towards the restoration of the exterior of the building. Money from the sale of THS books, hats, sweatshirts, t-shirts and memorabilia which will go directly to the upkeep of the Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum.

In a recent letter to Tuckerton Borough Mayor Sue Marshall, Cortese noted that during Superstorm Sandy in 2010, former THS President Donald Caselli



Vice-President Connie Woolson, Administrative Curator Sue Zubriski, President Kathleen Cortese.
Photo Credit: Pat Johnson.

bailed standing water out of the building—saving it from total destruction. (The Borough awarded a plaque to Caselli for his actions.)

By opening the building, the Tuckerton Historical Society is honoring its obligation to use the premises for historic purposes and is also honoring a commitment to save a Tuckerton landmark.

The society then asked the Borough, through The Historic Preservation Commission to get an estimate for the professional exterior restoration of Little Borough Hall.

Matthias Handlin. He was a Private who joined the cause at 16 years of age for two years commanded by Capt. Butler of the Regt. commanded by Col. Ray of the New Jersey Line. We know of his service almost two hundred and fifty years later because of pension records that Congress authorized many years later for payments long past due. So many years later, in fact, that at 68 he had forgotten much of the detail and had trouble remembering names and places with complete accuracy.

One of the stories that pertains to Ocean County, then part of Monmouth County that is relayed is an account of his earlier service. In it he states that he was sent to Kettle Creek, in what is now Toms River, to guard a saltworks in Toms River (known as the “Pennsylvania Saltworks”). He was permitted to take some time away and found himself in conversation with some young ladies and before he realized was taken by British Tories. He was then hanged until he was thought to be lifeless and, after an unspecified amount of time, found himself on the ground abandoned. He then proceeded to make his way back to the saltworks. It is amazing that he goes on to complete his turn of service after such a horrible incident. I am sure many would have rather gone home.

This account was brought to the Cultural & Heritage staff by a curious connection. Matthias Handlin is a Patriot ancestor of the current President General of the Sons of the American Revolution John L. Dodd, Esq. and he highlighted this account in the Summer 2023 quarterly SAR magazine to a readership of approximately 37,000 members. This goes to show that Ocean County is an important link to the American Revolution not just in New Jersey but all over the country to so many people, whether part of a lineage society or not. A hardship was had that, although not as horrible as we may experience today, the perseverance and commitment to the country can be inspiring to those who are first generation Americans or have been here since the fight for independence.

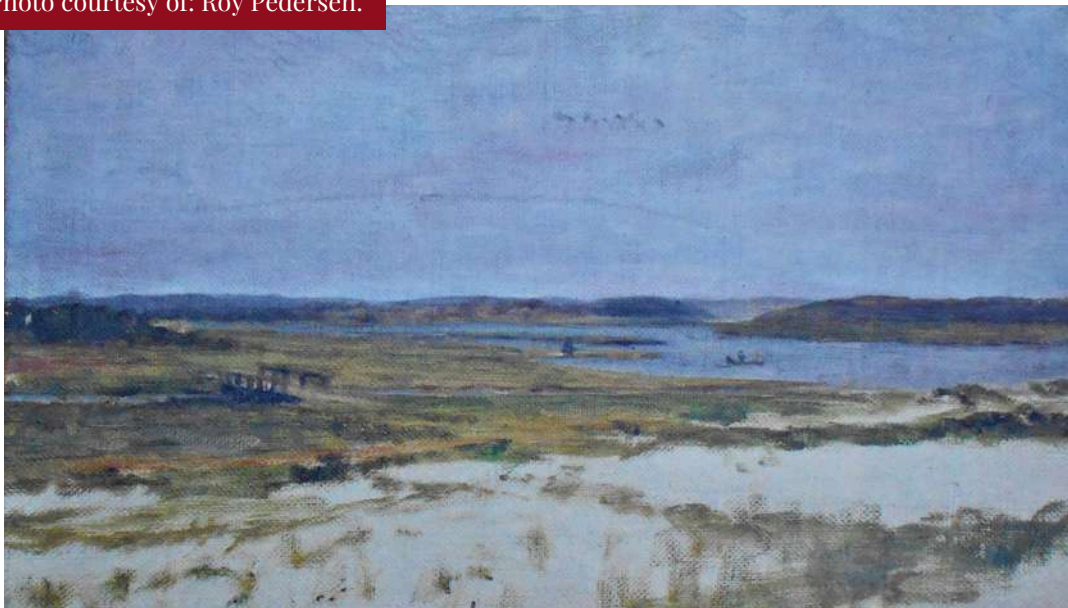


The Mysterious Hanging of Rev War Patriot Matthias Handlin

By R. Joseph Latshaw III

The American Revolution in Ocean County was home to many battles and skirmishes. All of them had people involved with unique stories to tell that also have connections to the present. One of those people that had a story to tell was

Theodore Robinson painting.
Photo courtesy of: Roy Pedersen.



organized by his students and friends. This coincides with the appearance of Japanese composition in his art. Robinson had newly acquired an interest in Japanese prints. He described in a letter written from the shore in October 1894 to Claude Monet that he had begun to collect them. It was Japanese prints which

Impressionist Artist Theodore Robinson

By Roy Pedersen

Theodore Robinson (1852-1896) was widely recognized by his peers as the leading practitioner of impressionism, a style that by the mid-1890s had become the leading force in American art. Robinson was the closest American friend of the great French Impressionist Claude Monet.

