

Greetings from Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.



Ferdinand F. Klebold accepting the first Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award in Ocean County history from Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr. at the spring 2012 Salute to Ocean County: A Celebration of Arts & Heritage.

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I welcome you to the Summer 2012 issue of *Out & About Ocean County*, A Free News-guide to Arts & Heritage Events. Summer is a special time of year in Ocean County for both our residents and welcomed guests. We have the opportunity to enjoy art and heritage events as well as the treasures of our beaches and natural resources.

Ocean County is truly proud of all our veterans who have served their nation. As part of our ongoing effort to honor all Ocean County veterans, Ocean County

or is holding our second 150th Civil War ceremony on June 28 at noon, on the steps of Court House One on Washington Street in Toms River.

We have also begun to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812. Most residents of Ocean County are likely unaware that our communities were involved in this second war of independence. British forces actually burned ships at Waretown, removed cows from our barrier beaches and attempted to land at the mouth of the Manasquan River.

We note with regret the passing of Ocean County music legend James Murphy. Just this past March 16, I was honored to present James Murphy with the very first Lifetime Achievement in the Arts in Ocean County at the *Salute to Ocean County: A Celebration of Arts & Heritage* at Ocean County College. At the same event, I was honored to present Ferdinand F. Klebold the very first Ocean County history lifetime achievement award named in honor of recently deceased Pauline S. Miller, Distinguished Ocean County Historian.

Ocean County's arts and history organizations provide a rich tapestry of programs, events, and classes for your summer enjoyment. Many of our towns and boroughs provide wonderful outdoor concerts including the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation's *The Carousel of Music Concert Series* to be held at various locations throughout the summer.

The pages of this summer issue are graced with entries the staff received in response to a request for cover art from the Pine Shores Art Association. Due to the large amount of beautiful artwork received, we felt compelled to showcase more than one.

You should take special note of our exciting palette of summer cultural opportunities in the event listings.

Have a Happy and Safe Summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Bartlett, Jr.".

Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.