

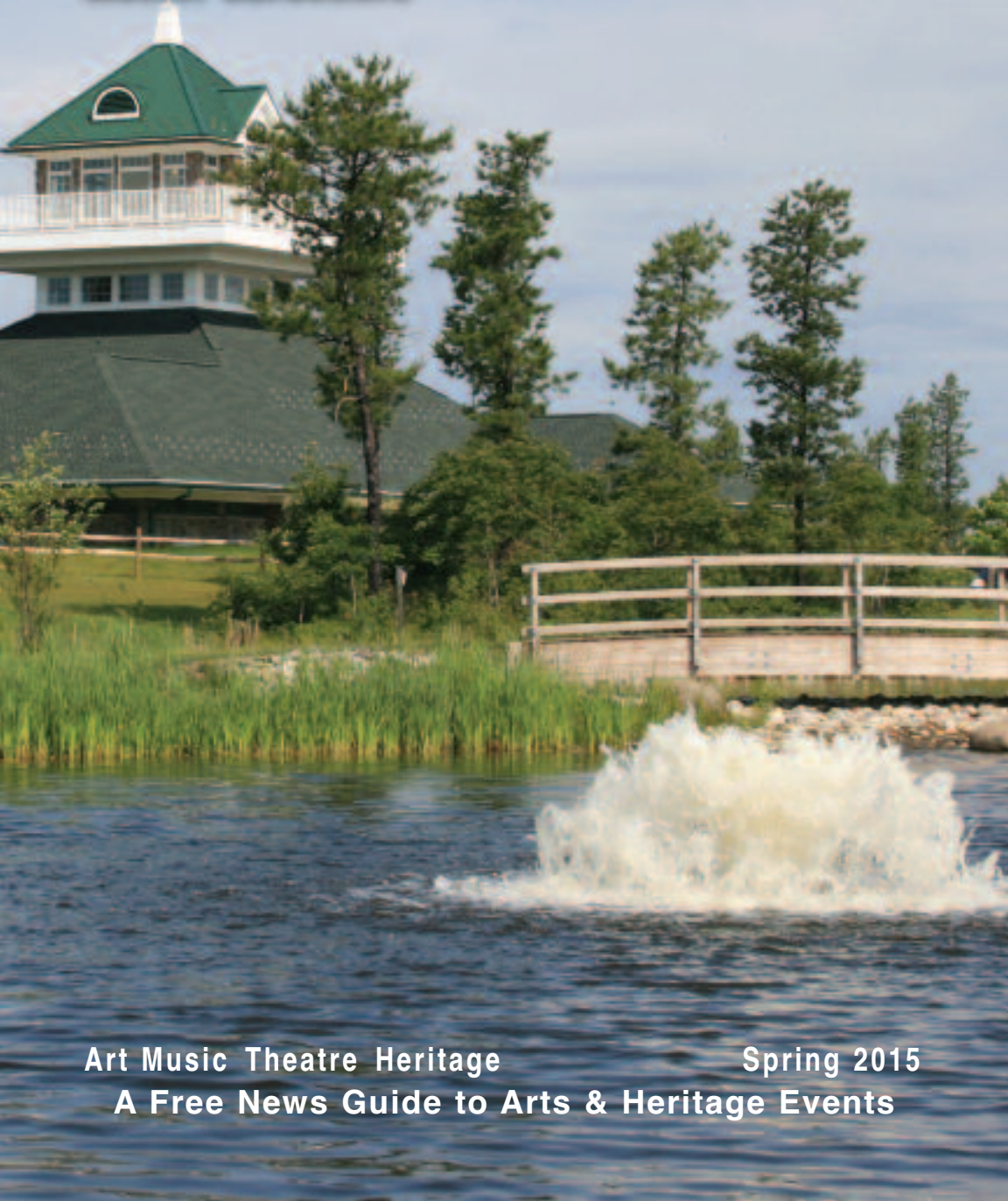
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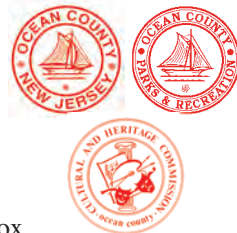
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Greetings from Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I welcome you to the Spring 2015 issue of **Out & About Ocean County**, *A Free Newsguide to Arts & Heritage Events*.

On March 26, the public is invited 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 fourth annual *Salute to Ocean County: Celebration of the Arts and Heritage*, a showcase of the best performances from the 2015 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 the 2014 annual Ocean County Historic Preservation award will be given to Dan Crabbe and Children for the ongoing restoration of their 1916 boathouse on the Toms River. Internationally recognized sculptor Brian Hanlon will receive the 2015 Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award. Eugene Donatiello has earned the 2015 Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award. The Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation will be presented the Champion of Ocean County Arts for their extraordinary efforts to enhance the quality of life of our residents and guests through public art, health care and education. Alison Amelchenko, Ebony Rivera and Sam Christopher will also receive recognition.

The Cultural & Heritage Commission has completed their annual arts and history grant award cycles. This year fifteen art and eight history organizations will receive a total of \$80,455 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.

The Cultural & Heritage Commission staff will be conducting a number of professional workshops open to the interested public over the next few months including one on the care of historic graveyards in Lakewood.

Please join us for the 75th anniversary of the Ocean County Parks and Recreation Department. The main event will take place on June 27th on the grounds of Ocean County Park in Lakewood from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Finally, I am sad to share the loss of Sam Christopher, the “Dean of Ocean County Journalism.”

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Bartlett, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.



75th Anniversary for Ocean County Parks & Recreation

By: Victoria Ford

The Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation provides the residents of this ecologically rich and diverse county – nearly 600,000 of us – with more than 4,000 acres of open space dedicated for public enjoyment.

The system has grown and flourished over the course of 35 years, under the leadership and guidance of Ocean County Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr. He has been the liaison to the parks system from the time he took office in January 1980. Department Director Mike Mangum has held his post since 2003. Parks and Recreation is a department under direct purview of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

75 years of Recreation, Education & Preservation

- *Canoeing
- *Kayaking
- *Live Animals
- *Chipping Contest
- *Nature & History Walks
- *Games
- *Crafts

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015
TIME: 4:00 - 8:00 pm
LOCATION: Ocean County Park, Lakewood
COST: FREE

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- *Carriage Races
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“I think people need to be able to get away from it all, take a walk or a drive, commune with themselves and with nature, without having to pay money to do it,” Bartlett said. A park should be accessible to everyone, he said, to allow families to spend time together, to be surrounded by nature, to be near water, picnicking, talking, running around, playing catch. For that reason, none of the parks have an entrance fee. Comfort, convenience and safety are hallmarks of the many parks in the system.

“I think you build a better society when you do that,” he said. “That’s what I stand for; that’s what I believe in.”

Bartlett is the longest-serving freeholder in the state. He is also the man responsible for building and shaping the system as it is known and loved today, with the mission

to put passive and active recreation within reach of every county citizen. “There ought to be a county park within reasonable commuting distance to everyone within Ocean County,” he said – a goal that has come “darn close” to fruition. But a parks

Ocean County Park Main Entrance.
 Photo credit: Ocean County Parks Department



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system, like a living organism, is never truly complete, always evolving.

Before he took office, when the county was more rural, only a couple of county parks existed, plus a lot of “road-end” parks with water access, many of which have since been turned back over to the municipalities. The oldest parks in the system include Ocean County Park, Berkeley Island, Tip Seaman and A. Paul King. Today the system comprises 20 parks, four conservation areas and two golf courses. Conservation areas are left as is, in their natural state, and are for passive recreation only. Gull Island, for example, is an area for nesting shorebirds and ospreys, accessible only by boat.

Ocean County Park in Lakewood, with its circular road pattern and its majestic old trees, was the county’s first, originating as a hunting and fishing club before it was purchased by John D. Rockefeller. “He called it his farm,” Mangum said. Many of the trees on the property were planted by his personal forester. The property also hosted one of the earliest PGA tournaments; Rockefeller himself loved golf and played into his 90s. Though it was never official, some, including Bartlett’s own mom, always referred to the park by its nickname, “Rocky’s.” Rockefeller died in 1937, and by 1940 the county owned it. In August that year, the estate hosted a grand opening event they called “Ocean County Day.” The park was also a training ground for the New York Giants baseball team during WWII. In those days, Lakewood had a downtown but the rest of the area was farmland and woods.

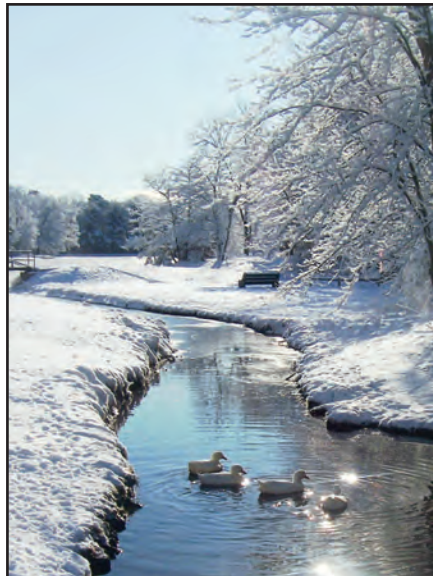
“In the old days, you could walk on private property, go hunting or whatever, and there was plenty of open space,” Mangum said. But, given so much development over time, parks have had to be planned with a little more strategy and thought given to geographic location.

A county park, the men explained, is meant to be regional. From playgrounds and picnic areas to competition sports fields and hiking trails, the objective is to develop each park to fit the needs of a given region.

Once Bartlett came aboard, Berkeley and Tip Seaman got redesigned and the county started adding sites to the roster. Cattus Island, a project then in its infancy, was the first major new park project. Additional land was acquired by donation or through the Green Acres or the Natural Lands Trust programs.