After Robinson returned to America from France he wanted to address American subjects. He spent part of the summer of 1894 teaching a group of women students from Brooklyn at Evelyn College in Princeton. During the Labor Day holiday Robinson travelled to Point Pleasant where he met Nestor and Carrie Sanborn head of the Cedars Art Colony where he would teach a small group of students. Classes were to begin on the 7th.

On the days before Robinson spent sailing with friends on the Manasquan River, Robinson seemed happy with his pupils from Sanborn's class. The class was composed of Peck, Washburn, Franks, Terry and Stine. Robinson also enjoying a Japanese party

made Robinson acutely conscious of the decorative power of line, form and décor. This new awareness led Robinson away from western perspective towards the Japanese technique of stacked perspective.

In the prior year, Carrie Cook Sanborn (a late nineteenth-century Quaker artist and head of the Cedars Art Colony in Point Pleasant Beach) and 20 of her students arrived at the Chicago World's fair where Japan took center stage. Carrie's house in Point Pleasant contained Chinese and Japanese pieces purchased from dealers she also attended auctions and competed for examples of art and design.

Carrie Cook (Sanborn) was born in 1843. Her childhood was spent on the farm in Point Pleasant. She began her art training at the Cooper Institute in 1870. It was a happy realization when she and her husband Nestor bought a home next to the old Cook homestead in Point Pleasant known as the Manasquan Cottage.

The best known paintings by Robinson from the Jersey Shore are described as the most sophisticated. Robinson was able to merge his impressionist technique with compositional structures from Japanese prints. One of these paintings when sold at auction in 2003 achieved the price of \$2.14 million dollars!

Art & History Grants

Commissioner Virginia E. Haines is happy to announce a total \$238,000 in grant funding has been awarded to 27 (16 arts and 9 historical) Ocean County arts and heritage organizations in 2024 through a highly competitive, peer reviewed application process. Each year, the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission offers funding to Ocean County based non-profit arts and heritage organizations, units of local government, and institutions of higher education seeking to provide quality arts and history programming and services to the public.

The following organizations received a total of \$88,000 in grant awards from Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission's County History Partnership Program Grant towards General Operating or Special Project Support in FY 2024:

4Th New Jersey Volunteers (\$1,000)
Berkeley Township Historical Society (\$12,500)
*John F. Peto Studio Museum (\$15,400)
*LBI Historical Association (\$14,400)
Navy Lakehurst Historical Society (\$12,100)
Stafford Township Historical Society (\$10,100)
Toms River Business Development Corp. (\$5,000)
Toms River Seaport Society (\$8,500)
Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey (\$9,000)

* Citation of Excellence

These organizations will receive funding this year from a grant administered by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission from funds granted by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State.

The following arts organizations received a total of \$150,000 in grant awards from the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission's Local Arts Program Grant towards General Operating or Special Project support in FY 2024:

Arc of Ocean County (\$5,000)
Borough of Ship Bottom (\$2,500)
*Brick Children's Community Theatre (\$17,400)
Jackson Township (\$2,500)
Island Singers (\$7,100)
Jewish Federation of Ocean County (\$5,000)
*John F. Peto Studio Museum (\$17,700)
Laurelton Art Society (\$4,500)
Lighthouse International Film Festival (\$14,100)
O.C.E.A.N. Inc. (\$5,000)
Ocean County Artist's Guild (\$16,000)
Ocean Professional Theatre Company (\$13,600)
Pine Shores Art Association (\$15,000)
Stafford Township Historical Society (\$2,500)
Toms River Artist Community (\$17,100)
Toms River Business Development Corp. (\$5,000)
* Citation of Excellence

These grants are given to local groups in order to support, promote, and develop the arts in Ocean County.

The Local Arts Program Grant is made possible in part by a grant administered by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission from funds granted by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

For more information regarding the grant program, contact the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission at 732-929-4779, visit their website at www.co.ocean.nj.us/cultural/index.htm, or email culturalheritage@co.ocean.nj.us.

2025 Local Arts & History Program Grant Applications Available This Summer

Grant applications become available in late July/Early August. Grants are offered in Special Project Support and General Operating Support. These grants are competitively awarded based on project/program merit and other criteria. Grants do not need to be matched by the organization for Fiscal Year 2025 thanks to new rules from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and New Jersey Historical Commission.

