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Welcome to the Summer 2008 edition of Out & About Ocean County. Inside you will find feature articles, providing an in-depth perspective on some of the cultural happenings going on around the county this summer, and over 90 event listings, covering June 1 through August 31. From Australian finger-style guitarist Tommy Emmanuel, to silk scarf painting, to fashion shows and you name it in-between, whatever your fancy, chances are you will be able to find an avenue to investigate it. Have a wonderful and exciting summer and see you in September.

"A life without love is like a year without summer."

-- Swedish Proverb

- Lindsay Dandeo

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print and in audio format upon request.**

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Summer Fun: A Sampling



Richard Bushnell, President of ReClam the Bay, and wife Patricia beside one of the project's "giant clams." The clam, now in front of Long Beach Island's Just Bead It shop, was painted by Beach Haven artist Amanda Klinger.

They say variety is the spice of life; but empirical evidence has shown variety is also the key to a memorable summer.

For a well-rounded season of fun and adventure, Ocean County plays host to all manner of happenings, ranging from fashion and food to music and eco-friendly endeavors. So there isn't just more to do, there's also more to learn and more to love.

For starters, the annual **fashion show** to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Church in Brant Beach will take place Wednesday, June 11 at the Bonnet Island Estate on Cedar Bonnet Island. Retail apparel sellers the Island Shop and Fisheads in Brant Beach enlist professional fashion models as well as St. Francis' own friars, sisters and parishioners to don the ensembles.

The fashion show, sponsored by the St. Francis Society, is a very popular long-standing

tradition of about 20 years, according to St. Francis public relations liaison Julie Rosengarth.

"It's something people look forward to every year," she said. The majestic Bonnet Island Estate, in its picturesque locale with the Barnegat Bay and coastal skyline as its backdrop, makes for an elegant setting in which to enjoy a social evening of designer duds while raising funds for a community organization.

Tickets are \$20 and typically sell out fast, Rosengarth said. For more information, call (609) 494-9100.

Aspiring memoirists stand to benefit from a one-day workshop called "**Writing Your Life Story**" at the Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences in Loveladies on Saturday, June 14. The intensive workshop is designed to help participants learn how to "craft a priceless legacy for generations to come" and guide writers of all skill levels in organizing their thoughts, constructing a storyline and channeling creative expression.

The class runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the cost is \$45 for foundation members and \$55 for non-members. For more information or to reserve a space, contact the Foundation at (609) 494-1241.

At the Surflight Theatre in Beach Haven June 15 and 16, **Australian finger-style guitarist Tommy Emmanuel** performs to what is likely to be a packed house.

The internationally renowned virtuoso has amassed a sizeable fan base in the Southern Ocean County area since his first appearance at Surflight. His popularity has resulted in a second night of the show.

Emmanuel started teaching himself to play guitar at the age of 4; before he was old enough to shave he and his siblings were all but supporting themselves and their widowed mother on the income they made as musicians. Now an accomplished original recording artist, he has a 40-some-year career,

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15 albums, numerous awards and two Grammy nominations to show for his work.

He never fails to astound his audiences, existing and brand new fans alike. Tickets are \$34.50 and the show time is 8 p.m.

Later this summer, the Surflight presents "Comedy Tonight" on July 14 and August 18, **two nights of live standup comedy** hosted by comedian Joe Bublewicz. Since the theatre began offering them in 2006, the "Comedy Tonight" shows have proven wildly successful with mixed crowds. Audiences are forewarned the comedians' material may include adult language and subject matter. Tickets for the 8:30 p.m. performances are \$15 and likely to go fast. Call the Surflight box office at (609) 492-9477.

Celebrate the nation's independence by indulging in two of life's most savory pleasures – fine wine and blues music – at the sixth annual Red Wine and Blues Festival at the Tuckerton Seaport on Saturday, July 5 from 3 to 8 p.m.

The event, which takes place along the scenic banks of Tuckerton Creek, is presented in conjunction with New Jersey wineries and Diner Records, an Internet-based music store, talent management agency and record label.

In addition to food, refreshments, crafts and exhibits, take advantage of wine tastings and sales under the wineries' respective tents, while talented blues acts perform live on stage. Admission to the festival is \$15 for Seaport members and \$20 for non-members. Remember to bring the lawn chairs and blankets and stake a piece of ground near the stage.

