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(From right to left):
Ocean County Freeholder Virginia E. Haines,
Parks Director Michael Mangum
and Parks Assistant Director Mary Jane Bavais at Cedar Bridge Tavern.
On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I welcome you to the Spring 2019 issue of Out & About Ocean County, A Free Newsguide to Arts & Heritage Events. I am honored to be the Freeholder responsible for the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a division of Ocean County Parks & Recreation.

I note with personal regret the passing of Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr. in December of 2019. He was my mentor and my friend.

At 11 AM on Friday, May 24, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders will complete the official commemoration of Ocean County participation in World War I with a ceremony at the Clifton Avenue School in Lakewood, commemorating the grand parade for returning Ocean County Soldiers down Clifton Avenue in Lakewood in 1919. The school is on the site of Hospital #9 that was converted from the 500 room Lakewood Hotel.

On April 11, we invite you to join our art and heritage community as they come together at the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College for the eighth annual Salute to Ocean County: Celebration of the Arts and Heritage, a showcase of the best performances from the 2019 Ocean County Teen Arts Festival, the recognition of grant recipients and special awards of merit.

The Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders is proud to announce that Thomas Rutledge will receive the 2019 Lifetime Achievement in the Ocean County Arts Award. Margaret Thomas Buchholz will receive the 2019 Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement in Ocean County Award. Elaine H. McConnell will receive the 2019 John C. Bartlett, Jr. Government Service Award. Finally, William deCamp, Jr. will receive the Special Award of Merit as an advocate for Barnegat Bay.

Also at the Salute, the Ocean County Tourism and Business Advisory Council will award the 2019 Joseph H. Vicari Tourism Award to Anthony E. Vaz, Ed.D. and Christopher J. Vaz of Seaside Heights.

The Cultural & Heritage Commission has completed their annual arts and history grant award cycle. This year seventeen art and twelve history organizations will receive a total of $115,455 in grants through the Ocean County C&H Commission funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission.

I hope you are able to join me and get out and about this spring to enjoy the many cultural and artistic activities in our county.

Freeholder Virginia E. Haines
Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders Director Virginia E. “Ginny” Haines is the first woman in 40 years to lead Ocean County Government, and only the second in history – Hazel Gluck was the first – to serve on the five-member freeholder board since it was established in 1850.

Haines was appointed to the Board in 2016 (to fill the seat vacated by James F. Lacey), at the suggestion of Freeholders John C. Bartlett and Gerry P. Little, and now serves as Director for 2019, her term expiring Dec. 31. Haines said she was “very honored” that Bartlett and Little had thought of her as the right fit; she had not only the experience, but the name recognition. “The people knew me,” she said.

The lifelong Ocean County resident brings years of public service and leadership experience to the board, and has a reputation as one of the hardest working freeholders, rarely taking a weekend off, dedicated to meeting and talking with as many people as possible and learning as much as she can.

So what does a freeholder do for fun? Haines confessed she does enjoy the occasional social affair, be it a nice dinner out, a weekend trip or a play or other cultural event in New York City.

She grew up in Lakewood and now lives in Toms River. Her roots in the area go back to the 1600s; her family tree contains such names as Shannon, Horner, Skidmore, Miller, Sculthorpe. She is a member of the Joshua Huddy Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

On her way to the top of the heavily male-dominated Ocean County government, has Haines faced gender bias and discrimination? The majority of the time, she said, no. “Did I feel at times I had to work doubly hard?” That answer is yes. Though, in any profession, she noted, a woman will face an uphill battle to some degree. She admits she has had to speak up a little louder in order to be heard. But in a family of seven (including three older sisters and one younger brother), she had good training.

She has led a civic-minded life since she was 14 years old, helping her parents

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with the campaign of Joseph Buckelew and George Buckwald for Lakewood Township Committee. But “I never pictured myself running for office,” she said. Her political and professional path started as a student of criminal justice at Ocean County College, having graduated in 1964 from Lakewood High School, where she was inducted into the Lakewood High School Hall of Fame.

She and her ex-husband Dean Haines were both always politically motivated – Dean was mayor of Barnegat by age 23 and Ocean County Clerk at age 30 – “and it’s just always continued, and I enjoyed that,” she said.

Ginny Haines worked for Freeholder John C. Bartlett Jr. after he was first elected to the board in 1979 and later as a legislative aide for state Sen. Robert W. Singer, R-Ocean.

She has been Ocean County’s Republican State Committeewoman since 1985, making her the longest-serving female (the Republicans and Democrats elect one male and one female State Committee person from each county); a Republican National Committeewoman since 2004; and co-chair of the Republican National Committee’s Northeast Region since 2013. She also served as an RNC delegate in 2008, 2012 and 2016. At the national party level, she has served as a member of the Ethics, Rules and Site-Selection Committees.

Haines served on the Dover Township Municipal Utilities Authority and was Clerk of the General Assembly from 1987 to 1990. During her clerkship she learned “a tremendous amount,” she said, as she was in charge of the bill room and all 40 legislative districts.

“I worked very hard to get the nod to run for legislature (in 1991),” she said – and it paid off. She was the top vote getter in that election and was reelected in 1993. She was a 10th District Assemblywoman from 1992 to 1994, serving as Assistant Majority Whip. As such, Haines helped to establish the “Shore To Please” specialty license plates featuring Barnegat Lighthouse, the revenue from which funds beach cleanups and other environmental projects.

She resigned from the Assembly in 1994 when Gov. Christine Whitman nominated her to become executive director of the New Jersey Lottery. Haines was a speaker and mentor for the Christine Todd Whitman Excellence in Public Service Series.

In 2002 she served on the Toms River (formerly Dover) Township Committee.

Throughout the years, she has worked with the Jersey Shore Council of Boy Scouts, the Monmouth Ocean Foodbank, the Ocean County Heart Association, the United Way; she is an active member of the Rotary Club of Toms River, the Toms River Student Loan Fund Board and the Advisory Council for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Among her many awards are the Distinguished Citizen Award, and the Loyal Buffalo Award from the Jersey Shore Council of Boy Scouts, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ocean County Girl Scouts; Citizen of the Year by the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse; Continued on page 4
Citizen of the Year by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce; New Jersey Law Enforcement Association Recognition; and she was named a Paul Harris Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

As Freeholder Director, she heads up the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund Advisory Committee and co-chairs the Office of Engineering with John P. Kelly; she also acts as liaison to Ocean County College; the Department of Information Technology; the Advisory Commission on the Status of Women; the Southern New Jersey Freeholders Association; the state Transportation Planning Authority; and the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

Haines works with Parks and Rec department staff to take care of the county’s 27 park sites, including two golf courses, sports field complexes, off-leash dog parks, and general recreational areas, along with its wide-ranging recreation programs.

The Ocean County Natural Lands Trust Fund, established in 1997, has acquired and preserved almost 35,000 acres of environmentally sensitive lands and farmlands, with many more applications under review. In 2018, Ocean County purchased and preserved the Forked River Mountains in Lacey Township – about 8,000 acres of open space.

As liaison to Ocean County College, Haines is passionate about high-quality, affordable education and works with the college on various projects, championing the OCC Foundation as board chair. The Foundation gives $600,000 a year in scholarships and sponsors athletics and international trips, with the help of private donors and successful fundraising events.

Her work on the OCC Foundation board is some of her most meaningful, as she feels strongly about making education accessible. OCC is the premier community college in the state, she said, had a 12 percent increase in enrollment last year and is still expanding. Thanks to its partnership with Kean University, OCC makes a four-year education for under $40,000 possible.

Among the biggest challenges Ocean County faces, in Haines’ view, is rapid growth and development. Land preservation is another tough but important issue.

“When I was growing up, it was a summer county,” she said. She has witnessed major changes in 70 years, and government doesn’t always work fast enough to keep up. Even getting a simple traffic light installed is a long, expensive process, she said.
Of course, on personal level, the opioid crisis is the biggest problem plaguing Ocean County residents, she added. She is proud of the work the Prosecutor’s Office has done and continues to do to tackle the complex, multi-layered problem with no easy solutions. The anti-overdose drug NARCAN has helped to reduce the number of overdose deaths in the county, she said, and law enforcement is getting tougher on holding drug dealers responsible.