Contact the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission office at (732) 929 – 4779, or at culturalheritage@co.ocean.nj.us for more information, or to request an application at your earliest convenience. More information on the FY 2025 applications will be available on our website at: co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmGrants.aspx in late July or early August.

Important dates for FY24 Local Arts / History Grants:

Grant Information Workshop:

Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 3:00 or 7:00 PM

Mandatory Declaration of Intent Deadline:

Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 5:00 PM

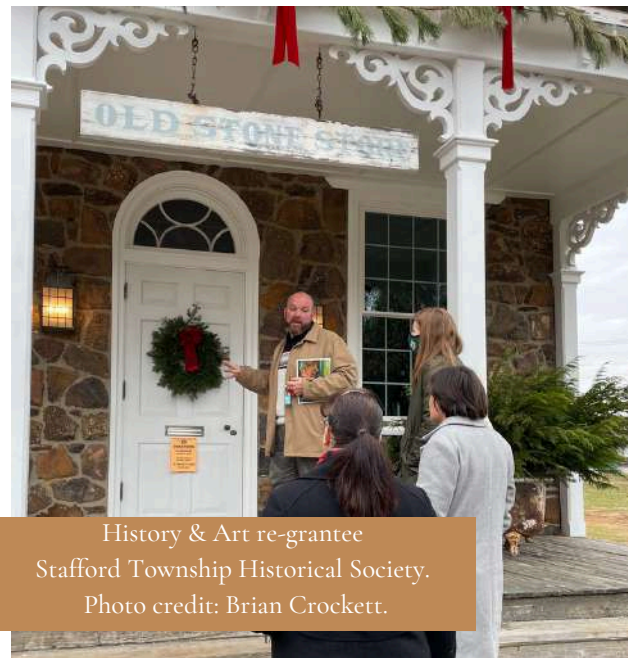
Mail to: Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission
1198 Bandon Rd.,
Toms River, NJ 08753

Application Deadline:

Monday, September 9, 2024, 5:00 PM

Mail to: Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission
1198 Bandon Rd.,
Toms River, NJ 08753.

Ocean County Vendor? Register your organization here:
ocgvss.co.ocean.nj.us/webapp/VSSPROD/AltSelfService



History & Art re-grantee
Stafford Township Historical Society.
Photo credit: Brian Crockett.



History re-grantee
Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey.
Photo credit: Brian Crockett.



Art re-grantee Surflight Theatre.
Photo credit: Brian Crockett.

Special Funding Initiative

The Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission offers a variety of capacity building opportunities to non-profits and to date, has awarded over \$3.1 million in grants. Thanks to an unprecedented increase in funding from the state of New Jersey, the Commission has announced \$238,000 in grant awards for 2024.

An additional \$30,000 is available for 2024 through the Special Funding Initiative program for Art and History projects. The Initiative offers a rolling deadline throughout the year, simplified request process, and short time frame from request to award. Limited funds are still available in 2024.

Total Funds Available for Art-based projects:
\$20,000

Maximum awards:
\$1,000 or \$2,000

Total Funds Available for History-based projects:
\$10,000

Maximum Award:
\$1,000

Be sure to read the updated FY 2024 Guidelines in full before submitting your application.

For complete guidelines and submission forms for the Special Funding Initiative, visit the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission website:

co.ocean.nj.us/OC/ch/frmSpecialFunding.aspx

Watch the Special Funding Initiative webinar for more details on eligibility, the request process, and reporting requirements:

youtube.com/watch?v=ncDOiTKhjEY

The Commission's other offerings include;

- the Local Arts Program and County History Partnership Program grants,
- professional development workshops,
- technical assistance,
- publicity and publication,
- partnerships,
- co-sponsorships,
- professional consulting,
- access to national memberships,
- STEPs assistance,
- and recognition through awards.



The Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission receives grants from both the New Jersey Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission in the Department of State.