“We had a growing county with a growing tax base, so we had the money to do it,” Bartlett said. Of course, times and methodologies change. Green Acres, he explained, is a state program that used to fund up to 50 percent of project cost in the form of grants, but now it’s a low-interest loan program. “It was exceedingly beneficial to the public; now it’s marginally beneficial to the public,” Bartlett said.

One of the important changes he implemented right away was to outfit the department with its own maintenance division, ensuring the right



Winter Scene.
Photo credit: Ocean County Parks Department

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equipment was available to do any necessary job immediately and efficiently. Previously, he explained, the parks system had been treated like a second-class citizen – e.g. when the roads department got a new truck, the parks department got the hand-me-down. But, a lesson Bartlett learned prior to becoming a freeholder, from his six years as councilman, then mayor, of Pine Beach: “You can’t run an operation with junk equipment.” It follows, then, that to have a first-class parks system you need first-class tools and resources, a proper infrastructure, to address and fix problems right away.

Maintenance and vandalism prevention are top priorities, Bartlett stressed.

Along with thinking strategically about location, a key to developing a successful park is to rationalize the use of the property, Bartlett explained. You have to look at it like, what fits the property, not the other way around, he explained. When a town has donated a spot, the county determines the best use for it, given the existing conditions, with an eye toward regional purpose. For example, playing fields are more appropriate in some areas than others. Similarly, you can’t have conflicting uses on one property. (In other words, you can’t please all the people all the time.) As the county, you have to be able to say no, while also making reasonable accommodations, Bartlett said. That takes some balancing. Robert J. Miller Airpark, for example, is suitable for use for the county fair, even an annual truck show. Other sites are not suitable for that. You have to recognize and support the integrity of the facility, and look at what types of activities a given site can support, otherwise you’ll ruin it.

Giving the Ocean County Vocational-Technical Schools space inside the Atlantis facility for its Cuisine on the Green culinary school restaurant is one example of a working collaboration that is a creative and effective use of space. The Ocean County Board of Health also has an office at the site. The Mantoloking Bridge Fishing Pier was another example of a creative solution: The DOT was requiring a fishing pier, and Brick Township wanted to buy Traders Cove, with the county’s help. The result is one of the best fishing and crabbing spots in the county. “When those opportunities come along, we’re going to grab them.”

In the park system’s 75-year history, some projects have taken longer than others. Cloverdale Farm in Barnegat, purchased through the Natural Lands program, has been about a decade in the making, he said, with issues surrounding cranberry bogs and permit delays. It’s just about ready to open now, he said, describing it as a place for low-impact recreation, bird-watching, a place to go wander and explore.

After Superstorm Sandy forced closure of two parks, Berkeley Island and Cattus Island, county residents spoke up in earnest, eager to regain access, Mangum said. “People are anxious to have them back,” he said. Berkeley Island was partially reopened last summer but is still in the process of being redesigned, with special attention being paid to shoreline protection. Cattus Island’s nature center was destroyed by the storm and will undergo complete reconstruction; since it can’t be raised, it will be made more water-resistant and better prepared overall for future storms. The storm took its greatest toll on those two parks, but throughout the system multiple thousands of trees were felled, Mangum said, commending the Freeholders’ swift action to address the debris.

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Bartlett is meticulous about the way things look. In his view, form is tantamount to function, and upkeep is everything. “It has to look nice,” he said.

He elaborated: “I want you to say when you drive in, ‘Gee, I wonder what this is!’” For a walk, a drive, to achieve a feeling of relaxation, park users can take pride in knowing “it’s partially mine, and I should take pleasure in it, enjoy it.”

Bartlett calls himself “a frustrated architect,” to which he owes his eye for aesthetics. At Freedom Fields, in Little Egg Harbor, for example, a retention basin has a natural look to disguise its engineering function. “It’s those kinds of details that are enjoyable to me,” he said.

Another of Bartlett’s tenets of park development: “I do not build big parking lots.” They’re an eyesore, in his opinion. In one instance he asked an engineer to redirect a driveway in a way that might be considered counterintuitive and he said, “That’s what signs are for.” He likes roads that meander, parking lots no one sees.

Jake’s Branch, in Beachwood, is perhaps the crown jewel – “our best effort,” Bartlett said. “It’s so beautiful. Just beautiful.” It has sports fields along Double Trouble Road, wooded hiking trails and a nature center filled with taxidermy, with an observation deck accessible by elevator. From it, one can see the Forked River Mountains and Hangar 1 at Lakehurst Naval Air Base.

Mangum’s source of pride is being able to provide a good system in a cost-effective way. To him, the parks system’s importance is “a quality-of-life thing,” he said.

“It can’t all be oil refineries,” he joked. Industry might mean jobs, but the reason people choose to live in Ocean County is for the scenery, the landscapes, the beaches and parks. We’re fortunate to have well protected resources, he added.

Mangum agreed the natural beauty and the parks’ careful design evoke a feeling upon entering; the scenery and layout make a visual impact, and extend an invitation to leave behind the cares of the world. “You’re there to relax and have fun, so it should reflect that,” Mangum said.

As the parks system continues to grow and change, sooner or later the older projects need updating, Bartlett said. Berkeley Island was Bartlett’s first redesign, and by the time Sandy got to it, it was in need of some re-envisioning. Now its reconstruction is taking place while two brand new parks in Barnegat are being established – Cloverdale Farm and Lochiel Creek. Lochiel ties into the Barnegat Branch Trail, which, when completed, will stretch from Barnegat to Toms River.

The county plans to introduce a “pilot concept” at Berkeley Island in the spring – a spray park feature to add to the recreation options there. Though Bartlett himself “grew up in the water,” he said swimming opportunities seem less common nowadays. Instead, the spray park trend – multi-dimensional play areas where water shoots from the ground or from fountains or showers or sprinklers – offers fun and relief from the summer heat.

“We’re going to see what it would cost, and if it comes in at a reasonable price, we’ll probably do it. And if it works well, we’ll expand it and add two more in the northern and southern parts of the county,” he said.

Both men made sure to mention the system has a lot of dedicated employees and volunteers to thank for its successful and smooth operation, including naturalists, interpreters and educators. The parks system has the largest group of non-union employees in the county, according to Bartlett. They take ownership in how the place looks and pride in the jobs they perform. They are people who reflect the surrounding culture. Those who work or volunteer there do so with a sense of family, both in terms of pride and responsibility, many personally having forged meaningful memories in the same parks for generations.

Hindu Temple Rises in Ocean County

By: Victoria Ford

Temporary Housing of the Idol.
Photo credit: Victoria Ford



At last, after years of discussion, meditation and prayer, planning, fundraising and paperwork, construction is underway on a Hindu temple and Indian Cultural Center on a six-acre property on Route 9 in Toms River. The holy house and

auxiliary facility are intended to serve the existing Siddhivinayak congregation of approximately 850 families, with special focus on the next generation of worshippers, as well as the community at large.

Construction started Oct. 28, according to a message from the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Avinash Gupta. “I stopped by the site today and was overwhelmed with the speed and scope of work,” he said in a message shared on Facebook on Nov. 11. The total fundraising goal was 70 percent met.

In the interim, a 3,200-square-foot warehouse will open by September and serve as the temple. That building will later become the cultural/community center, for hosting programs and educational speakers for kids, seniors and others. Prior to the land purchase and planning process, with no other temple nearby, Hindus in the Northern Ocean County area have had to drive an hour or more in any given direction to worship.

The message is: This is an open, inclusive place for all to come, where all are welcome, according to executive board member and board treasurer, Hira Suri, who orchestrated a recent gathering of the congregation’s leaders and members for a tour of the grounds. The organization places no restrictions of any kind on who can appreciate, learn and benefit from the facility, beyond the expected adherence to basic protocol.

“Siddhivinayak” is another name for the elephant-headed god Ganesha or, rather, it is one state of Ganesha, who is known as the “first lord,” the one who removes obstacles and fulfills desires and is the most universally relatable across the board. In the pantheon of gods, he is invoked at the outset of any venture or activity to eliminate hurdles, which is perfect for the group as it works to achieve its objective.

The ladies of Siddhivinayak also weighed in with their thoughts and impressions of the project and what it means to them. Sangeeta Mukhi said she wanted a place

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to worship close to home. Dr. Geeta Gupta, the board chairman's wife, said the large Indian community has long needed a centralized place, where there are opportunities for everyone, from education to yoga to dance. For Daxa Bhatt, the most meaningful part of the project is expanding the temple's reach beyond the Siddhivinayak community to be a part of and help the greater public community.

The new temple will measure 40,000 square feet and, artistically speaking, will be of a higher order. Once it is completed, Sanskaardham Pathshala, or school of tradition and religion, will be held every other Sunday, where students will study many aspects of their own heritage, including culture, values and the dozens of languages of India. In the meantime, classes have been held at Toms River High School North, under the direction of Dimple Shah. People have marveled at the hard work everyone has contributed to the children's school. About the educational component, she added, the children relish new understanding about the many festivals. They take pride in being knowledgeable about their own culture and religion.

Leadership comprises 26 trustees guided by a nine-person executive board. Board Chairman Dr. Avinash Gupta is described as a great leader, keeping everyone motivated and focused. A council brings vision and strategic perspective. The project is blessed by collaboration with another Siddhivinayak Temple in Mumbai, though the two are not affiliated in any way aside from a shared name. Nonetheless, a partnership has formed whereby a visiting trustee comes to give guidance and consultation, in a mentoring role. In three or four months the bylaws were established and tax-exempt/nonprofit status was obtained.