Located on 40 acres at 120 West Main Street (Route 9) in Tuckerton, the Seaport is a quaint maritime village designed to recreate the look and feel of an historic Barnegat Bay community. The site's 14 developed acres contain original and replicated structures of the 18th century all of which house artifacts, exhibits, collections and demonstrations that represent a rich cultural and maritime heritage.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (609) 296-8868 or visit tuckertonseaport.org.

In Lakewood, the Strand Theater Ensemble Youth Production presents "**Seussical the Musical**" July 11, 12 and 18 at 8 p.m. and July 12, 13 and 19 at 2 p.m.

Based on the works of the beloved children's storybook author Dr. Seuss, "Seussical" weaves together the most memorable tales and characters from at 15 or more of his books, including Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and the Whos of Whoville. Taking the audience from the Jungle of Nool to McEligott's Pool, the Cat in the Hat narrates as "some of the characters fall in love, some have desperate adventures and some even save the world," the show promises.

Dr. Seuss not only instills healthy, wholesome morals in readers but also reminds us all of the importance of being silly.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$12 for kids.

The Strand takes its role within the community of Lakewood seriously, as "the cultural hub of Ocean County," according to its web site. "Realizing the overwhelming benefits of being a presentation organization, the Strand is now producing its own events and presenting shows that reflect the cultural, ethnic, and intergenerational tastes of an ever-growing population."

For additional information or to purchase tickets, call (732) 367-7789.

While visiting southern Ocean County, if you happen to spot a 5-1/2 foot tall clam outside of one of your favorite establishments, you haven't been in the sun too long.

Bluegrass Festival At Huddy Park



Up and Running performing at the Albert Music Hall

On Saturday, July 26, the signature sounds of Americana will issue forth from Huddy Park in Toms River during The Music Academy's first-ever bluegrass festival from 5 to 9 p.m. The event is free and open to the public, its purpose two-fold: to celebrate and preserve the bluegrass tradition and to make good use of the beautiful and historic downtown waterfront park named for Revolution patriot Joshua Huddy. The rain date is Sunday, July 27.

Event organizer Gary Bennett has lined up three live bands to deliver an evening of fun, food and festivity.

"This is a small community," Bennett said of the bluegrass genre's purveyors and fans. "Everybody's friends."

"It was easy enough to get the musicians to agree to do it," he added.

The Music Academy, located on Water Street, is co-owned by Tony Palmucci and Rob Diaz and provides music education to about 600 students. Diaz, who has helped implement the festival, said he finds bluegrass musicians are some of the most passionate, down-to-earth people in the music industry.

"Bringing the arts back into the community" is a topic Diaz hears frequently being explored by the Downtown Toms River Cultural Committee, of which he is a member. "But the music has always been here," he said.

The trick, he agreed, is allowing it to have a greater presence and thereby make a greater impact.

"The more people we can flood the park with would be a wonderful thing," Diaz said of the event's objective.

In addition to the live music, the radio station WJRZ will have a presence, playing music between acts and announcing giveaways. There will be food vendors at the site, so "don't cook that night," Diaz urged.

The three musical acts on board are The Last Whippoorwill Band, the most traditional of the lot; Past Times, with somewhat of a gospel slant; and Up and Running, the most decidedly "progressive." The ties that bind them, according to Bennett, are world-class talent and dedication to bluegrass and its varied traditions as they interpret them. For all they have in common, the bands are each unique in the way they present the music.

The Last Whippoorwill Band, according to guitarist and front man Harry Chadwick, is a five-piece bluegrass band comprising five-string banjo, rhythm guitar, standup bass, mandolin and fiddle – the original configuration made famous in 1946 by the godfather of bluegrass himself, Bill Monroe, who named his band the Blue Grass Boys after his home state of Kentucky, the Bluegrass State.

Incidentally, the grass isn't actually blue. It just looks that way, in summertime, when blue-purple buds grow on the tips of green blades cultivated from Kentucky's limestone soil, creating an overall blue hue.

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Bluegrass music predates Monroe, Chadwick clarified, but what Monroe is credited with putting it together in his configuration.

Chadwick said what makes the Last Whippoorwill Band unique is most of the songs on its play list were some of the earliest recordings, in the time period from 1946 through the '50s.