But there are a number of things the county gets right, she said – e.g., lowering the tax rate and maintaining a AAA bond rating, by avoiding foolish spending; and offering services such as OceanRide and meals on wheels for veterans and seniors, of whom Ocean County has the largest population in the state. The county is proud to call itself home to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, the only joint base in the country, and one that serves important military and economic functions within the county, she added.

Looking to the future, Haines said the freeholders “have a path, and that has been set.” A value the board members share is a long-range vision with built-in contingency plans, all the while staying open to new ways of doing things. You can’t just plan one year at a time, she said, but more like 15 to 20 years down the road. And Ocean County is still growing.

Because New Jersey has municipal, county and state levels of government, Haines explained, in some ways the freeholders are stuck in the middle, because they can’t tell the towns how to do their zoning and planning. Ocean County has 33 towns and 620 miles of roadway. Freeholders are responsible for departments and agencies that handle infrastructure, law enforcement, and a multitude of other services. They are tasked with creating and managing a budget that maintains a high quality of life and providing necessary services for residents while staying within the 2 percent spending cap.

Well-considered planning is how, when Superstorm Sandy struck, for example, the county was able to step in and provide disaster cleanup assistance to municipalities without having to borrow a dime from anyone. “The freeholders were the only government agency to be able to do that,” Haines said. “It’s a tribute to how the freeholders work together to do that.”

The board meets four times a month at the Hooper Avenue Administration Building, and all meetings are open to the public, but only the first and third allow for public comments.
Wallpaper as a Bridge to the Past

By: Lucas DiMartini

This is an article in an ongoing series showcasing the new exhibits at Cedar Bridge Tavern. The tavern’s kitchen, which was added to the 1800s building around 1836, had wood paneling and knotty pine cabinetry covering its west wall when Ocean County acquired the property. Removing these items during the 2017 restoration revealed a vertical board wall covered in numerous layers of wallpaper. These appear to have spanned at least 100 years, providing a glimpse into American wallpaper history through the 19th and 20th centuries. This unexpected discovery presented a fantastic opportunity for historic storytelling. Ocean County preserved the wallpaper with the intent to display it as part of Cedar Bridge’s changing story, revealing how the use of the room, the tastes of its inhabitants, and wallpaper itself evolved over time.

Cleaning and solubility tests were conducted on the wallpaper by Christina Burris, the Architectural Conservator trained in material conservation, archaeology, and art history for the Historic Building Architects (HBA). Samples were gathered by either removing small fragments from these layers or by taking pieces that had already detached from the wall. They were then taken back to the Architectural Conservation Lab at HBA where they were cataloged, teased apart, and examined using Reflected Light Microscopy and Ultraviolet Light Microscopy. The patterns, colors, paper, and printing technologies were documented in order to form the approximate chronology of the layers, inform treatment, and plan the preservation of the wallpaper in its original state.

Nine layers of wallpaper were discovered, but preserving them all proved difficult. The papers are in various states of decay and many of them are brittle and torn. Each one is subject to its own deficiencies due to chemistry, construction, and age. A cleaning treatment that resolves problems in one layer may affect others negatively, so Ocean County chose to implement a minimum amount of treatment and a protective covering. This covering includes a plexiglass case and UV protection shade.

To help give some context, wallpaper was typically made from rag paper before and during the 19th century. Rag paper was made of cellulose from spent rags and cloth.
Wood pulp technology was first available in America in 1855, so it was eventually added to wallpaper as a cheap source of fiber, but this wasn’t common until after the Civil War. As wallpaper making became more industrialized in the 19th century, printing technology quickly changed from stenciling and block printing to engraving and roller printing, which were much faster and cheaper. In the late 19th century, incredibly inexpensive “penny papers” became popular. These low-quality papers were purchased for a penny and often replaced yearly. Old wallpaper layers were sometimes partially removed, but it was best to hang wallpaper on as flat a surface as possible. In places where the wall might crack or shift, it was common to hang fabric or to leave the old layers in place as backing for the new one.

Through testing, it was discovered that two or three layers of oil paint were applied to the wall initially. Two rag papers, at least four wood pulp papers, and two late 20th century papers were found. Also, multiple printing techniques, and three different backings were used. The specifics of the wallpaper discoveries follow:

**Layer 0** – At least 3 layers of white oil paint.

**Layer 1 (Yellow)** – Mid 1800s, Cream colored rag paper meant to mimic fancy marble tiles. Slightly misaligned.

**Layer 2 (Red)** – Late 1800s/early 1900s, Repeating blocks, lines, and dots on wood pulp paper.

**Layer 3 (Green)** – Late 1800s/early 1900s, Wood pulp paper patterned with flower-filled blue pots.

**Layer 4** – Mid 1800s, Translucent finish over a woven backing (not visible on wall).

**Layer 5 (Purple)** – Late 1800s/early 1900s, Brown and white squares with stylized vines running between them on wood pulp paper.

**Layer 6 (Orange)** – 1900s, White with repeated black-outlined squares along with flower-filled pots.

**Layer 7 (Blue)** – Mid 1900s, Standing man holds a sitting woman’s hand in front of a tree.

**Layer 8 (Magenta)** – Mid 1900s, Geometric pattern of squares and lines in pink and brown.

**Layer 9 (Brown)** – Mid 1900s, Colorful geometric pattern over a white background.

The evolution of wallpaper is easy to understand when one can see the different kinds compared visually. The exhibit is a mental scavenger hunt. Figure out the location and age of every layer of wallpaper, with a printed guide provided to help. This is to assist in painting several mental pictures of the room at different points in time and imagine its use by the people who lived there. For additional help in this exercise, a video narrated by Christina Burris can be viewed on-site for more details.
Remembering Freeholder John C. Bartlett Jr.

From the patriotic banners and bunting that decorated the historic Ocean County Courthouse, to presenting 28 municipalities with service flags honoring the war heroes of each town, to the final remembrance of the end of World War I, Ocean County Freeholder John C. Bartlett Jr. had an eye on every detail of each event as Ocean County recalled its service on the 100th anniversary of World War I.

Freeholder Bartlett was a history buff who read over 125 books on World War I and worked closely with the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Ocean County Parks and Recreation Department to make certain this important anniversary did not go unnoticed.

And, while Freeholder Bartlett due to failing health could not be with his colleagues and area veterans as they saluted the end of one of the deadliest conflicts in the history of the human race, the details he requested down to the replica of the Victory Medal that hung between the columns on the courthouse were all there.

When Freeholder Bartlett died Dec. 12, 2018, he left an indelible mark on the importance of keeping history alive in Ocean County. While his work as a Freeholder for almost four decades was far-reaching in so many areas of County government, Bartlett, a history teacher by vocation, took great pride in his efforts to promote a greater awareness of the importance of history.

Freeholder Bartlett once said, “We make every effort to keep history alive in Ocean County and we bring it to our residents in a variety of ways. Whether recreating a battle or holding an appropriate ceremony to commemorate and recognize an event, our history is what shapes our future.”

Freeholder Bartlett’s efforts to promote history and raise an awareness that our history and our heritage are of great importance were wide-ranging. From preserving the historic Cedar Bridge Tavern in Barnegat Township to commemorating the many conflicts our men and women have served in to protect our freedoms and democracy to simply remembering the past, Freeholder Bartlett’s work will now forever remain an important part of the history he so diligently worked to preserve.
2019 Salute to Ocean County Awards

EIGHTH ANNUAL SALUTE TO OCEAN COUNTY 2019

The Commission will present the sixth annual Salute to Ocean County at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 11th at the Jay and Linda Grunin Center For the Arts at Ocean County College. Highlights include performances by student groups critiqued for excellence during the 2019 Ocean County Teen Arts Festival. Further Information is available at: http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmAwards.aspx.

OCEAN COUNTY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS

The Commission has created this award category to recognize the extraordinary achievements and contributions of those individuals and organizations to the quality of life in Ocean County. Recipients are selected from the distinguished list of Ocean County artists representing many art forms, nominated by various individuals and organizations.