Ocean County Carousel of Music 2024

Bring a Blanket or Beach Chair

See our website for more
www.oceancountyparks.org

**Ocean County Parks
 & Recreation Administration
 Offices**
 1198 Bandon Road
 Toms River
 Start time 6:30pm

Total Soul
 June 21

Louis and Joann & the Uptown Band
 June 28

Underwater Airlines
 July 5

Strictly 60s
 July 12

Lenny Davis Band
 July 19

80's Revolution
 July 26

The Fleetwood Mac Experience
 August 2

Sensational Soul Cruisers
 August 9

The Kootz Band
 August 16

Wilbur Wittemann Orchestra
 August 23

Mushmouth
 August 30

Tuckerton Seaport
 120 West Main St., Tuckerton
 Start Time 6:30pm

Jersey Gold
 August 10

Blondage Rocks
 August 17

Deerhead Lake
 1740B Deerhead Lake Drive
 Forked River
 Start Time 6:30pm

High in the Mid 80s
 August 28

Ocean County Library
 101 Washington Street
 Toms River
 Start Time 6:30pm

Bob Kulik- A Salute to Frank Sinatra
 June 20

63rd Army Band
 June 27

Toms River Municipal Band
 July 4

Garden State Philharmonic
 July 11

Toms River Municipal Band
 July 18

Toms River Municipal Band
 July 25

Toms River Municipal Band
 August 1

Brass Tacks
 August 8

Toms River Municipal Band
 August 15

Wilbur Wittemann Big Band
 August 22

Sentimental Journey Big Band
 August 29

Toms River Municipal Band
 September 5

Heritage Gazebo
 Bay Ave., Lavallette
 Start Time 7pm

Wilbur Wittemann Big Band
 August 25

Gille Park
 102 Manchester Ave., Forked River
 Start Time 6:30pm

Billy Joel Tribute & Here's Elton Tribute
 July 31



Veterans Park
 489 Forest Hills Parkway
 Berkeley Township
 Start Time 6pm

Rock N' Rhythm
 June 26

Sketchy Medicine
 July 10

Jukebox Legends
 July 24

Dominique & Julian
 August 7

**23rd Ave.
 Seaside Park**
 Start time 5pm
Alotta Colada
 August 24

Waterfront Park
 10th Street & Shore Ave.
 Ship Bottom
 Start time 6:30pm

Bullzeye
 June 27

Simmerr
 July 3

Pure Petty
 July 11

Studio 2
 July 18

Tequila Rose Band
 July 25

The Verdict
 August 1

Dread Pilots
 August 8

The Chris Fritz Band
 August 15

Danny's 52nd Street Band
 August 22

Jimmy and the Parrots
 August 29

Summer Concerts

NOTE: Check with venue for confirmation of time, conditions, date, etc. Listings are abridged from organizational information and may lack full details. Subject to change without notice.

BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP

609-698-0080 X122
<https://www.barnegat.net/departments/office-of-recreation/recreation-events/>
Barnegat Municipal Dock
at 6:30 PM
Saturdays, June 15 - August 31

BARNEGAT LIGHT

609-494-9196
www.barnegatlight.org
Bay Breeze Park at 7:00 PM
Mondays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29;
August 5, 12, 19, & 26

BERKELEY TOWNSHIP

732-269-4456
<http://btrec.org/concertseries.html>
Veteran's Park at 6:00 PM
Wednesdays; June 26, July 10, 24,
August 7
Saturday, August 24 - Summer
Beach Party at 23rd Ave. in S.
Seaside Park
Saturday, September 14 -
Community Pride Day

BRICK TOWNSHIP

732-262-1044
www.twp.brick.nj.us/calendar.asp
Windward Beach Park at 7:00 PM
Thursdays; July 4, 11, & 18

HARVEY CEDARS BOROUGH

609-361-6000
www.harveycedars.org
Sunset Park, West Salem Avenue at
6:30 PM
Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31;
August 7, 14, 21

LAVALLETTE BOROUGH

732-793-7477
<http://www.lavallette.org/heritage>
Heritage Gazebo at 7:00 PM
Sundays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28,
August 11, 18, 25, Sept. 1
July 7 concert at 7:00 PM &
fireworks at 8:00 PM

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

732-657-8121
www.manchestertwp.com
Harry Wright Lake at 6:00 PM
Saturday, June 29 - Manchester Day
at 2:00, concert at 6:00 PM
Wednesdays, July 10 & 31;
August 7 & 21

SEASIDE PARK BOROUGH

732-793-3700
<http://www.seasideparknj.org>
Police Station Lawn between 5th &
7th Avenues at 7:30 PM
Mondays, June 24; July 1, 8, 15, 22, &
29; August 5, 12, 19, & 26

SHIP BOTTOM BOROUGH

609-494-2171
www.shipbottom.org
Waterfront Park, 10th St. & Shore
Ave. at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, July 3;
Thursdays, July 11, 18, & 25;
August 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP

609-597-1000
staffordhistory.org/concert.html
Manahawkin Lake Park Pavilion at 7:00 PM
Mondays, July 8, 15, 22 & 29; August 5, 12, 19 & 26

Free Kids Shows

Kids Summer Spectacular 2024

John C. Bartlett Jr. County Park at Berkeley Island
Thursdays 1:00pm ****FREE****

7/11	ANDREW'S BIG SHOW
...and at 2:30pm by	Korea TaeKwonDo Center Marital Arts School
7/18	YOIS'S WEE ROCK CONCERT
7/25	LEE'S CIRCUS EXTRAVAGANZA
8/1	THE MAGIC OF OMAR OLUSION
8/8	PIRATE VINCE
8/15	CHOO CHOO'S MAGIC
8/22	ISLAND MAGIC
8/29	KEN THE MAGICIAN

