2016 Salute to Ocean County Awards

FIFTH ANNUAL SALUTE TO OCEAN COUNTY 2016

The Commission will present the fifth annual Salute to Ocean County at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 7th at the Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation at Ocean County College. Highlights include performances by student groups critiqued for excellence during the 2016 Ocean County Teen Arts Festival. A number of awards will also be presented. Further Information is available at: **http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmAwards.aspx.**

OCEAN COUNTY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ARTS

The Commission has created this award category to recognize the extraordinary achievements and contributions of those individuals and organizations to the quality of life in Ocean County. Recipients are selected from the distinguished list of Ocean County artists representing many art forms, nominated by various individuals and organizations.

2016: Cathleen Engelsen - Visual Artist

Cathleen Engelsen is an Ocean County native with a deep appreciation of New Jersey's rich, historical background and breathtaking coastal scenery through watercolor, acrylic and oil. She is particularly appreciated for her historical works including a series of remarkable, public murals evoking a sense of place for Toms River, Manahawkin, Lakehurst, Burlington, Howell and Ocean Township including works inspired by her grandfather's priceless, early 20th century images of historic Tuckerton Borough.

2015: Brian Hanlon - Sculptor
2014: Lous N. Riccio - Visual Artist
2013: Francis J. McGinley - Visual Artist
2012: James Murphy – Musician

PAULINE S. MILLER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR OCEAN COUNTY HISTORY

The Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award is given to an individual who has demonstrated a passion for Ocean County Heritage and shared that history with the public. Criteria to receive this award is as follows: countywide impact, active in Ocean County for at least 10 years, advocate of Ocean County heritage, special emphasis on scholarship or teaching about Ocean County history.

2016: Carl Jablonski - Navy Lakehurst Historical Society

Carl Jablonski is tireless in his efforts to share his vast knowledge of Hangar #1, the Hindenburg disaster of May 6, 1937 and the US Navy airship history including the Shenandoah, Los Angeles, Akron and much more about Naval Air Station Lakehurst. He personally conducts many and manages all tours for thousands of visitors to Hanger #1 and the NLHS museum and interacts with national and internal media.

2015: Eugene Donatiello
2014: Mary Catherine Kennedy
2013: Claribel Young
2012: Ferdinand F. Klebold

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JOHN C. BARTLETT, JR. GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

The commission gives this award to those individuals in government who have demonstrated the highest professional and ethical standards in leadership in the Ocean County non-profit community. They champion the role of the arts and history in the County's vital tourism industry.

2015: Ebony Rivera
2014: Cynthia H. Smith
2013: Barbara W. Steele
2012: John C. Bartlett, Jr.

OCEAN COUNTY CHAMPION OF THE ARTS AWARD

The commission recognizes the singular contribution of the award recipients on behalf of Ocean County and New Jersey art communities. The sum total of their civic and non-profit involvement has enriched the shared cultural life of their hometown and county.

2015: Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation
2013: Judith Gibson Leone
2012: Ocean First Foundation

FOUNDERS AWARDS

The commission presents the founders award to advocates for the arts in Ocean County who have enriched the cultural fabric of our community through the creation of significant artistic institutions in Ocean County.

2014: Heather Campagno from Brick Children's Community Theatre
2014: Loretta Campagno from Brick Children's Community Theatre
2014: Patti Wade from Northern Regional Cultural Council
2014: Pat Shepherd from Pine Shores Art Association

SUPERSTORM SANDY

The commission seeks to recognize the people and organizations that have grappled with the issue of how historic preservation should inform and guide the recovery from Super Storm Sandy in an effort to retain the sense of place and community.

2013: Borough of Mantoloking
2013: Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey

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SPECIAL AWARD

The Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission has created the following award categories to recognize the extraordinary achievements and contributions of those individuals and organizations to the quality of life in Ocean County.

2016: Duane M. Grembowicz - 30 Years

Duane M. Grembowicz is the one of only three member of the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission to have served for more than 30 years. He is an professor of environmental science at Ocean County College, a member of the Cattus Island Advisory Council and an expert in Russian culture and history associated with Ocean County.

2016: Roberta F. Krantz - 30 Years

Roberta F. Krantz is the one of only three members of the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission to have served for more than 30 years. She has been the coordinator of the Ocean County Teen Arts Festival and was an active member of the Northern Regional Cultural Council of Ocean County.

2016: Sidney L. Taylor - (2006 - 2012)

Sidney L.Taylor was an accomplished artist, teacher and advocates for the arts, dedicated his life to inspiring the artistic in others.

2015: Alison Amelchenko - Commissioner Service Award 30 years
2015: Sam Christopher - Dean of Ocean County Journalism
2014: Robert O'Brien - Recognition for lifetime of service to boating on Barnegat Bay
2014: Roy Pedersen - Recognition for Jersey Shore Impressionists
2014: Janet Larson - Recognition for a lifetime of contributions to the O.C. environment
2013: Louis Glanzman - O.C. in the Revolution
2013: Sheldon Wolpin - Mr. Lakewood
2012: Steve Baeli - O.C. History Volunteer

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

Annually, the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission honors individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made a significant contribution to preserving an historic property in Ocean County. The purpose of this award program is to recognize projects that preserve historical resources, heighten awareness of the importance of historic preservation, and acknowledge individuals, volunteers, professionals, and organizations that have been responsible for the restoration, rehabilitation, or adaptive use of historic buildings, structures, sites, cultural landscapes, or maritime properties. Only exterior work is judged.

2014: Crabbe Family 1916 Crabbe Boat House Toms River
2013: Lakewood Historical Society Sheldon Wolpin Museum 1927 Kuser Hall of Newman School Lakewood
2012: Blahut Family - 1885 Dr. Edward William's Cottage
2012: Stafford Twp. - 1872 Railroad station & 1922 Passenger Car
2011: Pt. Pleasant Borough - Herman Bennett cabin

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ACADEMIC MERIT AWARDS

The Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission annually recognizes students from both Georgian Court University and Ocean County College for their outstanding academic achievements in the fields of Art and History. Students are selected by their faculty to be the best in each category.

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY

2015 - Art: Elizabeth Adams • 2015 - History: Kimberly Kosinski

2014 - Art: Gillian Foley • 2014 - History: Matthew Paul Crouch

2013 - Art: Breanna Boll • 2013 - History: April Belfiore

2012 - Art: Katharine Salvatore

2011 - Art: Joanne Nolan • 2011 - History: Kathlyn Tilton

OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE

2015 - Art: Cassidy Lyons • 2015 - History: Megan Durham

2014 - Art: Clarence Causing • 2014 - History: Brooke Kemp

2013 - Art: Jordon T. Izzo • 2013 - History: Casey Kanarkowski

2012 - Art: Lauren L. Morone • 2012 - History: Lauren Staub

2011 - Art: Leanna P. Soden • 2011 - History: Matthew R. Solomon

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF THE ARTS IN OCEAN COUNTY

The commission recognizes the significant and important contribution of these awardees to the artistic culture of Ocean County and New Jersey. The recipients have shown excellences of artist production, support of the general artistic community, and have been a major advocate for the arts at a state and regional level.

2015: Marshall Kern

Marshall Kern is the catalyst to connecting the arts with the economic revitalization of downtown Toms River, initiated the $1 million Bloomberg Grant application, instrumental in the 2015 Toms River mural project and bringing the 20 Seward Johnson sculptures to downtown Toms River and the interest that resulted in a real economic boast to downtown restaurants and businesses.

2013: Steve Steiner
2013: Mark B. Retacco
2013: Anthony LaGruth