2019: Thomas E. Rutledge

Thomas E. Rutledge is a man whose son describes him as “a living, breathing, walking work of art.” Rutledge, a West Creek resident and longtime member and instructor at Pine Shores Art Association in Manahawkin, was nominated for the Ocean County Lifetime Achievement in the Arts by Jan Becker of Little Egg Harbor.

“Rutledge is a fine artist, working in the style of the Brandywine School of Illustration. He lives in Ocean County and gives back to the community in various ways,” Becker wrote. “His story is compelling: He began his career after receiving an art scholarship as a young man. He went to Vietnam and lost the ability to use his hand. With much determination, he re-taught himself how to draw and paint. He worked as an illustrator in New York City, creating a huge body of work. He is a signature member of various art associations and has received numerous awards for his outstanding artworks throughout the country. Now, he continues to teach eager students who look forward to his help and suggestions to become better visual artists. He teaches at the Pine Shores Art Association, at Rutgers University, and in his private studio in West Creek. His positive attitude and expertise inspire all his students, from teens to seniors.”

Rutledge said he feels “honored to be receiving this award, and I am humbled to be recognized for doing what I love and enjoy doing – even the teaching part of it, helping many others to make their work better and more satisfying for them.” He never thought he would teach art, he explained, but as his reputation grew he was asked to demonstrate his techniques, which he still does. He also teaches classes both for art societies and privately at his studio. “For me, the great culmination of this teaching was when Rutgers University invited me to teach drawing in a special drawing society set up at the University,” he said.

“My hope for the future is to continue to pass on what I have learned from experience and from what was passed on to me, so other artists can realize their own personal goals and dreams. Yet for others to achieve greatness beyond what they thought they could. I want to continue to create new and exciting works in an ever-changing art world, and to speak my thoughts through my work.”

Of all of Rutledge’s fans and admirers, of which he has many, his son may be the biggest. “My father is art,” young Tom said. “Just like a painting, you look at it and see the story the picture tells, you see what everyone sees, and it makes you smile. But if you look closer, the picture starts to reveal another, deeper side – a part of the story not many see. This is where you find the true mastery of skill and emotion combined with life experience, and it touches your heart. This is my father: a living, breathing, walking work of art, who blesses this world with his thumbprints of his brilliance.

“I could talk about my dad forever. He’s my best friend.”

Previous Award Recipients

2018: Eva Lucena Welch - Dance
2017: Kate Leigh Cutler - Visual Artist
The Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award is given to an individual who has demonstrated a passion for Ocean County Heritage and shared that history with the public. Criteria to receive this award is as follows: countywide impact, active in Ocean County for at least 10 years, advocate of Ocean County heritage, special emphasis on scholarship or teaching about Ocean County history.

2019: Margaret “Poochy” Thomas Buchholz

As the winner of this year’s Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award for Ocean County History, Buchholz has made “an enormous contribution to the recorded past of Ocean County and the New Jersey shore,” as stated in the nomination letter submitted by Randall Gabrielan. Having been raised in the home where she still resides in Harvey Cedars, “Buchholz experienced government in action at an early age,” as her father, Reynold Thomas, was a mayor of the borough.

Buchholz said she is “thrilled” to be the recipient, adding cheekily, “I’m glad I lived long enough,” though she lamented she would be out of the country during the Salute and unable to receive the award in person. “My mother passed her interest in history to me, and she published local history stories in The Beachcomber in the early years; so, in her memory, I am happy,” she said.

Gabrielan explained Buchholz was absorbed in daily beach life before the Island became an internationally recognized summer destination – life that was the focal point of multiple works, including a personal memoir filled with highlights from her mother’s life, titled Josephine: From Washington Working Girl to Fisherman’s Wife; and Seasons in the Sun – A Photographic History of Harvey Cedars: 1894-1947.

The period of 30-plus years during which Buchholz published The Beachcomber after her husband died was marked by significant growth for the Ocean County shore and Long Beach Island in particular, according to Gabrielan. In her work, Buchholz has recorded the immediacy of that expansion, then placed significant segments in another work, The Long Beach Island Reader, a compilation she edited.

While the aforementioned writings were exclusive to Ocean County, much of Buchholz’s work encompasses the entire Jersey Shore. One was the editing of Shore Chronicles: Diaries and Travelers’ Tales from the Jersey Shore 1764-1955. A second was co-authorship of Great Storms of the Jersey Shore with the late Larry Savadove. Buchholz’s perhaps most compelling work is her gripping account of the perils of the sea along the coast of New Jersey, New Jersey Shipwrecks: 350 Years in the Graveyard of the Atlantic.

“Her body of work has earned her stature as Ocean County’s most accomplished living author,” Gabrielan proclaimed. She has shared herself with large and growing audiences in works that have immediate interest and lasting value, he added.

“Someone said to me once, ‘After you pass age 50, not much chance you’ll do anything new with your life.’ Wrong. That’s when I started writing books, not just the occasional newspaper column.

As she looks forward, she also reflects. “There was no online research when I started out – fortunately I loved visiting all the local libraries and historical societies – but the availability of material makes it easier, and (the field) will continue to grow.” After the 1976 bicentennial of the nation, counties and communities started looking into their own histories, she explained. “In the years since I came out with Shore Chronicles: Diaries and Travelers’ Tales from the Jersey Shore 1764-1955 (published in 1999), an anthology covering the entire coast, there has been a profusion of historical books from small communities up and down the coast. Tim Hart has been a dedicated promoter of Ocean County history and is passing this along through the generations; I am proud to be associated with him in this.”

Previous Award Recipients
2018: Alfred T. Stokley
2017: Jeannette Lloyd
JOHN C. BARTLETT, JR. GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

The commission gives this award to those individuals in government who have demonstrated the highest professional and ethical standards in leadership in the Ocean County non-profit community. They champion the role of the arts and history in the County’s vital tourism industry.

2019: Elaine H. McConnell

Elaine H. McConnell is a woman who loves words, both spoken and written. She will receive this year’s John C. Bartlett, Jr. Government Leadership Award for her years of dedication to the 21-branch Ocean County Library System and for having demonstrated the highest standards of leadership during its expansion and modernization.

McConnell retired in 2009, after 25 years as Director of the Ocean County Library System, during which time the Library Commission named the art gallery on the ground floor of the Toms River branch in her honor. The year after she retired, the Library Foundation dedicated a sculpture in her name.

The award nomination “was a surprise,” she said. But then, so was her career, in a sense. Her entrée into that world was “happenstance.”

She was a foreign language major at Lake Erie College in Ohio (Spanish and Italian) before landing a job in the Allegheny College library in Meadeville, Pa. She then worked at St. Peter’s Medical Library in New Brunswick, then went to Rutgers University, where she earned her master’s degree in Library and Information Studies. She was the Director of the Piscataway Public Library for 10 years before relocating to Ocean County, the destination of her childhood vacations and a place she was happy to call home.

In her time at OCL, she saw a lot of new buildings constructed and the headquarters in Toms River expanded (through a partnership with municipal and county support) and watched the library system evolve into the tour de force it is today.

Some of the most significant changes have been related to technology, she said. From card catalogs to computer systems, technology “totally transformed the way we do business.” Her proudest achievements lay in planning, and selling those plans, as well as staff training and development – all processes instrumental in helping the library thrive. “We invested time, money and energy to give them the skills they needed,” she said.

The library’s major diversity initiative was another outstanding effort that helped shape collections and programming.

Former Long Beach Township Mayor James Mancini was a big supporter of the library, she said. Though he wasn’t much of a reader, McConnell introduced him to audiobooks, which he consumed voraciously – an anecdote she told that illustrates one of the library’s fundamental functions: discovery.

Another is community, which ultimately defines her legacy. “I’m a great customer of the library now,” she added.

Looking ahead, McConnell said she hopes the OCL continues to adapt to the needs of the communities it serves – to be part of the change in the world, to reach out, and to stay relevant to users of all ages.

“If you don’t know where you’re going, who knows where you’ll end up?”