Brought to you by the Ocean County Board of Commissioners - Virginia E. Haines - Chairwoman of Parks and Recreation
Barbara Jo Cina, Virginia E. Haines, John P. Kelly, Gary Quinn, Frank Sadeghi

Summer Events

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** - indicates FREE event*

Ocean County Parks & Recreation Department

732-506-9090

<https://www.oceancountyparks.org/>

Maker Mondays Kids Craft Hour *

Mon, June 3 - 17; 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Nature Center - Jakes Branch County Park, 1100 Double Trouble Rd. Beachwood, NJ
Nature crafts/activities for kids. Bring your preschooler to create their own natural wonder!

Summer Picnic Party *

Thurs, June 27; 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
John C. Bartlett Jr. County Park, 399 Brennan Concourse, Bayville
Live music & food truck (or pack a picnic). Bring your blankets/chairs.

Touch-A-Truck Festival*

Fri, June 28th; 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Jakes Branch County Park, 1100 Double Trouble Rd, Beachwood
Kids can touch, get behind the wheel, climb, explore, learn, and have fun!
Sensory friendly 10:00-10:30.

Ocean County Fair

Wed -Sat; July 12-14
Wed & Thurs; 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Fri & Sat; 11:00 am - 11:00 pm
Sun; 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
1623 Whitesville Road, Toms River
Entertainment, 4-H Animals & Displays, Rides, Food, and Vendors!
732-914-9466 or ferraroh@optonline.net
\$10 admission / Free kids under 10

Beach Ball Blast *

Fri, July 26; 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm
John C. Bartlett Jr. County Park, 399 Brennan Concourse, Bayville
Music, food trucks, games, dancing, crafts, and more! Bring a beach chair/blanket. ADA parking on-site.

41st Annual Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy & Gunning Show *

Sat, Sept. 28; 7:00 am - 5:00 pm &
Sun, Sept. 29; 7:00 am - 4:30 pm
Stanley "Tip" Seaman County Park, 120 Lakeside Drive (Rt 9), Tuckerton
Carving demonstrations, dock dogs, new family activities, & more!

Brick Historical Society

Herbertsville Firehouse

601 Herbertsville Rd.

Brick, NJ - (732) 785-2500

Heroes That Saved Washington D.C. *

Tues, June 11; 7:30 pm
A talk on the 14th NJ Infantry in which many Brick men served during the Civil War. Wheelchair accessible.

Downtown Toms River

Washington Street

732-341-8738

<https://downtowntomsvriver.com/>

6th Annual Toms River Pride

Sat, June 15; 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Annual LGBT+ Pride Festival with food, vendors, performances, shopping, and festivities! ASL Interpreters at main stage.

June Sip & Shop Vendor Fair *

Wed, June 12; 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Garden State Distillery, 13 Washington Street. An evening of Sipping Delights, Shopping, live entertainment, and cruisin' downtown!

Harvey Cedars Activity Committee

Sunset Park, W. Salem Ave,

Harvey Cedars, NJ 08008

<https://www.harveycedars.org/>

(609) 361-6000

Harvey Cedars Arts Festival

Wed, July 17; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Fine arts & fine crafts.

Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts

Ocean County College, College Drive,

Toms River, NJ - (732)-255-0400

www.grunincenter.org

The Breakers

Sat, June 1; 8:00 pm
The country's premier Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers tribute band.
\$35

Joel Zelnik Trio

Sun, June 2; 3:00 pm
"My Bill Evans - A Personal Conversation" celebrating Bill Evans through the performance of his works.
Adults \$24 / Seniors \$20

ABBAFAB

Fri, June 7; 8:00 pm
A stunning tribute to the music of ABBA!
Orchestra \$65, Mezzanine \$55

Events continued...

Chris Ruggiero Summer Serenade

Sun, June 9; 3:00 pm
Breathing new life into the timeless music of the 60s & 70s with his talented band.
Orchestra \$45-55 /
Mezzanine \$45-\$35

All Shook Up

Fri, July 12; 7:30 pm
Sat, July 13; 2:00 & 7:30 pm
Sun, July 14; 2:00 pm
Fri, July 19; 7:30 pm
Sat, July 20; 2:00 & 7:30 pm
Sun, July 21; 2:00 pm
The songs of ELVIS PRESLEY
Adults \$27 / Seniors \$25 /
Students \$20

Jenkinson's Boardwalk

300 Ocean Ave.
Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742
732-892-0600
<https://jenkinsons.com/>

Princess Dining

Fri, June 21-Aug. 30; 5:00 - 8:00 pm
Princess Dining is back at Pavilion
Oceanside Dining AND there's more
time to dine now!