The end result of the project, as Gupta envisions, will be "a temple where our community can pray together and stay together; a cultural center where our children can learn our rich Indian culture and values and stay connected to our roots; a center where our parents can find happiness; a center where we can celebrate and enjoy our festivals together; a center from where we can extend help to those in need, in the community where we live now and also in the community we have left behind in India."



Ground Breaking Plans.
Photo credit: Victoria Ford

The ultimate goal is to have a fulltime priest, who could perform rituals in a sacrosanct way and be available consistently to offer guidance and answer questions.

In Indian culture, religious teachings are absorbed at home from birth; as much as ever, traditions are strong among Indian youth, the men agreed. Through educational, ceremonial and social events, kids learn the explanations behind their beliefs, they explained. Usually the ceremonies are followed by a meal, called "prasad," blessed by a lord and offered to God, which attracts families and becomes a shared celebration.

In Hindu practice, nothing is ever negative or sad, Suri noted. Everything is a celebration.

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Here's a timeline:

About two and a half years ago it really “clicked” for a group of devoted followers, who were conducting some fundraising activities when one Dr. Anil Sharma gave voice to the preexisting undercurrent of need for a temple of their own. The “sankalp” – a Sanskrit word that loosely translates to a solemn commitment or intention of heart and mind – took root in February 2012 to build a temple in the name of Lord Sri Siddhivinayak. “(Sharma) was the catalyst for, ‘Why don’t we do that here?’” Suri explained. From there, the enthusiasm and momentum began to build quickly.

“We are a groundswell – a common desire,” he said.

From concept to closing the deal took about nine months, the men explained. The lot, which was in foreclosure, was purchased in November 2012, for \$655,000. The group spent \$100,000 on demolition of a house, garage, barn and pool (opting to preserve the solid L-shaped warehouse structure) and associated cleanup costs. An additional \$350,000 to \$400,000 was needed as of August this year. In the end it would be a \$1.3 million project.

In the opinion of Manu Bhatt, the father of founding member Parth Bhatt, the donations would start to pour in once construction began.

On June 1, 2013, bhumi-pujan, a groundbreaking ceremony, was performed before hundreds of devotees and community members.

The following month, shilanyas, the ceremonial laying of foundation stone, was performed by Shri Pravin Naik, the trustee from the Siddhivinayak temple in Mumbai. Also that month, the figure of Ganesh arrived (from the factory, inanimate and meaningless until ritualistically energized and made into an idol), as well as the gift of a kalash, or sacred water vessel, donated from the Mumbai temple.

In August of last year, Toms River approved the first phase of the plan, consisting of existing facility renovations and the creation of a temple and community center.

Fast-forward to this year: A devotee has taken the contract to build the temple at cost, Gupta announced. The organization has paid 25 percent upfront, will pay 25 percent midway and the remaining 50 percent upon completion, projected by the end of the year with a grand opening celebration anticipated early next year. The need for donations had reached maximum urgency.

“It is history in the making of Toms River,” Gupta said.

Donations to the temple can be sent by check, made out to “Siddhivinayak Temple USA” and mailed to the corporate address: 1916 Lakewood Road, Toms River, NJ 08755. Alternatively, visit siddhivinayaktempleusa.org and donate via PayPal.

Aside from fundraising as the biggest challenge, the congregation has also faced some obstacles in the form of skepticism and misconceptions about Hinduism. For one thing, Hindus really only have one God, who takes many forms, Suri said “just as the flag is not the country, the idol is not the god.”

Members of the Siddhivinayak organization are excited to see the support flowing; they look forward to the peace of mind it will bring, to the opportunities for prayer and meditation, to seeing everyone together in one place and to facilitating connections of every kind.

Editors Note: The Commission is in the process of organizing a public program on South Asian culture with Ocean County College. The program will be open to the general public and a fund will provide a bus stipend to the first Ocean County schools to make the request. The program could be offered as early as the fall of 2015.

Master Gardeners

By: Victoria Ford

Come spring, Ocean County's Master Gardeners program will celebrate 25 years of propagating beauty and expertise, educating plant lovers and garden growers from the ground up.

Created in 1990, the program now has 130 to 135 active members, all certified master gardeners

through Rutgers University, all having completed the class and their committed volunteer hours to become certified, as well as so many continuing education volunteer hours each year to maintain certification.

Members join for any number of different reasons, explained Suzanne Keane, president of the board of directors – for their passion for growing, to expand their own knowledge, for something to do, for companionship with other gardeners, for the desire to share knowledge with others, to promote environmental awareness.

The best part? No previous horticultural education or training is required.

Anyone with an interest in gardening and a commitment to volunteer service can become a Rutgers Master Gardener: a trained volunteer who is part of the Cooperative Extension at the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (affectionately known as “the Ag Center”), assisting in the mission to deliver horticulture programs and information to the general public.

The program's reach is countywide, so its role, impact and membership are expansive, Keane said. Diverse growing conditions in Ocean County's barrier island, bay and inland environs also make for interestingly nuanced techniques.

The Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau is a branch of the program that covers an impressive list of topics, presented free of charge to community organizations. Garden Design is another form of assistance for churches, schools and nonprofits. The gardeners will come to a site to evaluate and help plan, make suggestions, test the pH of the soil and offer guidance to get a garden started.

“We can design it and show you how to do it, but the rest is up to you,” Keane said. The guidelines and project questionnaire are available to download on the Rutgers Master Gardener webpage.

Other ways in which the Master Gardeners program is a resource for the public is through its Helpline, a number to call (732-349-1245) with general gardening questions, or as a volunteer available in-person at certain advertised times for identification and treatment tips for diseased plants. Free tick identification throughout the year is another valuable service provided – not all counties do that,

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Greenhouse at Ocean County Park.
Photo credit: Victoria Ford



Workshop Table.
Photo credit: Victoria Ford

Keane noted. Also available are two types of soil tests, a pH test to determine acidity or alkalinity, for a fee of \$3, or a complete soil analysis kit, including pH, nutrients in the soil and recommendations, for \$20.

At Ocean County Park, in a back section closed to the public, the gardeners manage

two greenhouses and a hoop house, Keane said. One greenhouse is for specialty annuals and one, called the Wright House, is for vegetables, mostly tomatoes. Each greenhouse has a separate team who works there. The hoop house is for over-wintering perennials in 4- to 5-inch pots and for starting seeds. On the same piece of property is a community garden, where food is grown to donate to food banks, and a blueberry patch. Many of the specimens are grown to sell in the annual plant sale, held the first Saturday in May.

Visitors to the Ag Center (located at 1623 Whitesville Road, in Toms River) can walk through a display garden out front, filled with perennials, shrubs and native plants, with paths through it and identifying signage.

Fall Garden Day is another wildly successful annual event, which always draws a sold-out attendance of 90 to 100, according to Keane. During Garden Day, experts provide talks and demonstrations to help gardeners prepare their beds for winter.

In 2013 the program won an International Search for Excellence award in the “workshop or presentation” category.

Rutgers Master Gardeners are educated and certified via in-depth, hands-on horticultural training from Rutgers University faculty and professional staff, covering such subject areas as plant biology, propagation, soil science and disease and pest control.

The Cooperative Extension county offices, located in all 21 counties, are a public resource for information and assistance regarding 4-H, agriculture, family and community health sciences, marine science, the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, natural resources and the environment.



Examples of Flowers Grown.
Photo credit: Victoria Ford

2015 Salute to Ocean County Awards

By: Samantha Stokes

FOURTH ANNUAL SALUTE TO OCEAN COUNTY 2015

The Commission will present the fourth annual Salute to Ocean County at 6:30 PM on Thursday, March 26 at the Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation at Ocean County College. Highlights include performances by student groups critiqued for excellence during the 2015 Ocean County Teen Arts Festival. The Culinary Program from the Ocean County Vocational Technical School will provide refreshments before the program. The Oceanaires will perform Barbershop harmonies before the program. A number of awards will also be presented. 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.

2015: Brian Hanlon - Sculptor

Brian Hanlon is an internationally celebrated artist who has created over 400 public and private art works. He has worked for the NFL, MLB, NBA, college and sports organizations, fire and police departments, churches, municipalities, individuals and is the official sculptor for the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

2014: Lous N. Riccio - Visual Artist

2013: Francis J. McGinley - Visual Artist

2012: James Murphy – Musician

PAULINE S. MILLER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR OCEAN COUNTY HISTORY

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.

2015: Eugene Donatiello

Eugene Donatiello has spent a lifetime as a Brick Township educator and 33 years as a history teacher in Brick Township and as the official Brick Township Historian. Mr. Donatiello is charter member, first president and long term constant worker in maintaining programs and properties of the Brick Township Historical Society. He was the chairperson of both the Brick Township Bicentennial and 125th Birthday. Eugene Donatiello championed the effort to change the United States Postal Service designation from Brick Town to Brick Township.

2014: Mary Catherine Kennedy

2013: Claribel Young

2012: Ferdinand F. Klebold

2015 Salute to Ocean County Awards

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.

2015: Ebony Rivera

Ebony Rivera is the principal of the Ella G. Clarke School in Lakewood. Born in poverty in Lakewood, Ms. Rivera inspires her students, faculty and community with her enthusiasm for her school of champions.

2014: Cynthia H. Smith

2013: Barbara W. Steele

2012: John C. Bartlett, Jr.

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.

2015: Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation

The Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation is a proactive grant making 501c3 organization dedicated to bringing world class performing and visual arts, health care and education to Toms River through focused community-based planning and problem solving. The Foundation has been inspired by the poet Robert Browning's observation "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp -- or what's a heaven for?". The Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation has committed over \$10,000,000 to the community since 2013 under the direction of Jeremy Grunin, Executive Director.

2013: Judith Gibson Leone

2012: Ocean First Foundation

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.

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

2015 Salute to Ocean County Awards

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.