Previous Award Recipients
2018: J. Mark Mutter
2015: Ebony Rivera
The Joseph H. Vicari Ocean County Tourism Award is given annually to honor the business, organization or individual who made the greatest contribution to the $4.7 Billion annual Ocean County tourism industry.

2019: Anthony E. Vaz, Mayor of Seaside Heights
Christopher Vaz, Seaside Heights Business Administrator

This honor recognizes the outstanding work that this Father-Son team has accomplished in the management and promotion of one of Ocean County’s premier tourism destinations.

The Vaz family moved to Seaside Heights from Paterson, NJ in 1968. Tony and his wife Mary Ellen owned and operated a local motel as well as several boardwalk concessions. For many years, Tony served as a councilman in town and still serves with the volunteer fire company. He has a doctorate in special education, taught in the Manchester School District and retired as Superintendent in Spotswood. He has served as SSH Mayor since 2015.

Christopher Vaz was a Borough Administrator in Little Egg Harbor and Pemberton Township, and served as a councilman and borough administrator of Seaside Heights in the early 90’s, prior to his current service as Administrator since 2015. Chris is also an experienced attorney. He served at the State level in the NJ Dept of Community Affairs, and he is a Credentialed Manager, as designated by the International City/County Management Association. What is not commonly known, is that Chris is a licensed pilot, a licensed boat captain and possesses a massive collection of Seaside Heights historic memorabilia. He authored the book “Seaside Heights, A Post Card History”, published in 2010. Chris serves on the Board of Trustees of the OC Historical Society.

Anthony and Christopher are clearly passionate about their community, and their genuine love for Seaside Heights shows in their heartfelt efforts to show case the coastal charm and nostalgia that draw generations of families to enjoy their “Classic American Boardwalk”. With pristine, sandy beaches and a broad selection of attractions, entertainment and traditional NJ Shore favorites, the Vaz team has elevated the Seaside Heights experience and created special moments which visitors will cherish for a lifetime.

Previous Award Recipients
2018: Lori Pepenella
2017: The Storino Family
2019 SPECIAL AWARD

The Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission has created the following award categories to recognize the extraordinary achievements and contributions of those individuals and organizations to the quality of life in Ocean County.


Willie deCamp is a man who loves nature. The Mantoloking resident has served as president of Save Barnegat Bay since 1986 and will be honored at this year’s Salute to Ocean County with a special Award of Merit for his lifetime of dedication to the cultural fabric of Ocean County and for his work to celebrate and save Barnegat Bay. SBB is a grassroots nonprofit environmental organization that works to restore, protect and conserve Barnegat Bay and its watershed.

deCamp has a history degree from Brown University. He counts public speaking and authoring op-eds among his greatest strengths. Two of deCamp’s proud achievements are being honored with a Citizen Award in Ocean County Court on Law Day and being inducted into the Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame.

His interest in the environment stems from having grown up in a nature family, playing in the woods of Short Hills with his sisters. His career path in environmental activism was not what he had originally planned, but “I’m happy it happened,” he said.

“Save Barnegat Bay was founded by Charles Hedlund in 1971 as the Ocean County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America in what are today Traders Cove and F-Cove in Brick Township. In 1985 the organization became reinvigorated, expanded its scope to the whole watershed, and adopted the name Save Barnegat Bay. (deCamp took over the reins in 1986, he says, ‘because no one else wanted to do it.’) SBB is run by a small staff (Executive Director Britta Wenzel, Education and Outreach Coordinator Graceanne Taylor and Administrative Assistant Gerry Anicito) and a very active Board of Directors, of which deCamp is president; and supported by 350 families and businesses each year. Its headquarters is on 40 preserved waterfront acres in Browns Woods. Its EcoCenter is open to the public.

deCamp said a theme of his career has been the importance of finding allies at the grassroots level – i.e., neighbors directly affected by an issue. Whereas SBB understands the bureaucratic hurdles to land conservation, “the people know what’s going on near their homes,” he said. Moreover, in a county and watershed comprised of unique neighborhoods, deCamp said he has often found the bonds of friendship formed from shared history and experiences can supersede politics. On the other hand, objectors experienced an atmosphere that was “ferocious toward objectors,” according to deCamp, the environmental crusaders didn’t stand a chance.

After so many years spent fighting for environmental causes, deCamp said his frustrations tend to lie less with the misinformation and general ignorance of the public than with the shortsightedness and greed of government officials.

“No one gets taught how a planning board works,” deCamp pointed out. The average person, he said, knows more about the federal government, which they have the least chance of ever changing, than their local municipal government, where they can actually make a difference. Those who are motivated to “dig in and learn” are those who find themselves suddenly caring about a local issue because it is going to cost them money or threaten their own scenery or lifestyle. His optimism comes from the positive changes in attitudes and behaviors that he has observed over time.

deCamp’s hopes for the future of the Barnegat Bay watershed, along with continuing to educate people to the point where they “cross a threshold of action,” are four-fold – that residents will: stop fertilizing lawns, because law fertilizer is the number one contributor of nitrogen; plant native plants, because they soak up harmful nutrients before they hit the bay; landscape residential yards with rain gardens; and install rain barrels under downspouts and use collected water for plants.

Previous Award Recipients
2018: Joseph Lappin
2017: Richard Morris - Historic Preservation Advocate
2017: Valerie Vaughn - Giving Voices to the Stories of Ocean County
2019 Salute to Ocean County Awards

FOUNDERS AWARDS
The commission presents the founders award to advocates for the arts in Ocean County who have enriched the cultural fabric of our community through the creation of significant artistic institutions in Ocean County.

There are no Award Recipients this year
2017: Sherry D. Schnepp from Our Gang Players
2014: Heather Campagno from Brick Children’s Community Theatre
2014: Loretta Campagno from Brick Children’s Community Theatre
2014: Patti Wade from Northern Regional Cultural Council
2014: Pat Shepherd from Pine Shores Art Association

SUPERSTORM SANDY
The commission seeks to recognize the people and organizations that have grappled with the issue of how historic preservation should inform and guide the recovery from Super Storm Sandy in an effort to retain the sense of place and community.

There are no Award Recipients this year
2013: Borough of Mantoloking
2013: Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS
Annually, the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission honors individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made a significant contribution to preserving a historic property in Ocean County. The purpose of this award program is to recognize projects that preserve historical resources, heighten awareness of the importance of historic preservation, and acknowledge individuals, volunteers, professionals, and organizations that have been responsible for the restoration, rehabilitation, or adaptive use of historic buildings, structures, sites, cultural landscapes, or maritime properties. Only exterior work is judged.

There are no Award Recipients this year
2017: F & M Builders, LLC - 1877 Buhler House
2014: Crabbe Family 1916 Crabbe Boat House Toms River
2013: Lakewood Historical Society Sheldon Wolpin Museum
       1927 Kuser Hall of Newman School Lakewood

OCEAN COUNTY CHAMPION OF THE ARTS AWARD
The commission recognizes the singular contribution of the award recipients on behalf of Ocean County and New Jersey art communities. The sum total of their civic and non-profit involvement has enriched the shared cultural life of their hometown and county.

There are no Award Recipients this year
2015: Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation
2013: Judith Gibson Leone
2012: Ocean First Foundation
2019 Salute to Ocean County Awards

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS IN OCEAN COUNTY
The commission recognizes the significant and important contribution of these awardees to the artistic culture of Ocean County and New Jersey. The recipients have shown excellences of artist production, support of the general artistic community, and have been a major advocate for the arts at a state and regional level.

2019: There are no Award Recipients this year

Previous Award Recipients
2018: June Anne M. Sullivan
2015: Marshall Kern

ACADEMIC MERIT AWARDS
The Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission annually recognizes students from both Georgian Court University and Ocean County College for their outstanding academic achievements in the fields of Art and History. Students are selected by their faculty to be the best in each category.

