

BARNEGAT BAY DECOY & BAYMEN'S MUSEUM

Art for Artifacts: Commemoratives Build Museum

Landmarks Featured

Sales of a commemorative show print are the largest single fundraiser toward the creation of the Barnegat Bay Decoy and Baymen's Museum.

Each year a different local landmark is depicted by a noted wildlife artist in a striking color print.

The series began in 1990 and now celebrates its third year by featuring the old Crab Island Menhaden Plant, known to Tuckerton area residents as the "fish factory." Pictured on the cover of the show program, black ducks wing through the foreground, over an autumn-chilled Great Bay and meadows surrounding the plant.

Artist Rob Leslie of Turnersville recreated the nostalgic view which memorializes the local industry in its heyday.

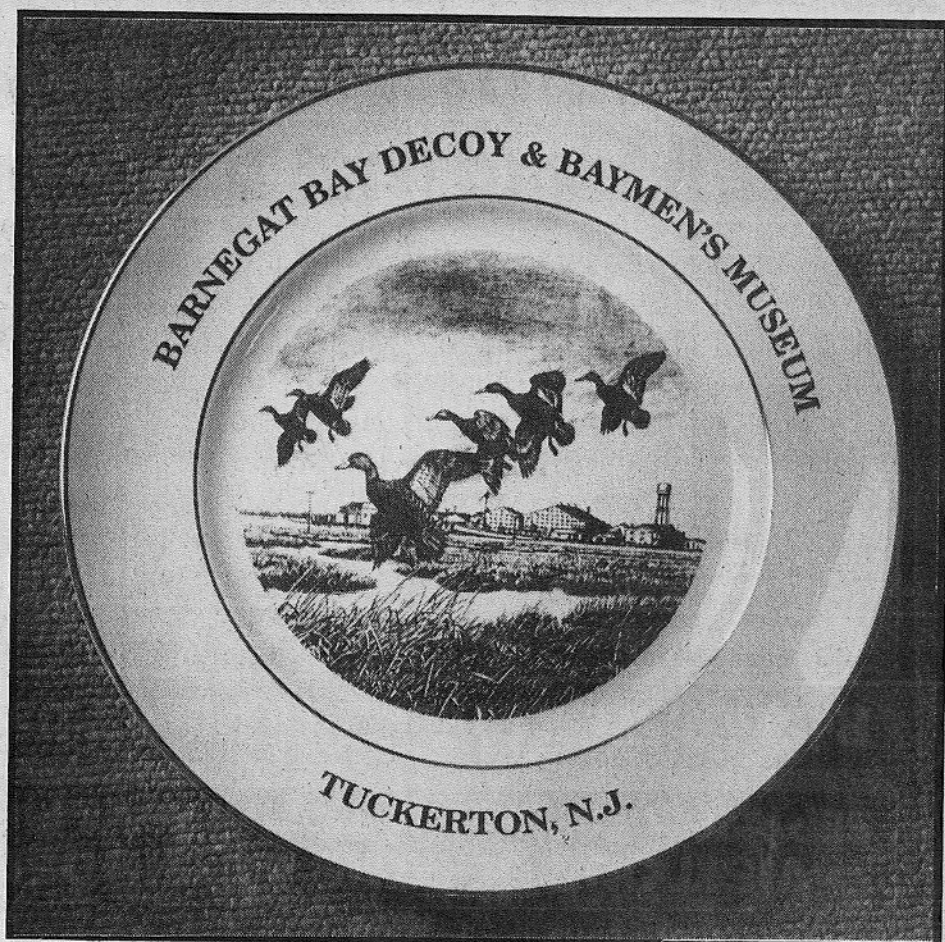
Leslie is the artist of the 1992 New Jersey duck stamp and has been commissioned to create duck stamp prints for other states.

HUNGRY? Go HOG Wild!

Stop by the
museum's
pig roast
at the food area
in the park both days

**SPARE RIBS
CORN ON THE COB
APPLE CIDER**

For sale to benefit
the museum fund



Patti Kelly

1992 collector's plate for sale features the Crab Island Menhaden Plant.

Compelling in its colors and an impressive decoration for any wall, the print can also be viewed as an investment. A limited number are issued, and past years' editions are sold out. The 1990 print by artist Tom Hirata is already reselling at \$100 above its original price.

Sales of the prints have raised \$25,000 for the museum in just the first two years. The series will continue as long as interest demands.

To order, stop at the museum booth at the high school during both days of the show, or contact Tom Gormley at Tom's Wildlife Prints, (609) 294-1415.

This year for the first time, the museum offers a commemorative plate bearing the image of the 1992 show print. The 10¾-inch collector's plate features the Crab Island Menhaden Plant as a pencil etching on an ivory-colored base, rimmed in a double band of gold.

Cost is \$19.95, payable at the mu-

seum displays both at the park and the school during the show. Mail order requests can also be taken at the show or by writing to the Barnegat Bay Decoy and Baymen's Museum, P.O. Box 52, Tuckerton, NJ 08087.

Look for commemorative T-shirts and sweatshirts with a color picture of the print on the front. They'll be at the museum tables for as long as they last, at \$12.95 and \$19.95.

Anyone with good taste knows duck is a delicacy, but this kind really melts in your mouth. Milk chocolate ducks will be on sale for \$10 at the museum tables. Thanks are due to Hilton Candies of Parkertown, which is donating a portion of the proceeds to the museum. A museum member made the duck model for the mold.