



Greetings from Commissioner Virginia E. Haines

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, I welcome you to the Spring 2021 issue of ***Out & About Ocean County***, *A Free Newsguide to Arts & Heritage Events*.

The Covid-19 pandemic is limiting the event offerings usually offered so we are providing more stories than events in this issue. At this time, the Ocean County Parks and visitor centers are open to the public. Please check **http://www.oceancountytourism.com/frmEvents** for updated event listings.

The Ocean County Historical Society is moving their annual Antique and Collectibles fair to May 15 & 16 at the Toms River High School South cafeteria.

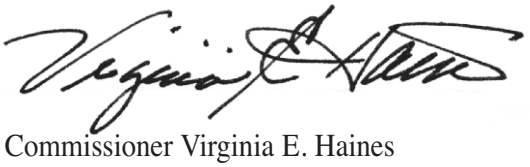
The 10th Annual Ocean County Salute will become virtual on June 15 at 7:00 PM on Cable-21, the Ocean County College cable channel or on a link to our website.

The Ocean County Board of Commissioners is proud to announce that Art Birdsall of Point Pleasant will receive the 2021 Lifetime Achievement in the Ocean County Arts Award. *The Ocean County Memories: Established 1850!* Facebook page earned a Special Award of Merit.

The prestigious Cultural Response award is given to the *Surflight Theatre, Lighthouse International Film Festival* and the *Brick Children's Community Theatre* for their outstanding response to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Nomination forms for future awardees and lists of past awardees are at: **http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmSaluteAwards.aspx.**

The Cultural & Heritage Commission has completed their annual arts and history grant award cycle. This year, seventeen art and eight history organizations will receive a total of $120,000 in grants through the Ocean County Board of Commissioners funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission. The 2022 application are online at: **http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmGrants.aspx**. The notice of intent to apply is due by August 25. There will be an online workshop on August 11 at 3 PM to learn the details of the grant process.

I am proud to share that the Cedar Bridge Tavern renovation earned an achievement award from the NJ State Historic Preservation Office and that our project to restore the Cox House in Barnegat Township was awarded a $750,000 grant by the NJ Historic Trust.



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