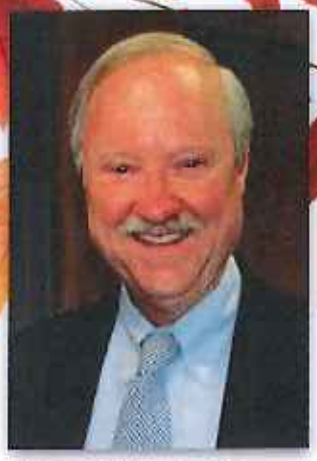


Greetings from Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I welcome you to the Fall 2012 issue of Out & About Ocean County, A Free News Guide to Arts & Heritage Events. Fall is a special time of year in Ocean County. Our ocean, bay and inland waters glisten in the crisp air and attract outdoor enthusiasts from all over the world.

The Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders will host the 30th annual Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show at Tip Seaman Park in Tuckerton on September 29 and 30. Wells Mills County Park in Waretown will celebrate the 13th annual Pinelands Jamboree on October 13. The Friends of Island Beach State Park will host their annual Beach Plumb Festival on September 9. Seaside Heights will host the annual Columbus Day Parade on October 7 and the Italian Street Festival from October 5 to 7.

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission will provide two free Latino dance and music programs (funded in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts) for individuals, school and community groups by the Alborada Spanish Dance Theater on October 12 at 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon at the Arts and Community Center at Ocean County College.

The Cultural and Heritage Commission is requesting nominations for the 2012 Ocean County Preservation Awards. Applications are due on October 16. The Awards will be presented at Ocean County College on April 16, 2013 at the Ocean County Celebration of the Arts and Heritage Festival.

Finally, the Ocean County community wishes Cultural & Heritage Commission assistant director Lindsay Dandeo well at her new position in New Mexico. She will be pursuing her artistic dream in the Land of Enchantment. Lindsay's service to the arts community of Ocean County represented the very best in personal and profession integrity in the public service. The Ocean County non-profit community will miss her presence.

Please enjoy the arts and history offerings for the fall of 2012.

Sincerely,

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