The Little Mermen

Thurs, July 18 & Aug. 22; 7:00 - 8:00
pm
NYC's Premier Disney Cover Band, is
playing rock covers of all your
favorite Disney tunes! Fireworks after
the show (weather permitting).

Jetty Rock Foundation

(800) 900-6435
<https://jettyrockfoundation.org/>

Hop Sauce Festival

Sat, June 15; 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Veterans Memorial Park, Beach
Haven
Craft beer vendors, hot sauces &
spicy food vendors, live music all
day.

John F. Peto Studio Museum
102 Cedar Avenue, PO Box 102,
Island Heights, NJ 08732
732-929-4949
<http://www.petomuseum.org>

A Celebration of Contemporary Women Artists Exhibition

Opening: Sun, June 2; 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
On display: Sat, March 16 - Sun, June 16
An exhibit of over 50 pieces, from
traditional materials and techniques to
unexpected combinations and styles.
Private or group tours available. Sat. and
Sun. Tours; 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm

Thomas Jefferson Visits New Jersey *

Thurs, June 13; 3:00 pm

Celebrate New Jersey - A Historical Travelogue Around the State

Thurs, July 11; 3:00 pm
Experience the famous and not-so-famous
people, places, and events of our great
state from the comfort of your chair.

Print Making: From Traditional to Contemporary

Sat, July 13 - Sun, Sept. 22

New Jersey Folk Revival Music - History and Tradition

Thurs, Aug. 8; 3:00 pm
NJ author Michael Gabriele presents on
his book of the same title.

Peto's Art Camp 4 Kids

A hands-on applied summer art program
for kids 7 - 12. Includes gallery exhibition
of children's art.

\$150 per session

Session I: Mon. July 15- July 19; 9:30 am -
11:30 am

Session II: Mon. July 15- July 19; 12:30 pm
- 2:30 pm

Session III: Mon. Aug. 12- Aug. 16; 9:30
am - 11:30 am

Session IV: Mon. Aug. 12- Aug. 16; 12:30
pm - 2:30 pm

2024 Peto Cup Fundraiser and Regatta

Fri, Aug. 2; 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Toms River Yacht Club, 1464 Riviera
Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08753
BBQ, Auctions, 50/50 Raffle, and Live
Music!

A-Cat Boat Registration: \$100 /
Participating Sailors: \$40 /
Adult - Regular Admission: \$80

2024 Concert Series

Pat Roddy Band

Thurs, May 23; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Rain Date: Tues, May 28

The Pickles

Fri, June 21; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Rain Date: Tues, June 25

The Kootz

Fri, July 19; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Rain Date: Tues, August 13

LBI Artist Open Studio Tour

Various Locations
Visit the website for more information
www.lbiartists.com

The LBI Artist Open Studio Tour *

Aug. 10 - 11; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Visitors can meet local LBI artists in
their studios. Art will be available for
purchase and tour maps are available
on LBI for artists, local galleries, and
businesses. Self-guided.

Lighthouse International Film Festival Venue: Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences

120 Long Beach Blvd
Long Beach Township, NJ 08008
609-494-1241
<http://www.lighthouseff.com/>

Lighthouse International Film Festival 2024

June 5 - 9; 10:00 am-11:00 pm
Voted One of the Coolest Festivals by
Movie Maker Magazine for 2018 & 2020.
Film Only Pass \$120 /
All Access Pass \$150

Events continued...

Ocean County Artists' Guild
22 Chestnut Avenue
Island Heights, NJ 08732
732-270-3111
<http://www.ocartistsguild.org/>

Long Pose Nude Figure Drawing & Painting

Tues, Recurring; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Members model fee: \$20
Non-members: \$25
Teen members, college & high school students: \$10

Do Your Own Thing (DYOT)

Thurs, Recurring; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Work with others in a creative atmosphere. Bring your own equipment. Join us for lunch! Members Only. Dates subject to change.
\$10

Undraped Figure Drawing =

Sat, Recurring; 10:00 - 12:30 pm
Live model and short poses (1 - 15 min).
Members Model fee: \$20
Non-members: \$25
Teen members, college & high school students: \$10

June 2024 in the Gallery

Opening Reception: Sun, June 2;
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
On view through Mon, June 24. See website for hours.

Story on Canvas *

Mon, June 3, 10, 17, & 24, Aug. 8 & 15;
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Art Program for Adults 55+

Portrait Group

2nd, 3rd, & 4th Sun, Recurring;
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Studio Portraits from live clothed models in long poses in all mediums.
Members Model fee: \$20 / Non-members: \$25 / Teen members, college & high school students: \$10

Song Circle Music Group

Third Sun. of each month; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Requests a \$3 donation at each session from each attendee.