2015: Alison Amelchenko - Commissioner Service Award 30 years

Alison Amelchenko is the first member of the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission to have served for more than 30 years. Ms. Amelchenko is an accomplished artist and art instructor

2015: Sam Christopher - Dean of Ocean County Journalism

Sam Christopher has spent his entire adult life with Jersey Shore newspapers and became known as the "Dean of Ocean County Journalism". Mr. Christopher moved to his beloved Lakewood in 1940, graduated from Lakewood High School in 1945, served in the U.S. Army, was an active charter member of the Lakewood Heritage Commission for 20 years and was selected to the Lakewood High School Hall of Fame in 1996 among other awards and honors.

2014: Robert O'Brien - Recognition for lifetime of service to boating on Barnegat Bay

2014: Roy Pedersen - Recognition for Jersey Shore Impressionists

2014: Janet Larson - Recognition for a lifetime of contributions to the O.C. environment

2013: Louis Glanzman - O.C. in the Revolution

2013: Sheldon Wolpin - Mr. Lakewood

2012: Steve Baeli - O.C. History Volunteer

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.

2013: Steve Steiner

2013: Mark B. Retacco

2013: Anthony LaGruth

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.

2013: Borough of Mantoloking

2013: Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey

2015 Salute to Ocean County Awards

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Annually, the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission honors individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made a significant contribution to preserving an 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.

2014: Crabbe Family 1916 Crabbe Boat House Toms River

Dan Crabbe and Children have initiated a herculean effort to appropriately restore and preserve their 1916 boathouse severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy with a fine eye for detail that complements the historic fabric of the structure with some innovative technology. Mr. Crabbe and Children have much work left to complete this beautiful example of loving devotion to a family and public heirloom.

2013: Lakewood Historical Society Sheldon Wolpin Museum 1927 Kuser Hall of Newman School Lakewood

2012: Blahut Family - 1885 Dr. Edward William's Cottage

2012: Stafford Twp. - 1872 Railroad station & 1922 Passenger Car

2011: Pt. Pleasant Borough - Herman Bennett cabin

COLLEGE 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.

Ocean County College

2014 Art: Clarence Causing; History: Brooke Kemp

2013 Art: Jordon T. Izzo; History: Casey Kanarkowski

2012 Art: Lauren L. Morone; History: Lauren Staub

2011 Art: Leanna P. Soden; History: Matthew R. Solomon

Georgian Court University

2014 Art: Gillian Foley; History: Matthew Paul Crouch

2013 Art: Breanna Boll; History: April Belfiore

2012 Art: Katharine Salvatore

2011 Art: Joanne Nolan; History: Kathlyn Tilton

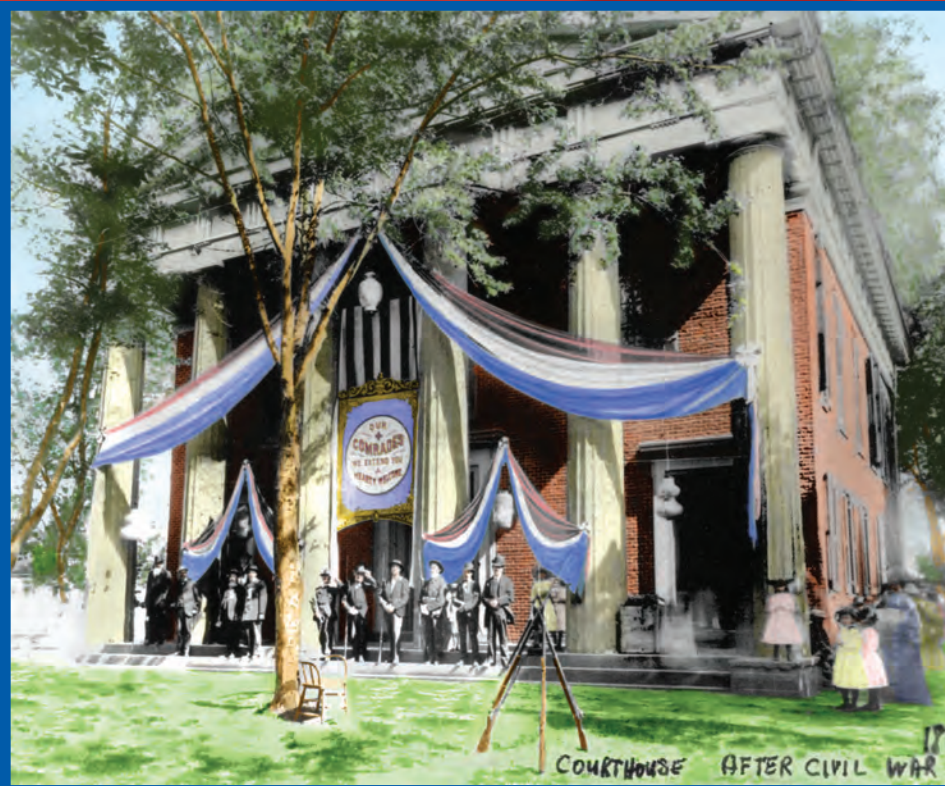


Photo credit: Ocean County C&H Collection.

Look Back at the American Civil War 1865

**Thursday, April 16, 2015 12:00 Noon
Courtroom 1**

This year, the Libby Prison Minstrels will play period music.

Women's Christian Temperance Union in Ocean County

By: Victoria Ford



Editors Note: Important national issues such as prohibition or women's suffrage are often best illustrated through local stories. The following story is based on a scrap book rescued from an estate sale in Stafford Township kept by an ardent member of the Ocean County Women's Christian Temperance Union. The national role of the WTC is an important component of the 2011 PBS documentary series, Prohibition by Ken Burns. National women's history month is a great time to reflect on national women's issues seen through the lens of local experience.

By all accounts in historic local newspapers from the early 1930s, the Manahawkin chapter of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union (WTCU) was a lively bunch of passionate ladies who met regularly to discuss important social and political issues surrounding the Prohibition. They took action at the county and state level to advance the causes of the Temperance Movement, which had its roots in the early 19th century and took many forms throughout the decades, promoting moderation in, abstinence from, and legal prohibition of, alcoholic beverages.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union remains in active existence today, with the same priorities – “agitate, educate, legislate” – and is “the oldest continuing non-sectarian woman's organization in the world,” according to the organization's official website, wctu.org. Formed in 1874, the organization sought (in part) to curtail spousal abuse by alcoholic husbands, largely through education. It still stands against the consumption of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs.

One old Ocean County newspaper clipping of the 1930's reported: “A temperance rally to organize a county branch of the new educational association, known as the Citizens Federation of New Jersey for Temperance and Law Observance, will be held in Toms River M.E. (Methodist Episcopal) Church on Thursday night next, April 16, beginning at 7:30.” Among the speakers was to be the superintendent of the state's Anti-Saloon League. “The purpose of the organization is to educate the younger people who cannot remember the saloon and its crimes and its evils, and to urge enforcement of the prohibition law,” which, by that time, was already weakening under the strain of the Great Depression and much-needed tax revenue from the legal sale of alcohol.

An article in 1932 reported on a Sunday evening church service held at the Manahawkin M.E. Church to celebrate the 12th anniversary of Prohibition, which included a hymn titled, “Enforcement - Not Repeal.”

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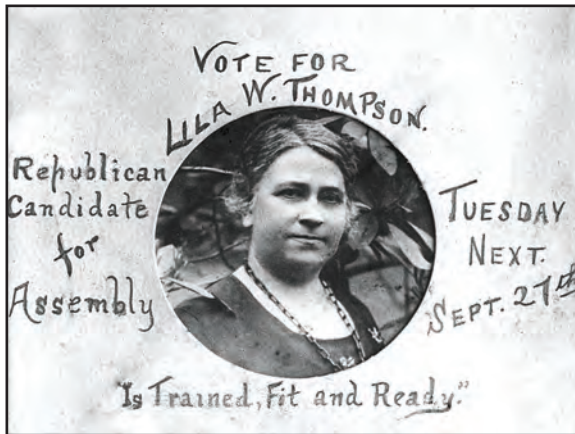
WCTU from page 16

That fall, the WCTU was “making its fight for two purposes: First, wherever possible to vote for dry candidates to Congressional and Legislative offices; second to retain in this fall’s referendum, the Hobart act (New Jersey’s prohibition enforcement law) on the statute books of the state.”

Prohibition began on January 17, 1920, with the passage of the 18th Amendment. It ended nearly 14 years later, on Dec. 5, 1933, with the ratification of the 21st Amendment, which repealed it. The 21st amendment is the only one that exists solely to counteract a previous amendment.

As history has shown, however, during the years when the sale, production, importation and transportation of alcohol was banned nationwide, organized crime and political corruption increased; so-called “bathtub gin” and “speakeasy” operations proliferated, or former drinkers switched to alternative narcotics; the tax revenue dropped and government spending increased; courts and prisons were overburdened.

In Ocean County, WCTU meetings were mostly held in the members’ homes, or occasionally at a local Methodist Episcopal Church or Presbyterian Church. Well-established family names appear frequently in the lists of attendees: Cranmer, Cramer, Hazelton, Bishop, Pharo (of Manahawkin), Cox and Ridgway (in Barnegat). Ocean County WCTU had chapters in Manahawkin, Tuckerton, Barnegat, Point Pleasant, Lakewood and Toms River, and delegates attended county, regional and state conventions, held throughout the year.



Campaign Slide. Photo credit: Stafford Historical Society

The chapters also conducted community service, delivering baskets of fruit and flowers to “shut-ins” through their flower mission department.

Nationally, the heroine of the WCTU was Frances Willard, the influential feminist, educator, political activist and suffragist, and the organization’s co-creator and longtime national president.