"Most bands don't play that material," he said. "They play the more modern stuff."

At any rate, Whippoorwill clearly strikes the right chord in certain circles, because the lineup has remained unchanged for the duration of the band's 10-year history.

"What makes my band work and what makes us in the band so happy," he said, "is the fact that we are all on the same page, musically. ... We just do it because we love the music."

Past Times is led by Barbara Muccie of New Egypt, who plays mandolin and sings. She is backed by a dobro, guitar, banjo and upright bass.

Muccie said she was looking forward to taking part in the community-based event.

"Any time we get involved out there, it helps us all," she said. "We need to try to get as many people involved as we can."

Past Times originated more than eight years ago as a gospel group and now plays a mix of gospel, secular and original bluegrass tunes.

"I do love the music," she said. "It makes you feel good, it gets your heart pumping, it's invigorating. The more you listen to it the more you like it."

Up and Running is a four-piece band, formed about five years ago, consisting of bass, guitar, banjo and mandolin, the members of which live in South Jersey.

"Even though it's a bluegrass show, with three bluegrass bands, you're going to see three totally different acts, which is going to be really cool," according to Up and Running's Paul Unkert, also known in Toms River as

"The Guitar Guy," builder and repairer of guitars and other stringed instruments and reseller of vintage guitars.

"You know what's great about it?" he continued. "We all know each other and are friends and play music together, and we all have our own venues or genres of music, and everybody supports each other, you know?"

In praise of newer, less conventional bluegrass, Unkert said: "Some people are even afraid of the word bluegrass; a lot of people associate the word bluegrass with 'hee-haw.' But it's a little more uptown and contemporary music these days...It's not just three-chord songs. Everybody has some pretty highly arranged material now."


He described his own band's style as "contemporary material done with traditional instruments" – Bill-Monroe-meets-the-Beatles, perhaps. "It appeals to a broader range of people," he said. "It's a little bit more exciting, penetrative sound, more driving of a tone. Sometimes we even tune a half a tone sharp just to be a little bit more penetrating in sound."

"We're closing in on a Nickel Creek or a David Grisman Quintet type of sound, but we don't let it go over the top, because I found out ... music has to be palatable" to an audience in order to be properly appreciated. Therefore, a performer must first know his audience and then give them what they want.

Certain music, if too hard to listen to, he explained, becomes work and the crowd is lost.

"We try to do exciting, contemporary music but not so intense where you can't just lay back and enjoy yourself listening to it," he said.

Enjoyment, after all, is the reason music exists at all. And for bluegrass fans in particular, the point is simply to feel good and tap a foot in time with the rhythm.

Bennett agreed: "It's a better kind of music, in my opinion, for families and decent folks." 

- Victoria Ford

Senior Arts Festival Celebrates Vitality



The Oceanaires barbershop chorus of the Ocean County Chapter of the Harmony Barbershop Society

Lakewood's historic Strand Theater is staging an encore.

Approximately 900 people took part in last year's first-ever Festival of Senior Arts at the Strand, according to the theater's director of development Laura Lella-Smith.

Visitors to the festival came from the entire central New Jersey region, she said, to perform and exhibit their artistic talents, to support the entrants and simply to take it all in. Lella-Smith attributed the turnout not only to effective advertising but, also, to everything the theater represents as a well preserved piece of history.

"I think the folks of that era have a good sense of what the Strand Theater meant back in the day, and I think it was exciting for them to have the opportunity to appear on the same stage people they idolized once appeared on," she said, naming the legendary duo Burns and Allen and song-and-dance man Ray Bolger, perhaps best remembered as the Scarecrow in the film version of "The Wizard of Oz."

"I think it was a nostalgic thing, too," Lella-Smith continued. "The Strand Theater was very big back in the '40s, the vaudeville era, and I think people thought it was an honor to come up on the stage here."

The festival, taking place June 24, 25 and 26, is designed to laud the talents and accomplishments of senior artists, age 60 and over. The festival runs each day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. The event is sponsored by Harrogate, a nonprofit Lifecare community in Lakewood and by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

The variety-style revue performances are definitely the most popular aspect of the festival, according to Lella-Smith. "As a matter of fact," she said, "we had so many applicants last year we had to turn people away."