Watercolor Landscapes-Design

For intermediate/Advanced students.
Thurs & Fri, June 6 & 7; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
\$110

Gentle Yoga Stretch Thursdays

June 6, 13; 8:30-9:30 am
The perfect beginning Mat-Based Class.
Members & non-members, 4-weeks: \$40
Walk-ins: \$12/session

Nature Printing: An Ancient Art Form

Tues & Wed, June 11 & 12; 10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Members & non-members: \$210
Materials fee per person: \$20

Photography Group

Wed, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11;
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Open to any member of OCAG.

Acoustic Concert Series presents: Bill Doerge and Family *

Fri, June 21; 7:00 - 9:00 pm
A mix of folk, pop classics, country.
Refreshments available. Galleries open at 6:30 pm.

Art Book Club 2024 *

Second Fri, June 14, July 12, August 9,
September 13; 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

July 2024 in the Gallery

Opening Reception; Sun, July 7; 1 pm - 4 pm. The July show will be on view through July 29. See website for hours.

Mixed Media Memory Collage *

Mon, Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26; 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Art Program for Adults Aged 55+

Pine Shores Art Association

94 Stafford Avenue
Stafford, NJ 08050
140 E. Main Street (Rt 9)
Tuckerton, NJ 08087
609-597-3557
<http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org>

6 week pottery class: handbuilding and throwing on the wheel

Fri, June 21-July 26; 5:00pm -8:00pm
Makers Station, West Creek, NJ
Either hand build or throw on the wheel.
\$204 for 6 classes

Clay camp for creative kids: ages 8-13

July 8, 9, 10, & 11; 9:00 am - 1:00pm
PSAA Tuckerton
Each day, kids will create with clay along with some fun camp activities.
\$160

Arts and Crafts camp: ages 6-11

July 15 - 18; 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
PSAA Tuckerton
Try new mediums in both fine art and fun crafts, along with camp activities!
\$160

Basketweaving: Make Market Basket

Tuesday, July 16; 3:00 pm -7:00 pm
PSAA Tuckerton
Dinner included!

Beginner Pastels with Renee Leopardi

Tues, July 23 & 30; 9:00 am -11:30 am
PSAA Tuckerton
Supplies included!

Beginner Watercolor Workshop

Mon. & Tues, June 3 & 4; 9:30 am -3:30 pm
PSAA: Stafford. Learn the basics of watercolor with artist and teacher, Nancy Edwards.

Beginning with Clay

Sat, June 8; 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
PSAA: Tuckerton. Learn some basics of handbuilding with clay.

Events continued...

Point Pleasant Summer Fest

Friday Night Kick-Off*

Fri, May 31; 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Bands, food, and beer & wine tent only

Sat. June 1; 11:00 am - 7:00 pm:

Live music, food trucks, market/craft vendors, and inflatables for the kids.

\$10 wristbands for the kid's area

Seaside Heights Boardwalk

410 Boardwalk

Seaside Heights, NJ 08751

732-830-3700

<https://exit82.com/boardwalk/>

Seaside Heights Food Truck & Music

FEASTival

Sat, June 15; 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Food trucks, live music, and activities for the whole family. Located at Sumner Circle in the "Bayfront Free Parking Lot", off Rt. 37.

Stafford Township Arts Center

1000 Mckinley Ave

Manahawkin, NJ 08050

609-489-8600

<https://stacnj.com/>

Celebrating Celine with Jenene

Caramielo

Sat, June 1; 7:30 pm

\$50-60

Amore: An Evening of Romantic

Italian Love Songs

Sun, June 2; 3:00 pm

Christopher Macchio from the NY Tenors & Jackie DiMaggio's Connie Francis Tribute.

\$50-60

The Duprees and the Brooklyn Bridge

Sat, June 22; 7:30 pm

\$50-60

The Sweet Caroline Tribute Starring

Jay White

Thurs, July 18; 7:30 pm

\$55-65

A Live Tribute to Barry Manilow

starring Jay Gates

Sat, Aug. 17, 8:00 pm

\$55-65

The Strand Theater

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood, NJ 08701

732-367-7789

<https://www.strand.org/>

The Ultimate Doors

Sat, June 29; Doors at 6:30 PM,

Show at 8:00 pm

Bringing an authentic experience to old and new Doors fans.

\$31.00 - \$42.00

Summertime Picnic and Concert

SAIL ON: A Beach Boys Tribute

Sat, July 20; Doors at 6:30 PM, Show at 8:00 PM

Outdoor picnic at 3 pm, bring your own chairs! Music on our outdoor stage, character drawings, photo ops, a dunk tank and corn hole tournament; Plus raffles and prizes! Rains moves event inside.

\$36.00 - \$44.00

ABBA REVISITED

Sat, Aug. 10; Doors at 6:30 PM,

Show at 8:00 PM

North America's #1 tribute to the music of Abba!

\$36.00 - \$47.00

Surflight Theatre

201 Engleside Ave., PO Box 1155

Beach Haven, NJ 08008

609-492-9477

<http://www.surflight.org>

Shows, dates and times are subject to change. Run times are approximate.

