



Greetings from Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I welcome you to the Spring 2017 issue of **Out & About Ocean County**, *A Free News Guide to Arts & Heritage Events*.

At noon on April 6, Ocean County will present a special commemoration of the entry of Ocean County into World War I at historic Court Room #1. On April 28 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Ocean County will host the NJ World War I Roadshow at the Ocean County Library on Washington Street in Toms River. In the Great War, 2,433 Ocean County men served, out of a 1920 population of 22,155, and 75 made the ultimate sacrifice.

On April 4, 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 sixth annual Salute to Ocean County: Celebration of Arts and Heritage, a showcase of the best performances from the 2017 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 Kate Leigh Cutler will receive the 2017 Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award. Jeanette M. Lloyd will receive the 2017 Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award. F & M Builders will receive the 2017 Ocean County Preservation Award for the restoration of the 1877 Buhler Mansion in Pine Beach. Sherry D. Schnepp will receive a Founder Award for her part in creating the Our Gang Players. Valerie Vaughn will be recognized with a Special Award of Merit for giving voice to the stories of Ocean County. And finally, Richard Morris of Point Pleasant will receive the Special Award of Merit as an advocate for historic preservation.

Also at the Salute, the Ocean County Tourism and Business Advisory Council will award the inaugural Joseph H. Vicari Tourism Award to the Storino Family of Jenkinson's and Casino Pier.

The Cultural & Heritage Commission has completed their annual arts and history grant award cycles. This year seventeen art and ten history organizations will receive a total of \$95,910 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.

I note with sadness the passing of Catherine Mary Kennedy, the longtime historian of Barnegat Township.

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,


Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.