“Present plans of the Women’s Christian Temperance Union call for a return to the oldtime methods of interesting young people and teaching them the evil effects of alcoholic drinks on the human body and mind,”

Photo credit: Stafford Historical Society



according to one report of an Ocean County WCTU covention.

Crowd at Polo Game

George Wesley Bellows
(1882-1925)

1910 Lakewood, New Jersey

2014 Reproduction
by Canvas Replicas

Gift by Ocean County Cultural &
Heritage Commission and Staff



Polo at Lakewood

George Wesley Bellows (1882-1925)
1910 Lakewood, New Jersey
2014 Reproduction by Canvas Replicas
In Honor of Hailey Michelle Spiecker



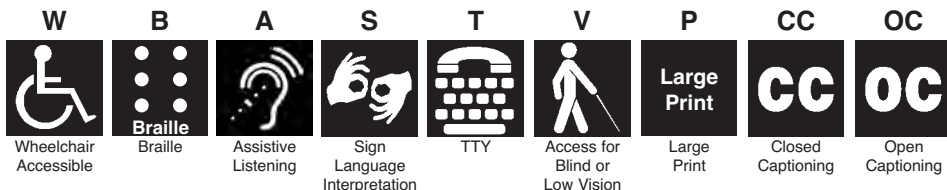
Polo Game

George Wesley Bellows (1882-1925)
1910 Lakewood, New Jersey
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In Honor of Hailey Michelle Spiecker



ONGOING Events

Event listings are submitted by individual organizations. Since the listings are submitted well in advance of publication, events might be modified or cancelled. Out & About Ocean County cannot bear responsibility for errors or omissions. Please be sure to call presenters to confirm this information. P/W indicates partial wheelchair accessibility.



Portrait Drawing Open Sessions

Sundays 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

Open year-round session available to all artists for a nominal (\$2.00) model fee for a two-hour session. There is no instructor, but sessions are run by a monitor.

\$2.00 for all participants for two-hour session.

94 Stafford Avenue

PO Box 886

Manahawkin

609-597-3557

<http://pineshoresartassociation.org>

Open Portrait Drawing Sessions

Mondays 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

Open year-round session available to all artists for a nominal (\$2.00) model fee for a two-hour session. There is no instructor, but sessions are run by a monitor.

\$2.00 for all participants for a 2-hour session.

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<http://pineshoresartassociation.org>

Do Your Own Thing open sessions

Wednesdays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

This year-round open weekly session provides the participating artists with studio space on every Wednesday from 10AM to 3PM at no cost. There is no instructor, but a monitor is provided at each session.

Free to all participants.

94 Stafford Avenue

PO Box 886

Manahawkin

609-597-3557

<http://pineshoresartassociation.org>

Open Life Drawing (undraped model) Sessions

Thursdays 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

Open year-round Life Drawing session available to all artists (minimum age is 18) for a nominal (\$5.00) model fee for a two-hour session. There is no instructor, but sessions are run by a monitor.

\$5.00 for all participants for a 2-hour session.

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PO Box 886

Manahawkin

609-597-3557

<http://pineshoresartassociation.org>

Live Country, Bluegrass, and Folk Music Concert

Saturdays

7:30 PM

The Pinelands Cultural Society

Live stage concert of bluegrass, country, and pinelands music by musicians from the tri-state area.

\$1 children 11 and under, \$5, adults

Albert Hall

131 Wells Mills Road

Waretown

609-971-1593

<http://www.alberthall.org>

Toms River Seaport Society & Maritime Museum Open

Most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays – Please Call to Confirm

Toms River Seaport Society and Maritime Museum

A non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the rich maritime heritage of the Barnegat Bay in New Jersey.

Free

78 E. Water Street

Toms River

732-349-9209

<http://www.tomsriverseaport.org>

Hook, Line and Sinker: History of Fishing in Ocean County up to 1950 Exhibit

Tuesday - Friday, March - May

10:00 AM to 3:30 PM;

First Saturdays, March - May 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Ocean County Historical Society

Exhibit, featuring the collections of Richard Updike and Ferd Klebold, takes us back to the days of pound fishing, frost fishing, clamming, eeling and whaling with photos and artifacts used in the fishing industry along the Jersey Coast. No admission fee; donations accepted

26 Hadley Avenue

Toms River

732-341-1880

www.oceancountyhistory.org

The Crafty Woman

Opens March 3rd
Tuesday & Thursdays,
March – June 1:00 – 3:00 PM
First Saturdays, March – June
1:00 – 3:30 PM

Ocean County Historical Society

Exhibit of creativity of Ocean County women from 1860s to 1940s as shown in sewing samplers, needlepoint, and quilts as well as tatting & bobbin lace. No admission: donations accepted

26 Hadley Avenue
Toms River
732-341-1880

<http://www.oceancountyhistory.org>

Paula Kolojewski Art Exhibit.

Mondays – Sundays, April –
Open during business hours

Grunin Center Art Gallery

Kolojewski works in pastels and her subject matter includes sand and sea, along with wooded areas.

Ocean County College
College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0500

<http://www.ocean.edu>

Holocaust Remembrance Exhibit

Mondays – Fridays, April 1 - 24

Georgian Court University

Art Exhibit.

Free

M. Christina Geis Art Gallery
Georgian Court University
900 Lakewood Drive
Lakewood
732-987-2263

<http://www.georgian.edu>

April Arts at the Tuckerton Seaport

Everyday, April 1 - 30

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Spectacular month long celebration of creative expression which includes artists, drama, poetry and music along with classes and demonstrations of South Jersey folk arts for both children and adults.

Children Under 5 Free.
120 West Main Street
Tuckerton
609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

Two exhibits: Living Art Out Loud and Capturing the Soul

Opening, Sunday, May 3
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Tuesdays – Sundays, May 3 – 27
1:00 – 4:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Gallery 1: Lynne Whitefield, sculpture artist presents works inspired by life experience and thoughts about sculpture and poetry.

Gallery 2: Portrait artist George Chosich presents an artistic journey into the study of his models essence. Gallery 3: "Shaking off the Blues"-member show. Work will be on exhibit until May 27.

Free

22 Chestnut Street
Island Heights
732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Home of Sun and Fun: Seaside Heights, NJ

Tuesday - Friday, June 2 - October 9

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM;

First Saturday of the Month

June 2 - October 9

1:00 – 4:00 PM

Ocean County Historical Society

Exhibition of photos, post cards, letters, artifacts of Seaside Heights Borough Administrator & author Christopher Vaz that traces the history of Seaside Heights from its incorporation in 1913.

Admission free: donations accepted

26 Hadley Avenue
Toms River

732-341-1880

<http://www.oceancountyhistory.org>



MARCH

Portrait Painting in Oil by Joyce Lawrence

Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24 & 31
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

For intermediate to advanced skill levels. The students will learn the process of painting the head from a live model. Visual principles of each stage of development will be covered. The class will learn value, tone, light, and shadow separation by tonal, then using a broadened palette. Joyce will do demonstrations. Class includes the model fee.

Members: \$75; Non-members: \$100

94 Stafford Avenue, PO Box 886

Manahawkin

609-597-3557

<http://pineshoresartassociation.org>

OCC Repertory Theatre Company's "August: Osage County"

Thursday, March 12 - 7:30 PM

Fridays, March 13 & 20 - 7:30 PM

Saturdays, March 14 & 21 - 8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

"August: Osage County" is a dark, hilarious play set on the plains of modern day, middle-class Oklahoma. The strong-willed women of the Weston family are all intelligent, sensitive women who have the uncanny ability of making each other miserable! Made into a movie starring Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts, this play will impress with its intensity.

Adults/Seniors: \$15 - OCC Students

\$5 High school students free with an adult admission & valid ID

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400 ext. 2098

www.ocean.edu

Angels & Devils: The Music of Mozart and Rutter

Sunday, March 15

4:00 PM

Garden State Philharmonic

Join the professional Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, the GSP MasterWorks Chorus, the Shrewsbury Chorale, and children from area schools, as they "raise the rafters" with a concert including the inspirational music of John Rutter's Requiem promises and Mozart's Don Giovanni Overture and Coronation Mass.

\$48/\$42, with added discounts for senior citizens (60+), students (w/ID), and groups of 10 or more.

The Strand Theater

400 Clifton Avenue

Lakewood

732-255-0460

<http://www.GardenStatePhilharmonic.org>

Celebrate St Patrick's Day at Laurita Winery! TWO Weekends!

March 7 and 8 –

Call or Check Website for Details

March 14 and 15 –

Call or Check Website for Details

Laurita Winery

Join us for Shamrock Weekend March 7 and 8 and St Patrick's Fest March 14 and 15! Best place to celebrate the Irish! Irish bands, Irish food and Irish vendors!

Free general admission

35 Archertown Road

Plumsted

609-758-8000

<http://www.LauritaWinery.com>

Why Designs Matters by M Studio

Monday – Friday, March 16 – 20 –

Call or Check Website for Details

M. Christina Geis Art Gallery

Art Exhibit.

Free

Georgian Court University

900 Lakewood Drive

Lakewood

732-987-2263

<http://www.georgian.edu>

The Music of Charlie Farrell and Clan Suibhne

Friday, March 20

7:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Listen to Greengrass acoustic music, a combination of Yank, Irish and Celtic roots. This group has played all over NJ sharing its original sounds.

\$5.00 donation

22 Chestnut Street

Island Heights

732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Snow White & the 70 Dwarfs

Friday – Sunday, March 20 – 22 –

Please see website for show times

Our Gang's Musical Theatre Performance.

