Ocean County Historical Society Applauds Author Brian Bovasso

Ocean County author, Brian Bovasso, has given us another gift to better understand and appreciate Ocean County's northern barrier island in his newly published book, Ortley Beach and the Cranberry Inlet. Former Ocean County Historical Society President Cynthia Smith writes, " This is a well- researched and effectively written historical account of Ortley Beach, an unincorporated section of Toms River, located…between Seaside Heights Borough to the south and Lavallette Borough to the north. It includes the intriguing story of the sudden emergence (c. 1750) and just as sudden disappearance (1812) of Cranberry Inlet, a once vital navigable waterway between the Atlantic Ocean and Barnegat Bay. It tells how the Toms River, then known as Goose Creek, and the sheltered tiny colonial settlement up-stream with which it shared its name became a thriving and important harbor during the American Revolution because of this inlet. The stories about Ortley Beach and the Cranberry Inlet encompass not only the place but also the people and events that make for absorbing story-telling. The stories are all based on facts that the author has verified through research and extensive interviews with local sources. The author provides a detailed listing of references, and the book's text is complemented with many illustrations—photographs, paintings, sketches, maps, brochures, and diagrams. The Table of Contents and the List of Illustrations are both useful features provided in the book."

Interested in securing your own copy of Ortley Beach and the Cranberry Inlet? Go to the Ocean County Historical Society, Toms River, NJ website and click on "Elizabeth Sculthorp Force House." At the bottom of the page, click on "Shop Now!" in the "Discover More About Ocean County" section.

Brian Bovasso's book awaits you for $30.00 plus tax. The book is also available for sale when the Museum and Research Center are open to the public, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.



Author Brian Bovasso at monument.
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