Letter from the Editor...

Autumn in Ocean County provides many opportunities to get out and enjoy the clear, sunny weather and catch a great cultural experience all the while. The New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge will be held on the weekend of October 18 and 19, featuring three of thirteen statewide stopping points right here. A drive to New Egypt to see the new Laurita Winery, freshly adorned with expansive mural scenes is another great option. The winery's scheduled grand opening will be on Sept. 20 and 21. And no matter which direction you travel in, chances are won't be too far away to catch a glimpse of one of artist Cathleen Engelsen's historic paintings in a local business or government building. Please see the feature articles inside for more information on the aforementioned events. Also don't miss the Strand 'Theater Geeks' story for an inside view on a great program for local teen theater lovers.

Our event listings section contains a host of other activities. From quilt to decoy and gunning shows, there's something here for everyone. Have a wonderful time exploring this autumn!

- Lindsay Dandeo

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