\$15

The Bengal Theater

Barneget High School

180 Bengal Blvd.

Barneget

609-597-0553

<http://www.ourgang.org>

Rhythm in the Night -- The Irish Dance Spectacular

Friday, March 20

8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Rhythm in the Night is an epic journey derived from a tale of good versus evil told through Irish dance with a world class troupe which turns an age-old art form into an exciting dance spectacular the whole family can enjoy!

Adult Ticket: \$30 - Grunin Series/Senior: \$25

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400 ext. 2098

www.ocean.edu

Albert Music Hall's Irish Night

Saturday, March 21 –
Call or Check Website for Details

Albert Music Hall

Live Irish Music and Step Dancers performing.
131 Wells Mills Road
Waretown
609-971-1593
<http://www.alberthall.org>

Above the Fall in Concert

Saturday, March 21 –
Call or Check Website for Details

Strand Theater

Above the Fall has chosen THE STRAND to launch their new cd and to shoot a music video! Be a part of this exciting event, with special guest performance by Mike McCarrick.
\$10

Strand Theater
400 Clifton Avenue
Lakewood
732-367-7789
<http://www.strand.org>

Emerson String Quartet

Sunday, March 22
2:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

The Emerson String Quartet have the ability and the instruments to produce a sweet and glossy sound -- but do so sparingly. They are the recipient of numerous awards and pride themselves on their rich tone and vibrant sense of humor.

Single Ticket: \$40
Grunin Series Ticket: \$30 (Must purchase 3 events)
College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0400 ext. 2098
www.ocean.edu

Monday Comedy Night: Birth of the Modern Sitcom: I Love Lucy

Sunday, March 22 –
Call or Check Website for Details

Georgian Court University

Take a behind-the-scenes look at one of the most beloved television shows ever created. Join Sal St. George of St. George Productions to examine the early careers of both Lucy and Desi, how they met, battle with CBS and Desilu Studios.

\$8, reservations required.
Little Theatre
Georgian Court University
900 Lakewood Road
Lakewood
732-987-2263
<http://www.georgian.edu>

Watercolor Workshop by Susan Avis Murphy, AWS

Thursday & Friday, March 26 & 27
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

Susan Avis Murphy, a signature member of the American Watercolor Society, will demonstrate/teach her unique watercolor technique. A complete wash of burnt or raw umber is allowed to drip down the paper, forming rivulets and streaks, then the image is painted on top. The result is a painting that has a timeless, sepia toned look.

Members: \$75; Non-members \$100
94 Stafford Avenue
PO Box 886
Manahawkin
609-597-3557
<http://pineshoresartassociation.org>

Harken: A Game of Phones

Friday & Saturday, March 27 & 28 –
Call or Check Website for Details

Strand Theater

Enchantment and fantasy converge with a completely new way to interact with live entertainment. Combining CGI, gamification and the latest digital projection technology you will be immersed in a fantastic universe that will leave you wondering what is real and what is not. The rules are simple. Using your smartphone, YOU control of the show. Pick your favorite living avatar and choose their path as they battle their way through deadly obstacles to fulfill their quest!

\$22
Strand Theater
400 Clifton Avenue
Lakewood
732-367-7789
<http://www.strand.org>

Grunin Family Series presents Ballet for Young Audiences "Little Mermaid"

Sunday, March 29
1:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Set to the beautiful music by Ravel, "Little Mermaid" is based on the Hans Christian Anderson story, which tells of a mermaid who saves and then falls in love with a human prince. She makes a deal with a Sea-Witch and sets out to win the Prince's heart. This production is sure to be a crowd pleaser!

\$12 all
College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0400 ext. 2098
<http://www.ocean.edu>

Women Who Made A Difference

Sunday, March 29
2:00 PM

Ocean County Historical Society

OCHS member Doris Villa speaks about famous and infamous women throughout the world, emphasizing Alice Paul, Golda Meir, Indira Gandhi, Bella Abzug and Bessie Coleman.

Admission free
26 Hadley Avenue
Toms River
732-341-1880

www.oceancountyhistory.org

APRIL

Beginner Watercolor I by Lee Fricke

Thursdays, April 1, 8, 15, & 22;
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

A basic beginning watercolor class for students with little or no experience.

Members: \$50; Non-members: \$75

94 Stafford Avenue
PO Box 886
Manahawkin
609-597-3557

<http://pineshoresartassociation.org>

The Easter Parade on the Boardwalk

Sunday, April 5 –

Call or Check website for details

Jenkinsons Boardwalk

Categories for boys and girls and prizes awarded, sponsored by the Pt. Pleasant Beach Chamber of Commerce.

300 Ocean Avenue
Point Pleasant Beach
732-899-2424

<http://www.pointchamber.com>

Annual Easter Promenade

Sunday, April 5 Registration begins at 10:00 AM
Seaside Heights Business Improvement District
Annual Easter Outfit Contest, flower giveaway by Mayor and Council, entertainment by the Polka Dots! Put on your Easter finest and head on over to Seaside Heights on Easter Sunday!
For more visit www.exit82.com

Free

P.O. Box 43
Seaside Heights
732-830-3700

<http://www.exit82.com>

Pickin' on the Porch

Sunday, February 1 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 1 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 5 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Sunday, June 7 12:00 – 5:00 PM

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Bring your acoustic instruments and enjoy a day of bluegrass, country and old time music, or come to just listen. Tell stories and share a pot of beans and homemade bread. First Sunday of each month in Tuckerton Seaport's Hunting Shanty

\$5 per person, Tuckerton Seaport members are Free

120 W Main Street
Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum
Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

Children's Art Classes with Mary Walker-Baptiste and Lou Baptiste

Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28

4:00 – 6:00 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

Classes for students 6 -12 yrs old will develop child's artistic life and enhance each child's innate and learned talents. Class introduces students to art history through discussion and exposure to the Masters, and instruction of art fundamentals including the use of professional artist's tools. Mary Walker Baptiste is a certified art instructor for K-12.

\$55 including materials.

94 Stafford Avenue
PO Box 886

609-597-3557

<http://pineshoresartassociation.org>

Alcohol Ink Workshop with Carolyn M. Opderbeck

Tuesday & Wednesday, April 7 & 8

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Learn this fascinating new art technique using alcohol inks on Yupo paper. Materials are included.

OCAG members \$175./ Non-Members \$210.

22 Chestnut Street

Island Heights

732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

MidWeek Jazz presents Gelber & Manning

Wednesday, April 8

8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Jesse Gelber plays stride piano and Kate Manning is a Brooklyn-based singer and lyricist. They specialize in ragtime and early jazz styles, and can be seen in the hit web series, "Gintown". This show is a knockout . . . rapidly paced . . . and a joy. A pleasure to have them together.

Adult: \$22.00

Senior: \$18.00

Student: \$12.00

1 College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400 ext. 2098

<http://www.ocean.edu>

Lunch n' Learn

Wednesday, April 8 12:30
1:30 PM

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Join us the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Tuckerton Seaport for this informative and fun lecture series, in partnership with the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve. The RJ Walker was an iron hulled, paddle wheel US Coast Guard Survey vessel lost after a collision at sea in 1860. Speaker: Steve Nagiewicz, Atlantic City High School
\$2 per person, \$6 per person for lunch option
120 W Main Street
Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum
Normandy Beach
609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

Batsto Village Trip

Saturday, April 11
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Tuckerton Historical Society

Barbara Solem will speak about her new book "Batsto Village Jewel of the Pines" shedding new light on this significant South Jersey site. The story of Batsto, an early iron town and glassworks at the heart of southern New Jersey's Pine Barrens is unique in American history. From its modest beginnings as a sawmill through the Revolutionary War years and beyond.

Free
Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum
35 Leitz Blvd.
Little Egg Harbor
609-294-1547

<http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org/>

The Hit Men featuring former stars of Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons

Saturday, April 11
8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

The 60's - 80's were the golden era for songwriting. During these three decades, artists like Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, Tommy James & The Shondells created hits that are woven into America's consciousness. They have united to form The Hit Men!

Single Ticket: \$40
Grunin Series Ticket: \$30
(Must purchase 3 events)
College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0400 ext. 2098
www.ocean.edu

Looking Back at the American Civil War 1865

Thursday, April 16
Noon

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Be sure to mark your calendars for the final Civil

War Commemoration. The Commemoration will include readings from the Ocean County Emblem; re-enactors; and accompanied by the Libby Prison Minstrels.

Free
Ocean County Courthouse 1
118 Washington Street
Toms River
732-929-4779

<http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/>

The Maestro's Dance Mix

Friday, April 17
7:30 PM

Garden State Philharmonic

Allow yourself to be swept away to the "gypsy world" of Galanta while being serenaded by the professional Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra performing Kodaly's Dances from Galanta; to the Greek Isles with Karidoyanes' Café Neon; and back to the world of the old world concert hall with Beethoven's Symphony No. 7.

\$48/\$42, with added discounts for senior citizens (60+), students (w/ID), and groups of 10 or more.

The Strand Theater
400 Clifton Avenue
Lakewood
732-255-0460

<http://www.GardenStatePhilharmonic.org>

Our Gang presents Gypsy

April 17, 18, 25 & 25 –
Call or check website for details of showtimes

Our Gang Players

Musical Theatre performance.
\$15

Surflight Theater
201 Engleside Drive
Beach Haven
609-492-9477

<http://www.surflight.org>

The Duquesne University Tamburitans

Sunday, April 19
2:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

A performance by the "Tammies" treats the audience to a breathtaking display of vibrant authentic costumes, enchanting sounds and voices, and thrilling dance movements that fuse our endeared past with the present to create an outstanding musical story of our Eastern European heritage.

Adults: \$30
Seniors: \$25
Students: \$10
College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0400 ext. 2098

www.ocean.edu

Una Bella Notte

Thursday, April 23

6:00 PM

Garden State Philharmonic

Enjoy a very special evening of Italian food, wine and song in support of the Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Society. Hosts Mario and Mary Marano and Stephan and Judi Leone invite you to show your support while delighting in uniquely Italian fare among friends. Program features operatic selections directed by Maestro Anthony LaGruth.