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
2018 - Art: Farris R. Ellington • History: Michael Crawford
2017 - Art: Leigh Clapp • History: Jillian Behan
2016 - Art: Kathryn Glorioso • 2016 - History: Jeffery Wallster
2015 - Art: Elizabeth Adams • 2015 - History: Kimberly Kosinski
2014 - Art: Gillian Foley • 2014 - History: Matthew Paul Crouch
2013 - Art: Breanna Boll • 2013 - History: April Belfiore
2012 - Art: Katharine Salvatore • 2013 - History: Lauren Staub
2011 - Art: Joanne Nolan • 2011 - History: Kathlyn Tilton

OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE
2018 - Art: Edris Ford • History: Kayla Doyle
2017 - Art: Oleksandr Polodyanchuk • History: Corey Reynolds
2016 - Art: Irina Lutsenko • 2016 - History: Jamee Costello
2015 - Art: Cassidy Lyons • 2015 - History: Megan Durham
2014 - Art: Clarence Causing • 2014 - History: Brooke Kemp
2013 - Art: Jordan T. Izzo • 2013 - History: Casey Kanarkowski
2012 - Art: Lauren L. Morone • 2012 - History: Lauren Staub
2011 - Art: Leanna P. Soden • 2011 - History: Matthew R. Solomon
RESTORED CEDAR BRIDGE TAVERN

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Ocean County Commemorates
World War 1 in Lakewood NJ
May 24, 2019
625 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood NJ 08701

Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders
In cooperation with the Lakewood Board of Education

11:00 AM
Period music – historical readings

Commemorating the end of World War 1 in Ocean County 100th anniversary of the parade honoring the return of Ocean County Soldiers
Commemorating General Hospital #9 –
former 500 Room Lakewood Hotel
Commission Announces 2019 Local Arts and History Grant Awards

Freeholder Director Virginia E. Haines is happy to announce a total $115,455 to 29 (12 historical and 17 arts) grants have been awarded to Ocean County arts and heritage organizations towards programs and projects in 2019 through a highly competitive, peer reviewed process. Each year, the Commission offers funding, through a competitive, peer reviewed application process, 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 heritage organizations received a total of $45,455 in grant awards from Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission’s County Historical Partner Program Grant towards General Operating or Special Project Support in FY 19:

Community Ambassadors ($2,000), 4th NJ Volunteers ($455), John F. Peto Studio Museum ($5,000), Lacey Township Historical Society ($4,000), Lakewood Historical Society ($1,500), Long Beach Island Historical ($6,000), Navy Lakehurst Historical Society ($2,500), Murray Grove ($3,000), Ocean County Historical Society ($10,000), Stafford Township Historical Society ($5,000), Toms River BID ($3,000), Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey, Inc. ($3,000)

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 $70,000 in grant awards from the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission’s Local Arts Program Grant towards General Operating or Special Project support in FY 2019:

The Arc of Ocean County ($800), Brick Children's Community Theatre ($11,000), Brick TWP Recreation Department ($3,000), Community Ambassadors ($1,900), Island Singers ($2,250), Jewish Federation of Ocean County ($2,500), John F. Peto Studio Museum ($2,925), Kids on the Block Puppets NJ ($1,000), Island Singers ($1,000), Laurelton Art Society ($2,000), Lavallette Borough ($1,250), Lighthouse International Film Festival ($9,000), Ocean County Artists’ Guild ($7,250), Ocean Professional Theater Company ($3,000), Pine Shores Art Association ($9,000), Stafford Twp Historical Society ($2,200), Toms River Business Development Corp ($8,000), Toms River Artist Community ($2,925).

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

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.
2020 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 are to be matched dollar for dollar by the organization.

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 2020 applications will be available on our website at: http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmGrants.aspx in late July or early August.

3rd Annual
Ocean County Library
Autism Resources Fair

Sunday
April 7 2019
12:00 to 4:00 pm

Meet autism-related organizations, practices, and experts
Featuring: Thonpy Dogs, Vader’s 501st Star Wars Costumed Characters, Balloon Artist Cheryl Schwendel, Sensory Storytimes, and More!
For more information, please contact Wendi Smolowitz at 732-928-4400, ext. 3804 or at wsmolowitz@theoceancountylibrary.org.

Toms River Branch
101 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ
theoceancountylibrary.org

Event is FREE
Open Each Week
Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
(Except April 19 - Good Friday)
Saturday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Call for other times, school & group tours at:
732.929.4779
or email: LDiMartini@co.ocean.nj.us

Special Events!

Nature Walks:
April 13, May 11, May 25,
June 8, June 22
2:00 PM

Archery Lesson:
May 18 and June 15

Lecture on the
US Life Saving Service:
April 9 - 6:30 PM
Lighthouse International Film Festival

2019

June 6th - 9th
Long Beach Island
New Jersey
Musicals, Plays, Children’s Theatre, Concerts, Comedy Nights

Performing Ice Cream Parlour

LONG BEACH ISLAND, NJ

www.surflight.org
201 Engleside Ave., Beach Haven, NJ 08008
609.492.9477
Scales and Tales
Saturdays and Sundays at 11:00 AM
Cattus Island County Park
Join a Park Naturalist as they dispel the myths and fears of native snakes. You will see some of our live snakes up close and personal. Learn what makes these native species special. This program is sure to inspire a young nature lover.
FREE
1170 Cattus Island Blvd., Toms River
732-270-6960
http://www.oceancountyparks.org

Nature Walks
Every Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 PM
Cattus Island County Park
Be a part of a 38 year tradition. Join a park naturalist and follow in the footsteps of such legendary local environmentalists as A. Morton and Betty Cooper, Dorothy Hale and Pete McClain. Be prepared to discover the fascinating and diverse wonders of the natural world. No registration required. FREE
1170 Cattus Island Blvd., Toms River
732-270-6960
http://www.oceancountyparks.org

Tuesday Wheel Throwing or Handbuilding, Spring I
Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 & May 7 from 9:00 AM - Noon
Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25 & May 2 & 9 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
The LBI Foundation of the Arts & Sciences
Begin or expand your skills in the ceramics studio. Center, pull, shape, and trim pots on the wheel or concentrate on handbuilding techniques. Students may create projects using one or both techniques. More advanced students will be encouraged to design projects in the direction of their choice. Bring an old towel and a large plastic bowl. Wear old clothes with closed-toe shoes. Materials fee of $25 - $27 per bag of clay payable to the LBIF. Registration required $245/6-week session
120 Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies
609-494-1241
http://www.lbifoundation.org/

Rediscovering the Hidden Meanings in Peto’s Art and Photography
Saturdays, April 6, 13, 20, & 27 & May 4 & 11 & Sundays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28 & May 5 & 12 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM
The LBI Foundation of the Arts & Sciences
"Rediscovering the Hidden Meanings in Peto’s Art and Photography" is the first in a new series of community workshops that explore John F. Peto’s art and its relationship to the environment and his time period. This workshop will introduce students to Peto’s art from the perspective of a contemporary artist. Students will learn about the artist’s process, his materials and tools, and the techniques he used to achieve his works. We will also engage with Peto’s art through the lens of contemporary art and photography. Registration required.
$185/6-week session
120 Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies
609-494-1241
http://www.lbifoundation.org/
APRIL

April Festival of Art Classes
Tuesdays, April 2, 9, & 16 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Laurelton Art Society
Watercolor classes are free and open to the public. Space is limited and you must register by calling Joanne 732-477-1805. April 2nd Arlene Newman, April 9th Pauline Mickle, April 16th Leona Lavone. Free
Chambers Bridge Road, Brick
732-477-1805
http://www.Laureltonart.com

BCCT presents Aladdin Jr.
Friday, April 5 at 7:30 PM, Saturday, April 6 at 2:00 PM & 7:30 PM, & Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 PM
BCCT
Welcome to Agrabah! The story you know and love has been given the royal treatment! Aladdin and his three friends, Babkak, Omar, and Kassim, are down on their luck until Aladdin discovers a magic lamp and the Genie who has the power to grant three wishes. Wanting to earn the respect of the princess, Jasmine, Aladdin embarks on an adventure that will test his will and his moral character. It's a whole new world! All Tickets $15 plus a $1.50 service charge per ticket
400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood
732-920-3123
https://bcct.booktix.com