All told, there were close to 100 acts in the categories of vocal, theatrical, dance, comedy, musical instrument and poetry over the span of those three days. Last year's oldest festival participant was 92 years old, Lella-Smith said. Her group performed a seated tai chi fan dance, and afterward the performers' families presented them with bouquets of flowers.

"It was just such a moving experience for them, to be able to come here and do that," she said. "That's the kind of stuff that makes it all worthwhile."

The registration deadline for this year's festival was May 5, but Lella-Smith said even as the festival grows nearer, she may be able to accommodate latecomers. Those interested in entering can find out if space is still available by contacting Lella-Smith at (732) 367-7789, ext. 209.

Participants are given the opportunity to rehearse on the stage in the two days prior to the festival, she added. They can simply show up the day of the performance and "wing it," if they prefer, but the size of the theater may be intimidating if they do not realize the house seats 1,000 people.

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“It’s not a competitive thing,” she explained. “What we’re really doing is ... celebrating active lifestyles, more than anything. We want them to be vibrant, we want to see their talent, and I think they appreciate that. I think that’s really what it’s all about: three days of a great celebration of the vitality of the senior community and their talents. All the other stuff is gravy.”

Fitness professionals from Ocean Medical Center, Georgian Court University’s Holistic Health Department and the Pines of Whiting will offer yoga, Pilates and tai chi sessions and back rubs and hand massages throughout the days, while information tables will be manned by representatives of senior service providers such as the Ocean County Office on Aging, nonprofit organizations like Harrogate, arts and educational agencies like local colleges and the Ocean County Library System – “That’s more the ‘health fair’ side of it,” Lella-Smith said.

Meanwhile, on display in the gallery will be the top winning visual art pieces from the 32nd annual Senior Citizens Art Exhibition, a collaboration of the Senior Advisory Committee and the Ocean County College’s Academy of Lifelong Learning. Concurrently, the festival will feature a “Video Arts” element, whereby seniors who are physically unable to attend the festival can submit a digital recording of a performance to be shown on a projection system – a great way to include residents of assisted living and long-term care facilities.

New to the festival this year is the award-winning Oceanaires barber-shop chorus of the Ocean County chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, scheduled to perform on June 24 at noon. This year marks the Oceanaires’ 50th anniversary in Ocean County.

On June 25, the Sentimental Journey Orchestra, led by Frank Richetti, returns to perform some of the best of big band and swing.


And on the final day, the newly crowned Ms. New Jersey Senior will make her first official public appearance and deliver a performance along with her fellow pageant members.

Also on the final day, at noon, motivational coach and social worker Rosemarie Poverman will present a health and wellness lecture called The Positive Power of Humor on Aging.

Poverman describes herself as a “clinical edutainer” who equates humor with self-empowerment. She is known for her lighthearted, high-energy approach to programs and workshops that renew her audiences’ belief that it is possible to be creative, stay energized and keep smiling.

The festival is only possible with “the support of community members who work with us,” Lella-Smith said. This year the festival is also very fortunate to have the support of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, she added.

In addition to showcasing the artistic abilities of seniors, the festival “brings people into the town of Lakewood,” and a JobLink bus drops people off right at the theater. The theater itself offers accessibility features for visitors who use wheelchairs or assistive listening tools; sign language interpretation and large-print programs are also available upon request two weeks in advance.

“This is the kind of program that really has public benefit for the community. That’s really the most important thing.”  - Victoria Ford

If you are interested in performing at the Festival of Senior Arts, please see pages 32-33 for detailed information and a registration form. Please turn in as soon as possible

County's Cultural Councils Bridge Artful Distances



NJ Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells at the NRCC's Forum for Arts, Culture & Heritage event in Lakewood.

“Art and culture have been around forever,” Northern Regional Cultural Council chairwoman Patti Wade said, “but there’s so many new things coming out now, with technology and so on, that sometimes you lose sight of the richness, of how it can actually better your life to appreciate what other people with such talent have done, or to appreciate what’s happened in the past.”

“Really, everything is so futuristic now that people don’t really reflect on the past enough, and I just think that’s really important.”

The dedicated volunteer members of the county’s Northern and Southern Regional Cultural Councils work to “promote the visibility of the arts and heritage in the greater community of Ocean County,” according to Lindsay Dandeo of the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission.