\$85 per person (inclusive)

Enzo's Caffè Italia Ristorante

2412 Route 37 East

Toms River

732-255-0460

<http://www.GardenStatePhilharmonic.org>

Basement Musicians: Tony Pileggi and Joe Zamboni

Friday, April 24

7:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

The Basement Musicians play the best loved music of the 50's, 60's and 70's, classic rock, country and folk.

\$5.00 donation

22 Chestnut Street

Island Heights

732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Fine Art Show and Sale

Saturday, April 25 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday, April 26 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Francis Parish and Community Center

Amateur and professional artists from the local area, Monmouth County and New York 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, NYC landscapes plus much more. There will be something for everyone!

Free admission.

4700 Long Beach Blvd.

Brant Beach

609-494-8861

<http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org>

The New Dimensions

Sunday, April 26

2:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Singing your favorite hits from the 50's through today, The New Dimensions take oldies to a "new dimension" as they bring you music from rock 'n' roll's favorite groups and singers such as Aretha Franklin, Dusty Springfield, Martha

Reeves & The Vandellas, The Supremes and others.

Adults: \$20

Seniors/students: \$10

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Toms River

732-255-0400 ext. 2098

www.ocean.edu<http://www.ocean.edu>

OCC Repertory Theatre Company presents Comic Shorts

April 23 – 26, May 1 & 2 –

Call or Check Website for details

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

If you like a good laugh, you'll love "Comic Shorts", Ocean County College's festival of new 10-minute comedies by some of the area's best up-and-coming playwrights. Director, Gary Shaffer ("Run For Your Wife," "Nonsense", "Move Over Mrs. Markham") returns to the Black Box Theatre to direct this fast-paced 90 minutes of non-stop fun!

\$15 single/ \$5 OCC student/ Free high school students with valid ID and adult admission.

Ocean County College

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0500

<http://www.ocean.edu>

Grunin Family Series presents Yates Musical Theatre's "Sleeping Beauty"

Saturday, April 25

1:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

This show is packed with music, dance, comedy, action, and adventure as well as audience participation! "Sleeping Beauty" is the captivating tale of a Princess put under the spell of a slightly scary witch. Not until a Prince from a distant kingdom discovers the sleeping castle is the evil spell broken.

\$12 all

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732-255-0400 ext. 2098

<http://www.ocean.edu>

4th Congressional District High School Art Competition

Monday – Thursday, April 27- 30 –

Call or Check Website for Details

M. Christina Geis Art Gallery

Art Exhibit.

Free

Georgian Court University

900 Lakewood Drive

Lakewood

732-987-2263

<http://www.georgian.edu>

Watercolor Cityscapes with Lisa Budd

Monday & Tuesday, April 27 & 28
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

For intermediate to advanced students. Lisa will demonstrate and teach students her award-winning cityscape techniques developing realistic perspective and atmospheric depth of field using value studies.

Members: \$50: Non-Members: \$75

94 Stafford Avenue

PO Box 886

Manahawkin

609-597-3557

<http://pineshoresartassociation.org>

Individual Artists and Your Intellectual Property Rights

Tuesday, April 28

7:00 PM

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission

A 90 minute question and answer workshop with a representative of the New Jersey Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. Individual artists will be able to explore general and specific questions about their intellectual property rights: trademark, copyright, etc. For example, artists may actually retain the rights to their image after they have sold their piece of art.

Free

120 Long Beach Boulevard

Loveladies

732-929-4779

<http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/>

MAY

OCC Concert Band presents World Tour

Saturday, May 2

8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Enjoy a first class seat in the Grunin Center when we take off for our "World Tour" with stops in England, Spain, Italy, Russia and Mexico...to name just a few! Once home in the good old USA, we will be stopping off in the land of cotton for some homegrown Dixieland music.

Adults: \$20

Seniors: \$17

Students: \$10

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Toms River

732-255-0400 ext. 2098

<http://www.ocean.edu>

"Truck"erton Food Truck Preview Event

May 2 & 3

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Get a taste of what's coming in August with food

trucks and fun. Craft beer.

General Admission. Food and beer prices set by individual vendors.

120 W Main Street

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

Toms River Food Fest

Saturday, May 2

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM (Rain date is May 3rd)

Toms River Township

Toms River Food Fest - The public is invited to our free street festival featuring a variety of food from seafood to gyros to funnel cakes. In addition to the food vendors, there will be live music featuring local bands, free children's rides and a beer and wine garden.

Free to attend, vendors charge their own rates for food. FREE children's rides

33 Washington Street

Downtown Toms River

Toms River

732-341-1000 ext. 8211

<http://www.TomsRiverTownship.com>

New Egypt Day 2015

Saturday, May 9

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Main Street New Egypt

Annual event with vendors, rides, food, various displays

No entry cost. Wrist band needed for certain activities.

Main Street/Oakford Lake Park

New Egypt

609-758-2241 x-132

<http://www.mainstreetne.net>

Eyewitness Images from the American Revolution

Saturday, May 9

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Tuckerton Historical Society

Arthur S. Lefkowitz, Author and Historian. A color slide presentation of 18th Century artistry in the form of studio executed history paintings, portraits, illustrations and rapidly executed drawings done in the field. This program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Free

Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum

35 Leitz Blvd.

Little Egg Harbor

(609) 294-1547

<http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org/>

Graveyard Preservation Workshop

Saturday, May 9
9:00 AM

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Join us for a special workshop on the preservation of historic graveyards by Dr. Richard Veit of Monmouth University. Participants will have the chance to roll up their sleeves and put the techniques presented by Dr. Veit into practice at the Woodlawn Cemetary as part of the hands-on workshop.

Free

231 Third Street
Municipal Building
Lakewood
732-929-4779

<http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/>

Painting Flowers in Watercolor with Pat Fiorello

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 12 & 13
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Paint with Atlanta artist Pat Fiorello and learn how she uses watercolor to create her beautiful florals. Pat is a well-known and loved workshop leader who has taking her classes to Tuscany, Giverny and Provence. Her workshops are filled with fun and learning.

See her work at www.patfiorello.com

OCAG members \$225./Non-Members \$255.

22 Chestnut Street
Island Heights
732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Lunch n' Learn

Wednesday, May 13
12:30 - 1:30 PM

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Join us the 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Tuckerton Seaport for this informative and fun lecture series, in partnership with the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve. Barnegat Bay Hydrology US Geological Survey Hydrologist Robert Nicholson will discuss recent advances in understanding water circulation in the dynamic Barnegat Bay ecosystem.

\$2 per person; \$6 per person for lunch option

120 W Main Street
Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum
Tuckerton
609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

Oil Painting Alla Prima with Pat Fiorello

Thursday-Friday, May 14 & 15
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Paint with Pat Fiorello, author of "Bella Italia, Italy through the Eyes of an Artist" and well-known workshop teacher. Her use of color is breathtaking. With Pat you will learn new techniques to enliven your paintings and a bring new energy to your work. See Pat's work at patfiorello.com. This is Pat's first visit to Island

Heights.

OCAG members \$225./Non-Members \$255.

22 Chestnut Street
Island Heights
732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

National Players "To Kill A Mockingbird"

Saturday, May 16
8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Loosely based on author, Harper Lee's, family and neighbors, as well as an event that occurred near her hometown, the play takes place in a sleepy, southern town that confronts rape and racial inequality as seen through the eyes of six-year-old Scout.

Adults: \$25

Seniors: \$20

Students: \$10

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www.ocean.edu

26th Annual NJ State Chili & Salsa Cook-off

Saturday, May 16
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Downtown Toms River

26th Annual Chili & Salsa Cook-Off NJ's original and hottest cook-off! International Chili Society - sanctioned State competition. Live music, food, vendors, crafters and rides! Free admission.

Free Admission.

Chili & Salsa Tasting Kits \$6.00 before 5/14,

\$7.00 after

Washington Street

Toms River

732-341-8738

<http://www.downtowntomsriver.com>

Grunin Family Series presents ArtsPower's "Dog Loves Books"

Sunday, May 17

1:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Louise Yates" Best Seller comes to life in this musical about the irresistible, "Dog" who loves everything about books that he decides to open his own bookstore! Once the store opens no customers come. This delightful musical celebrates the power of imagination and the satisfaction that comes when you share books with others.

\$12 all

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Toms River

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www.ocean.edu

MidWeek Jazz presents Neville Dickie and the Midiri Brothers

Wednesday, May 27
8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Neville Dickie is one of the most respected stride pianists in the world. Hailing from England, Dickie will be making a special appearance at OCC while making a rare trip to the US. Joining him will be two of Toms River's favorites, Joe and Paul Midiri. Their Toms River debut is guaranteed to be "Night to Remember"!

Adult: \$22.00
Senior: \$18.00
Student: \$12.00

1 College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0400 ext. 2098
<http://www.ocean.edu>

Mary Lutton Sings

Friday, May 29
7:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

This Toms River musician presents her mixed bag of musical entertainment featuring her well-known and loved smokey voice.

\$5.00 donation
22 Chestnut Street
Island Heights
732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

An Evening with Branford Marsalis

Saturday, May 30
8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Renowned Grammy Award-winning saxophonist, Branford Marsalis is the leader of one of the finest Jazz Quartets today and a frequent soloist with classical ensembles. He is committed to musical excellence and a determination to keep music at the forefront!