Million Dollar Quartet

2:00pm: May 30, June 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 16

8:00pm: May 30-31, June 1, 5-8, 12-15

Based on the auspicious meeting between Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley.

South Pacific

2:00pm: June 20, 23, 25, 30, July 2, 7

8:00pm: June 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, July 2, 3, 5, 6

South Pacific won the Pulitzer Prize and 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical

Footloose

2:00pm: July 11, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28

8:00pm: July 9-13, 16-20, 23-27

Big-city teen moves to a small rural town where inhabitants have imposed a ban on Rock 'n' Roll and dancing.

Titanic

2:00pm: Aug. 1, 4, 6, 11, 13, 18

8:00pm: July 30-31, Aug. 1-3, 6-10, 13-17

With moments of heartbreaking intimacy - the musical play examines the causes, the conditions and the characters involved in this ever-fascinating drama.

Head over heels

2:00pm: August 22, 25, 27, Sept. 1

8:00pm: August 20-24, 27-31

This laugh-out-loud love story is set to the music of the iconic 1980's all-female rock band The Go-Go's.

Puppy Pals Live

Mon, July 1; 1:00pm & 5:00pm

Puppy Pals Live is a family fun action-packed show where adopted and rescued dogs perform spectacular stunts and breathtaking feats.

\$20.00

One Hit Wonderers

Mon, July 15; 5:00pm & 8:00pm

Playing the hits of the groups that went through the rigors of putting a band together, only to have just one hit.

\$41.50

Events continued...

The Jersey Tenors - A Tribute to Hollywood

Mon, Aug. 5; 5:00pm & 8:00pm
Iconic music from Hollywood blockbusters, paying tribute to the leading men of the silver screen.
\$41.50

The Edwards Twins: A Final Farewell

Mon, Aug. 26; 4:00pm & 8:30pm
Their last appearance at SurfFlight Theatre before retiring! Don't miss Las Vegas' #1 impersonators!
\$41.50

Comedy Night

Mon, June 24, July 22 & Aug. 12;
8:30pm
\$25.00

Taylor Mason: Family Comedy Night

Mon, Aug. 12; 6:00pm
Taylor Mason is a ventriloquist, musician, comedy magician and stand-up comedian.
\$15.00

Mike Marino

Sun, Aug. 25; 8:30pm
Known to millions of his fans worldwide as New Jersey's Bad Boy - one of the most loved comedians of our time. - \$34.50

Musicals for Children

All shows are Wed-Sun, 6:00 pm.
\$13.00. Geared for kids 3-10.
Reservations Strongly Recommended.

Snow White

June 26-30

The Little Mermaid

July 3, 5-7 and Aug. 14-18

Peter Pan

July 10-14 and Aug. 28 - Sept. 1

Cinderella

July 17-21 and Aug. 21-25

Frozen

July 24-28 and Aug. 7-11

The Wizard of Oz

July 31 - Aug. 4

Toms River Artist Community (TRAC)

40 Main Street
Toms River, NJ 08753
732-377-0290
<https://trac732.com/>

Digital Art & Design w/Imperiale Arts

Weekly Class: Thurs; 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Learn about the different styles and techniques used in digital art and design. We will use Cricut machines and iPads with the Procreate program, which will be supplied. Students may bring their own devices and programs.

Learn to Knit

Sat, April 20 - May 25;
3:00pm - 4:30pm

2024 Senior Art Show

Sat, May 18 - Sat. June 8

Art Walks

Every Fri, May 31 - Oct. 12;
5:00pm - 8:00pm
Located on Main Street in
Downtown Toms River

Toms River Book Show

Sat, June 7;
6:00pm - 9:00pm

Knitting w/Art from Mars

Every First Sun. of the month;
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Open Paint Nights

3rd Fri. of each month;
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Summer Arts Fest

Sat, August 17;
4:00pm - 10:00pm
Washington Street -
Downtown Toms River

Historic Viking Village

19th & Bayview Avenue
Barnegat Light, NJ 08006
609-361-8039
<https://vikingvillageshows.com/>

Viking Village Art & Craft Show *

Sun, July 14; 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
Sun, Sept. 1; 10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Viking Village Antique and Collectible Show *

Sun, August 4; 10:30 am - 4:30 pm



The Bunker Challenge July 27 Mantoloking Bridge County Park

Formally known as the Beach Ball A Palooza
Friday ~ July 26
Beach Ball BLAST
John C Bartlett Jr County Park
at Berkeley Island
399 Brennan Concourse, Berkeley Township
5:00pm - 8:30pm
Music by Jimmy & the Parrots
Food Trucks, Games, Horseshoes,
Dancing, Crafts, Bocce & more!
Bring a Beach Chair or Blanket, Disabled Parking on site

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and what safety guidelines are in place.)

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