Béla Fleck and Abigail Washburn
Friday, April 5 at 8:00 AM
Grunin Center for the Arts @ Ocean County College
Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn, “the king and queen of the banjo” (Paste Magazine), have a musical partnership like no other. Béla Fleck is a fifteen-time Grammy Award winner who has taken the instrument across multiple genres, and Abigail Washburn a singer-songwriter and clawhammer banjo player who re-radicalized it by combining it with Far East culture and sounds. The two met at a square dance, began collaborating musically and eventually fell in love. Tickets $68 – $48
Ocean County College, College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0500
http://www.grunincnter.org/event/bela-fleck-and-abigail-washburn/

Coffee House @ the Guild
Friday, April 5 from 7:00 – 10:00 PM
Ocean County Artists’ Guild
Coffee House at the Guild - A Place for Writers First Friday Every Month, Suggested donation $5.00/person. Poems, short stories, journalism, memoirs, works in progress. Beginners to experienced. We welcome readers and listeners. We nurture writers. New publications, open mic, door prize. Free
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

An Afternoon of Magic & Illusion: A Sensory Friendly Performance
Saturday, April 6 at 11:00 AM
Grunin Center for the Arts @ Ocean County College
An Afternoon of Magic & Illusion features Kevin Spencer, an extraordinary magician, in a fun-filled show that combines storytelling, stage magic, and audience participation. This sensory-friendly, relaxed performance is designed to create an experience that is welcoming to all families with children with autism or with other developmental or intellectual disabilities that create sensory sensitivities. The performance was specifically designed to be baffling and entertaining for all! Adult $12 / Child $10
Ocean County College, College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0500
http://www.grunincnter.org/event/magic-illusion/

Girls Getaway Weekend
Saturday & Sunday, April 6 & 7
Call or check website for times.
Laurita Winery
Grab your girlfriends for a weekend at Laurita Winery! Wine, good food and fun vendors! Don’t miss this great getaway! Free general admission
35 Archertown Road, New Egypt
609-758-8000
http://www.LauritaWinery.com

Bollywood Boulevard: A Journey through Hindi Cinema Live
Sunday, April 7 at 3:00 PM
Grunin Center for the Arts @ Ocean County College
Lose yourself in the world of Bollywood through live music, dance, and multimedia with Bollywood Boulevard. Witness the spirit, artistry, and history of India’s famous film industry from the classics of the black and white era and the timeless songs of Bollywood’s Golden Era, to the foot-tapping blockbusters of today. Bollywood Boulevard will have you falling in love with the vibrance, emotions, and heart-pounding beat that inspires the world’s largest entertainment industry! Tickets $35 – $27
Ocean County College, College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0500
http://www.grunincnter.org/event/bollywood-boulevard-a-journey-through-hindi-cinema-live/

Gallery Opening Reception
Sunday, April 7 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Ocean County Artists’ Guild
Juried Photography Show on display all month
Free
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org
Juried Photography Show
Sunday, April 7 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Ocean County Artists’ Guild
Juried Photography Show will be in all Galleries. The Awards Presentation will be at 2:00 PM. The show will run April 7 – 28, 2019.
Free.
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

Painted Tuesdays: Do Your Own Thing!
Tuesdays, April 9 & 23, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM
The LBI Foundation of the Arts & Sciences
Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month through April 23rd, enjoy open studio time in our Painter’s Loft overlooking the beautiful Barnegat Bay marsh area. Talented artist, Linda Ramsay, is on hand to offer tips and pointers to improve work. Easels provided by LBIF. Bring your own supplies - oils, acrylic, watercolors, brushes, canvases, etc. All are welcome! $25/day 120 Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies
609-494-1241
http://www.lbifoundation.org

Lunch N’ Learn Programs
Wednesday, April 10 at 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM
The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen’s Museum
Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM and 12:30 PM for our Lunch N’ Learn Programs! Call (609) 296-8868 for more information and to register. Cost is $2 per person (payable at the door). Participants can bring a lunch or take advantage of our lunch option for $6. Registration for lunch is required a day in advance. Full schedule of classes and programs: https://www.facebook.com/events/209998196239516/
$2 per person 120 W. Main Street, Tuckerton
609-296-8868
http://www.tuckertonseaport.org

Workshop - Joe Gyurcsak - Resident Artist
Dick Blick/Utrecht
Friday & Saturday, April 12 & 13 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Ocean County Artists’ Guild
Capture the Essence of Your Subject: An Approach to Alla Prima Painting Using oil, acrylic or pastel. Joe will explore alla prima/quick sketch painting. The workshop will improve confidence in design, value and paint application. Demonstrations and individual critiques will round out this class. Learn to paint boldly! Weather permitting some plein air painting will be included.
$225 Members/$250 Non-Members 22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

The Tamburitzans
Saturday, April 13 at 8:00 PM
Grunin Center for the Arts @ Ocean County College
Based on the exciting music, songs, and dances of international cultures, The Tamburitzans, a performing ensemble of talented college students, combine music, song, and dance to celebrate the cultural heritages and shared values of the world’s people. The Tamburitzans are the longest running live stage show in the United States. The company’s repertoire reflects the traditions and influences of more than 100 nationalities. Tickets $35
Ocean County College, College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0500
http://www.grunincenter.org/event/the-tamburitzans/

Concert-Jean/Peter Morris & Barbara Paskin
Friday, April 19 from 8:00 – 10:00 PM
Ocean County Artists’ Guild
Concert at the Guild by Jean & Peter Morris and Barbara Paskin. Free
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

Ocean County Historical Society’s Book & Collectibles Sale
Friday, April 19 & Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Ocean County Historical Society
Ocean County Historical Society’s storage spaces are overflowing; take advantage of our Spring Cleaning! All books are only $1.00 each, $5.00 per bag! All collectibles at heavily-reduced prices. All proceeds benefit the Ocean County Historical Society. For additional information please call 732-341-1880.
No admission charge.
26 Hadley Avenue, Toms River
732-341-1880
http://www.oceancountyhistory.org

Song Circle
Sunday, April 21 from 7:00 – 10:00 PM
Ocean County Artists’ Guild
We take turns around the circle singing songs and maybe singing or playing along. We sing folk songs, pop songs, and hymns, and sometimes we have an improvised music jam. The only rule is that it’s all acoustic, with no amplifiers or microphones. Everyone is welcome to take a turn in the circle, or just to listen. If you come just to listen, feel free to bring a quiet activity such as sketching or reading. Free
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

DEMO: Narcissus Florist
Wednesday, April 24 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Ocean County Artists’ Guild
NARCISSUS FLORIST: The Art of Floral Arranging Free
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

Spring 2019
John Pizzarelli A Centennial Celebration of Nat King Cole
Friday, April 26 at 8:00 PM
Grunin Center for the Arts @ Ocean County College
World-renowned guitarist and singer John Pizzarelli has been hailed by the Boston Globe for “reinvigorating the Great American Songbook and re-popularizing jazz.” The Toronto Star pegged him as “the genial genius of the guitar,” and the Seattle Times saluted him as “a rare entertainer of the old school.” For this show, he honors the music of the Nat King Cole Trio with many of their classics. Tickets $45 – $49
Ocean County College, College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0500
http://www.grunincenter.org/event/john-pizzarelli/

Tuckerton’s Oyster and Clam History
Saturday, April 27 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Tuckerton Historical Society
Dale Stewart Parsons is a fifth generation baymen and seafood purveyor in Tuckerton. His family has been making their living from the bounty of the bay since 1909. Beginning in the 1990s Parsons began teaching himself aquaculture and now raises clams and oysters from larvae to plant them on his clam beds in Great Bay. Parsons is part of the Barnegat Bay Partnership’s Shellfish Working Group that is rebuilding an oyster reef in Little Egg Harbor Bay. Free
Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum
35 Leitz Blvd., Little Egg Harbor
(609) 294-1547
http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org/

Kenny Vance & an Evening of Doo Wop All-Stars!
Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 PM
RWJ Barnabas Health Arena
An all-star night of doo wop at RWJBarnabas Health Arena in Toms River with Kenny Vance & The Planotones and more! The Line Up: Kenny Vance & The Planotones Cleveland Still & the Dubs the Fireflies Lenny and The Demensions “Line up subject to change. $30.00-$59.00
1245 Old Freehold Road, Toms River
732-818-8536
http://www.rwjbarnabashealtharena.com