Single Ticket: \$40
Grunin Series Ticket: \$30
(Must purchase 3 events)

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JUNE PREVIEW

Lighthouse International Film Festival

Thursday – Sunday, June 4 - 7

Lighthouse International Film Festival

The Lighthouse International Film Festival is a weekend of films, fun and sun on Long Beach Island. This weekend film festival is packed with award-winning films, special events, filmmaker panel discussions and parties. The Lighthouse

International Film Festival includes dramas, comedies, documentaries and shorts from around the world.

All Access Pass \$ 125 - All films, parties and "Breakfast with the Filmmakers"

College Students- Free

104 Fairview Ave

Beach Haven

571-212-3292

<http://www.lighthousefilmfestival.org>

Darren Williams: Broadway Blockbusters

Saturday, June 6

8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

In Broadway Blockbusters, Darren Williams sings your favorite songs from the greatest musicals including "Phantom of the Opera", "Les Miserables", "Mama Mia", and "The Man of La Mancha" to name just a few. Williams will make new fans while enchanting current ones!

Adults: \$25
Seniors: \$20
Students: \$10

College Drive
Toms River
732-255-0400 ext. 2098

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Annual Giant Yard Sale

Saturday, June 6 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM;

Rain Date: June 7 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM;

Brick Township Historical Society

The Brick Township Historical Society will hold its Annual Giant Yard Sale featuring household items, linens, furniture, children's toys and much more. Items are priced very reasonably. There is something for everyone!

Free admission

Havens Homestead Museum property

521 Herbertsville Road

Brick

732-458-7507

<http://www.bricktwphistoricalsociety.com>

Summer Art Opener

Friday, June 5 1:00 – 9:00 PM

Saturday, June 6 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday, June 7 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

M.T. Burton gallery & 19th St. Clay Studio

Summer Art Opener is a special three day event kicking off the summer season on LBI and showcasing 8 local artists and one national juried exhibition. Live music Friday and Saturday night. Clam bake and entertainment Saturday night.

Free

1819 N. Long Beach Blvd.

New Egypt

609-494-0006

<http://www.mtburtongallery.com>

Privateers & Pirates Festival

Saturday, June 6
11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Learn the difference between privateers and pirates. Treasure scavenger hunt, games, costume contest, craft activities. Valhalla Pirates with historic pirate fun and demos. Pirates for Sail live music.

General Admission.

Pirate Ship Rides: \$10 per person.

120 W Main Street

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

Garden State Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (GSPYO) Summer Celebration

Sunday, June 7

3:00 PM

Garden State Philharmonic

Enjoy a mixed music concert performed by the aspiring student talents of the GSPYO. The GSPYO is an education initiative of the Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Society. The GSPYO student-members span elementary through high school and are taught by professional musicians and music educators. Supported, in part, by The Provident Bank Foundation.

\$12 adults (of all ages) and \$10 students (of all ages)

Jay & Linda Grunin Center

Ocean County College

1 College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0460

<http://www.GardenStatePhilharmonic.org>

Meeting of the Brick Township Historical Society

Tuesday, June 9

7:30 PM

Brick Township Historical Society

Andrew Anderson of the Double Trouble Village State Historic Site will speak on the Pine Barrens Industries. There is a long and storied history that dates back to the colonial era when prized Atlantic white cedar was milled for ship-building, shingles and many other uses. Through slides and stories he will trace the evolution of how the village received its unique name.

Free, open to the public

Herbertsville Firehouse

601 Herbertsville Road

Brick

732-458-7507

<http://www.bricktwphistoricalsociety.com>

MidWeek Jazz presents Baby Soda

Wednesday, June 10

8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Back by popular demand, Baby Soda returns! Anchored by Peter Ford and his one-of-a-kind

"box group," this exciting small group has had incredible success bringing "street jazz" into the concert hall. Ford always brings an all-star cast of young New York musicians, playing old favorites as you've never heard them before.

Adult: \$22.00

Senior: \$18.00

Student: \$12.00

1 College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400 ext. 2098

<http://www.ocean.edu>

12th Annual Choral Pops Dinner & Gift Auction

Thursday, June 18

6:00 PM

Garden State Philharmonic

For more than a decade, the GSP MasterWorks Community Chorus has ended its concert season with a special evening packaging a concert of mixed genre choral arrangements with a delicious dinner and gift auction in support of the Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Society. Enjoy fine food, choral music ranging from popular favorites to themed selections, and win prizes.

\$43 per person, or \$400 for a table of ten

Ramada Inn

Versailles Ballroom

2373 Route 9

Toms River

732-255-0460

<http://www.GardenStatePhilharmonic.org>

Appraisers

Saturday, June 20

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Tuckerton Historical Society

Richard Plunkett (Wizard of Odds: Yellow Brick Road Show) & Mathew Pizza (Waretown Stamp & Coin). Bring questions for appraisers and items to be appraised. Limit 2 items per person. Certified with over 50 years local experience. Event Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

Free

Giffordtown Schoolhouse Museum

35 Leitz Blvd.

Little Egg Harbor

(609) 294-1547

<http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org/>

23rd Annual Baymen's Seafood & Music Festival

Saturday & Sunday, June 20 & 21

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Enjoy delicious "Jersey Fresh" clams, crabs, scallops from the finest local seafood purveyors. Music. Craft brew court. Crafters, vendors, food, family activities, demonstrations, decoy carving, boat building.

General admission rates. Food and beer prices set by vendors.

120 W Main Street

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

15th Year Reunion Cocktail Party

June 20
6:00 – 9:00 PM

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Honored Guest Governor Christie Todd Whitman. Celebrate the Seaport's 15th year of keeping Barnegat Bay traditions alive.

\$75 per person.

120 W Main Street

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

Craft Show

Saturday, June 20
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

St. Francis Parish and Community Center

As summer approaches check out the area's fabulous local crafters. There will be a Chance Auction and food will be available to purchase.

\$2.00

4700 Long Beach Blvd.

Brant Beach

609-494-8861

<http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org>

Ocean County Parks and Recreation 75th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, June 27

4:00 – 8:00 PM

Ocean County Parks and Recreation

Come celebrate 75 years of Recreation, Education and Preservation with the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation. The day event will include entertainment, family activities, history walks, canoeing and more.

Free

Ocean County Park

659 Ocean Ave

Lakewood

1-877-627-2757

<http://oceancountyparks.org/>

LBI Artists Open Studio Tour

Saturday & Sunday, June 27 & 28

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

m.t.burton gallery & 19th St. Clay Studio

This island wide event gives guests to Long Beach Island an opportunity to visit local artists working in their studio as well as a chance to meet artists represented by various galleries and shops on LBI. Maps and artists profiles will be available at all participating locations and at the Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce.

Free

1819 N. Long Beach Blvd.

Surf City

609-494-0006

<http://lbiartists.com/home.html>



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Opening Ceremony at the 2014 Lighthouse International Film Festival.



Members of Brick Children's Community Theatre at the 10th Anniversary of the iTheatrics Junior Theatre Festival at Disney World in Florida. BCCT performed a 15-minute presentation of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* Directed by Heather Campagno. Cast members were invited to attend through audition only. The Festival is sponsored by Music Theatre International, Disney Musicals, and Playbil. Over 100 Musical Theatre groups (4,500 people) were in attendance representing 3 countries, 27 states and Washington DC. BCCT took down 18 cast members, ages 10-18.

Annabella Andiorio, Corey Barthelemy (Sebastian), Megan Brown (Grimsby), Eva Burns, Nora Burns, Sydney Burton (Ariel), Gianna DeVeau, Marissa DeVeau (Ursula), Ryan DeVeau (King Triton), Hannah Drew, Caroline Gaskill, Nicole McColley, Lulu Nelson, Lukas Netelkos (Prince Eric), Clarissa Shirley, Searra VanDerveer (Flounder), Ella Zarrilli (Flotsam), Grace Zarrilli (Jetsam)

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April 28 at 7:00 PM

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Cosponsored by the Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences, the Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce and the Creative Arts Action Council of LBI.



Graveyard Preservation Workshop

May 9, 2015 at 9:00 AM

*Lakewood Municipal Building
(231 Third Street, Lakewood)*

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Mexico Beyond Mariachi Returns to Ocean County – 10-9-2015

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Please RSVP to 732-929-4779

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2016 State Teen Arts Festival
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Teen Performances
Master's Classes
Student Artwork
Headlining Acts



Kayla Riviera & Brian Logsdon - Central Regional H.S.

For more information or to RSVP - rkrantz@ocean.edu

LBI Artists Open Studio Tour

2015 SAVE THE DATES

June 27th & 28th, 10 - 4 pm

Free, Self-Guided Tour of Local Artists Studios
Meet Regional Artists at Select Venues
on Long Beach Island, Jersey Shore

WWW.LBIARTISTS.COM
lbiartcouncil@gmail.com



Top left clockwise: Matt Burton, ceramic sculpture, Mary Taniillo, stained glass, Ann Coen, photography, Linda Ramsay, painting, Cathleen Engelsen, watercolor, Alice McEnerney Cook, painting

Engage Toms River Mural Project

Ocean County Residents...

Vote
for your
favorite



During March 16th-30th, We are asking the public to vote for your favorite mural. You can view the art at the River Medical Center and the Ocean County Library Toms River Branch and vote for your favorite. You can also view digital replicas on WOBM.com or jayandlindagruginfoundation.org/communitymuralproject.html

Voting Time Frame:
March 16th, 2015 – March 30th, 2015



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www.jayandlindagruginfoundation.org/vote



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Concert Ride

This program provides bus service from select Ocean County senior residences to the Garden State Philharmonic concerts.

Call **(732) 255-0460** for reservations and more info

Supported by the Garden State Philharmonic, Ocean County Senior and Disabled Transportation Committee, Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the NJ State Council on the Arts




*Service is for ticket-holding passengers. A minimum of 6 patrons per stop is required.

Visit www.oceancountytourism.com to list and view cultural events.



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