The 29th Annual Cattus Island Nature Festival
Saturday, April 27 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Cattus Island County Park
The Cattus Island Nature Festival is an annual celebration of Natural Science Education at Cattus Island County Park. The entire day will be full of exciting activities such as nature walks, seining, kayak trips, live animal talks, lectures and children’s programs. A variety of exhibitors, including a food vendor, will be on hand and there will be live music throughout the day. FREE

MAY

Acrylic Painting Class
Thursdays, May 2, 9 & 23 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Pine Shores Art Association
Painting Close Focused Flowers in acrylic
Members $65 / Non-Members $95
94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin
240-462-8963
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Coffee House @ the Guild
Friday, May 3 from 7:00 – 10:00 PM
Ocean County Artists’ Guild
Coffee House at the Guild - A Place for Writers. First Friday Every Month, Suggested donation $5.00/person. Poems, short stories, journalism, memoirs, works in progress. Beginners to experienced. We welcome readers and listeners. We nurture writers. New publications, open mic, door prizes. Free
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

Watercolor Class
Fridays, May 3, 10 & 17 at 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Pine Shores Art Association
Painting portraits of trees in landscape, with theory. Class led by Tom Rutledge.
Members $65 / Non-Members $95
94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin
240-462-8963
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Drive in Movie
Saturday, May 4 at 8:30 PM
Barnegat Township
Come join us for an old fashioned drive in movie. Movie will begin at 8:30 PM. Free
425 E Bay Avenue, Barnegat
609-698-0080 x-122
http://www.barnegat.net
Ocean County Historical Society’s Second Annual Spring Flea Market
Saturday, May 4 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Ocean County Historical Society is hosting its Second Annual Spring Flea Market. The parking garage is across the street from OCHS. Besides vendors, our Victorian style home & museum will be open for tours. There will also be baked goods, used books for only $1 each, & local history books for purchase. 50-50 tickets will be on sale. Vendor 23’X16’ spaces are $10.00 for members & $20.00 for non-members per space. Hadley & Madison Avenue, Toms River 732-341-1880
http://www.oceancountyhistory.org

Alice in Wonderland
Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 AM
Grumin Center for the Arts @ Ocean County College
Based on Lewis Carroll’s classic take, join us for a rollicking journey through the mixed-up world just the other side of the Looking Glass. Hilarious hi-jinks and glorious fun — complete with the Cheshire Cat, White Rabbit, Mad Hatter, Queen of Hearts and (of course) Alice. This madcap adventure delivers toe-tapping tunes and delightful twists while underscoring the value of reading, the necessity for a fair-minded rule of law and the importance of due process. Adult $12 / Child $10
Ocean County College, College Drive
Toms River 732-255-0500
http://www.grunincenter.org

Lighthouse Center BayFest!
Saturday, May 4 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Natural Resource Education Foundation of NJ
This is a great event that will have vendors, music, food as well as some nature hikes and environmental education offerings. Learn about blue claw crabs, the history of the Leni Lenape in New Jersey. Watch a basket weaver in action. FREE!
7th & Navajo, Waretown 609-698-8003
http://www.lighthousecenternj.org

A Victorian Lady’s Wardrobe
Sunday, May 5 at 2:00 PM
Ocean County Historical Society
Learn the secrets of how Victorian women managed to create the fashionable silhouette long admired by all. Adjunct professor of art and art history, Lydia Chiappini is also an artist who will present a fascinating program, A Victorian Lady’s Wardrobe. A resident of Blairstown, NJ, Ms. Chiappini not only creates art from fibers, acrylics, oils, watercolors, metals, and clay, but also puts her artistic talents to work as she creates & models Victorian costumes & undergarments. No admission fee.
26 Hadley Avenue, Toms River 732-341-1880
http://www.oceancountyhistory.org

Gallery Opening Reception
Sunday, May 5 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Ocean County Artists’ Guild
GALLERY 1 DIANE SCHULTZ: Pastel Artist “Land and Sea” GALLERY 2 SANDY MOR-MORATO: “Scenes from Seaside” STUDIO GALLERY MEMBERS’ SHOW—Artist’s Choice Free
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.oartistsguild.org

Spring Show Reception
Sunday, May 5 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Pine Shores Art Association
The annual Pine Shores member Spring Show is a highlight of the Pine Shores gallery season, and the public is very welcome at the reception. Free
94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin 240-462-8963
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org

The Midiri Brothers Salute Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw
Sunday, May 5 at 3:00 PM
Grumin Center for the Arts @ Ocean County College
The Midiri Brothers have long been a popular attraction at the Grunin Center, known for their musical fireworks and light-hearted banter. For this concert, they will be performing a tribute to the two most popular clarinetists of the Swing Era, Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw, both of whom had May birthdays. The Midiris will perform timeless classics associated with each artist, illustrating with finality that Swing will always be King!
Adult $24 / Senior $20
Ocean County College, College Drive
Toms River 732-255-0500
http://www.grunincenter.org

Art Demo & Lecture
Monday, May 6 from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Pine Shores Art Association
Understanding the Water in Watercolor Members $30 / Non-Members $50
94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin 240-462-8963
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Monthly Meeting and Demo
Monday, May 6 at 7:00 PM
Pine Shores Art Association
General meeting for Pine Shores members and guests, followed by a demonstration by Mary Walker-Baptiste of using Watercolor Crystals. The public is very welcome to attend. Free
94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin 240-462-8963
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org
Workshop - Charles Reid Watercolorist  
May 6 - 9 from 9:15 AM - 4:00 PM  
Ocean County Artists' Guild  
Experience watercolor with this master of watercolor. Mr. Reid brings his vast expertise to this class, featuring a wide variety of subject matter - landscapes, floral, portraits. His inspiring demonstrations and critiques will enable you to grow as a watercolor painter.  
$750 Members / $800 Non-Members  
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights  
732-270-3111  
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

Workshop - Marcie Falconetti Beginner Gourds  
Monday, May 13 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM  
Ocean County Artists' Guild  
Each student will learn the History/Culture, Embellishment Techniques & Varieties of Gourds. Each student will take home a completed Gourd Birdhouse, Vase or Planter. All supplies are included.  
$65 Members / $80 Non-Members  
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights  
732-270-3111  
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

Spring Victorian Tea  
Wednesday, May 8  
Choose 12:00 or 3:00 seating  
Ocean County Historical Society  
Celebrate Spring with scones, tea sandwiches, desserts, and fine teas at 600 Main, a Bed & Breakfast and Victorian Tea Room. Reservations open April 15th after 7:00 AM, call Pat at 732-814-2979. Your check is made out & mailed to Ocean County Historical Society, 26 Hadley Ave., Toms River, NJ 08753 with TEA/PAT marked in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope.  
$30.00 Members and $33.00 Non-Members  
600 Main Street, Toms River  
732-341-1880  
http://www.oceancountyhistory.org

Workshop: Renee Leopardi - Pastel Landscapes  
Friday, May 10 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Ocean County Artists' Guild  
Learn how to paint the beautiful South Jersey Landscape in pastel. This workshop will cover the many elements of our unique land: marsh, waterways and colorful skies. Learn about the different types of pastels and papers/surfaces you can use. Explore a variety of under painting techniques to breathe life into your paintings. Students will work from their own favorite photographs or follow along with the instructor. All levels welcome.  
http://reneeleopardi.com/index.html  
$95 Members / $110 Non-Members  
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights  
732-270-3111  
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

Intro to Faces and Figures Class  
Monday & Tuesday, May 13 & 14 from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Pine Shores Art Association  
Introduction to painting people for beginning and intermediate painters in any medium, led by Jill DeFelice.  
Members $55 / Non-Members $85  
94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin  
240-462-8963  
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Light and Shadow Lecture & Demo  
Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Pine Shores Art Association  
Making Use of Light and Shadow discussion and demonstration led by Kim Cesaretti.  
Members $20 / Non-Members $40  
94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin  
240-462-8963  
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Fine Art Show and Sale  
Saturday May 18 from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM & Sunday, May 19 from 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM  
St. Francis Parish and Community Center  
Amateur and professional artists from the local area; Ocean and Monmouth County participate in the show with fine art works encompassing almost every media. These award winning artists and photographers will be showing breathtaking LBI shore scenes, NJ Historical Paintings, Florida seascapes, plus much more. There will be something for everyone! Free admission - good will donation will be accepted.  
4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach  
609-494-8861  
http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org
What's So Special About Tuckerton
Saturday, May 18 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Tuckerton Historical Society
Starting with the Lenni Lenape who settled along the Tuckerton Creek through the Colonial period of commerce, boatbuilding, oyster and clam shipping, through the Revolutionary War, Civil War and Tuckerton Wireless, Historical Society President John Yates will give an overview of Tuckerton history using artifacts in the museum as prompts. Come and learn about the wealth of history in the place where you live.
Free
Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum
35 Leitz Blvd., Little Egg Harbor
(609) 294-1547
http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org

The Bronx Wanderers
Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 PM & 8:00 PM
Grunin Center for the Arts @ Ocean County College
Buckle your seat belts because The Bronx Wanderers deliver a "Back to the Future" type of rocket fuel in this high-octane 50s, 60s and 70s Rock N' Roll experience! Tickets $40 – $49
Ocean County College, College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0500
http://www.grunincenter.org

Song Circle
Sunday, May 19 from 7:00 – 10:00 PM
Ocean County Artists' Guild
We take turns around the circle singing songs, and maybe singing or playing along. We sing folk songs, pop songs, and hymns, and sometimes we have an improvised music jam. The only rule is that it's all acoustic, with no amplifiers or microphones. Everyone is welcome to take a turn in the circle, or just to listen. If you come just to listen, feel free to bring a quiet activity such as sketching or reading. Free
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

Sophisticated Simplicity in Watercolor Class
Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, May 20, 21, & 22 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Pine Shores Art Association
An advanced watercolor class led by Mic McAndrews.
Members $150 / Non-Members $195
94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin
240-462-8963
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org

DEMO: Kim Cesaretti
Wednesday, May 22 from 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Ocean County Artists' Guild
Kim demonstrates a "Close-Focus" way of painting flowers in Acrylic. Free
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

Barnegat Dock Concerts
Every Saturday, May 25 at 7:00 PM
Barnegat Township
5-25, 7-27, 8-31 Sounds of the Street 7-3
ReUnited (followed by fireworks) 7-5 The Blue Suede 7-6 Jersey Sure Cats 7-13 Sir Rod 7-20Strictly 60's 7-28, 8-17 Gary Morton 8-3 Joey D' Rockin Oldies 8-10 Happy Days String Band 8-18 Michael Rinaldi 8-24 Kootz B
425 E Bay Avenue, Barnegat
609-698-0080 x-122
http://www.barnegat.net

Township of Ocean Founder's Day
Saturday, May 25 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Township of Ocean
Free Festival featuring live entertainment; 130 craft nonprofit and business vendors; 10 food trucks, children's activities, police and fire department demonstrations throughout the day. Over 3000 people annually attend this festival. New is a Photo and Art Contest. The day ends with a huge fireworks display over Barnegat Bay at 9 PM.
139 Wells Mills Road, Waretown
609-548-6319
http://www.twpoceannj.gov

Songs in the Attic: The Music of Billy Joel
Saturday, May 25 at 5:30 PM & 8:00 PM
Surflight Theatre
Since the release of "Piano Man" in 1973, Billy Joel has had 33 Top 40 hits spanning 3 decades, all written by the man himself. "Songs in the Attic" is a musical tribute conceived and presented with a tremendous amount of detail and affection for the material by Long Island veteran singer/piano player David Clark. David entertains the audience and continues to gain notoriety with stunningly accurate piano playing and lead vocals combined with dynamic and high energy band performances.
All tickets: $37.50
PO Box 1155
201 Engleside Avenue, Beach Haven
609-492-9477
http://www.surflight.org

Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony
Monday, May 27 at 10:00 AM
Manchester Township Recreation
Remembering all our veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation. Manchester is inviting children to adorn their bicycles with patriotic decorations and take part in the parade. Please Like our Facebook page at: ManchesterNJRecreation.
Free
Lake Road, Whiting
732-657-8121 ext-5102
http://www.manchestertwp.com/
Memorial Day Service
Monday, May 27 at 1:00 PM
Ship Bottom Borough
A Memorial Day Service
Cost: None
1621 Long Beach Blvd., Ship Bottom
609-494-2171 X-116
http://www.shipbottom.org

JUNE PREVIEW

A Little Bit Of Broadway Is Coming To Ocean County!
Saturday, June 1 at 8:00 PM
The Island Singers
The Island Singers will be bringing a little bit of Broadway to Ocean County on Saturday June 1st. Mark your calendar for a great event! You will be snapping your fingers and tapping your toes to some of Broadway’s most popular and beloved tunes.
Free Admission. Donations accepted
900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat
609-879-9340

Painting Glass, Reflections, and Whites in Pastel
Saturday & Sunday, June 1 & 2 from 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Pine Shores Art Association
Learning the art of creating transparencies and reflections in pastel, led by Jeri Greenberg.
Members $65 / Non-Members $95
94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin
240-462-8963
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Gallery Opening Reception
Sunday, June 2 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Ocean County Artists’ Guild
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

Painting People and Pets in Oil and Acrylics
Thursdays, June 6, 13 & 20 from 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM
Pine Shores Art Association
A beginner and intermediate class for painters wanting to capture their favorite people and pets in portraits, led by Jill DeFelice.
Members $55 / Non-Members $85
94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin
240-462-8963
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Holiday Inn
June 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 18, 23 at 2:00 PM & June 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 at 8:00 PM
Surflight Theatre
Jim leaves the bright lights of show business behind to settle down at his farmhouse in Connecticut...but life just isn’t the same without a bit of song and dance. Jim’s luck takes a spectacular turn when he meets Linda, a spirited schoolteacher with talent to spare. Together they turn the farmhouse into a fabulous inn with dazzling performances to celebrate each holiday, from Thanksgiving to the Fourth of July. The fantastic Irving Berlin score includes: “Blue Skies”, “Let’s Start the New Year” $39 adults & seniors; $29 for children 12 & under
PO Box 1155
201 Engleside Avenue, Beach Haven
609-492-9477
http://www.surflight.org

Coffee House @ the Guild
Friday, June 7 from 7:00 – 10:00 PM
Ocean County Artists’ Guild
Coffee House at the Guild - A Place for Writers First Friday Every Month, Suggested Donation $5.00/person. Poems, short stories, journalism, memoirs, works in progress. Beginners to experienced. We welcome readers and listeners. We nurture writers. New publications, open mic, door prize. Free
22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights
732-270-3111
http://www.ocartistsguild.org

Color Theory in Watercolor Class
Fridays, June 7, 14, & 21 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Pine Shores Art Association
Exploring the use of color and color theory in watercolors, led by Nancy Edwards.
Members $55 / Non-Members $85
94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin
240-462-8963
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Beach Haven Annual Art Walk
Saturday, June 8
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Borough of Beach Haven
Art Walk along Bay Avenue in Beach Haven. Free
300 Engleside Avenue, Beach Haven
609-492-0111
http://www.beachhaven-nj.gov
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Free Admission.
Donations Accepted.
130 Cable Avenue, Beachwood
609-879-9340

Art History Lecture
Monday, June 10 at 6:30 PM
Pine Shores Art Association
Pine Shores presents a free art history lecture led by a college art history professor. Subject TBA. The event is preceded by an artist reception for the Pine Shores painters with work on display in the library.
Free
Main Street, Manahawkin
240-462-8963
http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Restoration of the Cedar Bridge Tavern
Saturday, June 15 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Tuckerton Historical Society
Ocean County Historian Tim Hart will speak about the restoration of the Cedar Bridge Tavern, site of the last skirmish of the Revolutionary War.
Free
Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum
35 Leitz Blvd., Little Egg Harbor
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http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org/

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