Northern Regional Cultural Council's upcoming Artists Meet & Greet event; a part of the group's display at the recent Point Pleasant Boro Earth Day celebration.

The councils were an outgrowth of the Ocean County Cultural Plan created in 2002, Dandeo explained. One of the plan’s goals was to establish cultural councils within the county, comprised of business leaders, arts professionals and regular citizens representing their respective municipalities.

Originally the plan designated four councils: in addition to the northern and southern, a western and a central. All four were active for a time until, eventually, the northern and southern emerged as the two strongest. Currently the northern council has 13 and the southern 11 members, each including one chairwoman.

Dandeo said the reason for the numerous separate councils was Ocean County’s large size.

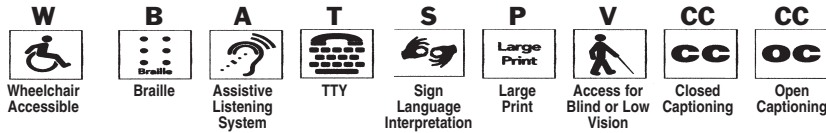
“It’s the second largest county in area in New Jersey,” she said. “So you’re dealing with a vast amount of land area and 33 municipalities. ... That’s a huge amount of ground to cover.”

On the Northern Regional Cultural Council are: Chairwoman Patti Wade, Karen Zitzow and Sal Marino, all of Point Pleasant; Marguerite Wynne of Bay Head; Inger Dooley, Jeannie Kellington and Paige Miller of Point Pleasant Beach; Robert Anstett of the Brick Township Cultural Arts Center; Ralph Masco, Rose Reilly Leonard, and Janet Spahr of Brick; Theresa Beaugard of the Strand Theater in Lakewood; and Roberta Krantz of the Ocean County College Fine Arts Center.

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The symbols listed below provide a guide to accessibility services offered for individuals with disabilities at each event or venue. After each event listing, if applicable, you will find a letter in parentheses which corresponds with the symbols below. *Out & About Ocean County* cannot bear responsibility for errors or omissions. Please be sure to call presenters to confirm this information. P/W indicates partial wheelchair accessibility.



JUNE Events

Jersey Shore Clay National

Sunday, June 1 - Wednesday, June 25

Reception Sunday, June 1 6:00PM - 9:00PM

MT Burton Gallery & 19th St. Clay Studio

Juror: Dan Hammett Free

1819 Long Beach Boulevard, Surf City

(609) 494-0006 www.mtburtongallery.com

Johnson Boats

Sunday, June 1 to Sunday, July 27 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

NJ Museum of Boating

Display of Boats built by Morton Johnson & Co, Hubert S Johnson & Johnson Bros. Free

Corner Bridge Ave & Bay Ave, Bay Head & 540W Lake Ave, Bay Head

(732) 295-2072 njmb.org

Accessibility : W V

Oklahoma!

Sunday, June 1 to Sunday, June 8 Please call for times.

Surflight Theatre

The turn of the century story of cowboy Curly McLain and farm girl Laurey Williams tells of fun, love and romance in the Oklahoma territory. The rivalry between the local farmers and cowboys underscores the journey of the territory toward progress, community and statehood. The premiere modern American musical, Rodgers and Hammerstein's first collaboration produced such memorable songs as Oh! What a Beautiful Mornin', Surrey with the Fringe on Top, and Oklahoma! Adult \$29; Child \$19

Engleside and Beach Aves, Beach Haven, LBI

(609) 492-9477 www.surflight.org

Accessibility : W A P V Fully wheelchair accessible

Jean LeBaron's Oils, Alix Lorange's Prints

Sunday, June 1- Tuesday, July 1 1-4 p.m.

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Exhibition. Jean LeBaron is a representation artist working in diverse media. Alix Lorange works in a wide range of media; her drawings and prints stand out as particularly characteristic of her vision. Free

Ocean & Chestnut Aves., Island Hts., N.J. 732-270-3111

www.ocartistsguild.org

Accessibility : W

June 1 - 2

Barneгат Bay Festival

Sunday, June 1 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (rain or shine)

Barneгат Bay National Estuary Program

An entire day of Free Family Fun celebrating the Barneгат Bay-- scavenger hunts, fish printing, face painting, seedling planting and more! Join us for music, pontoon boat tours, kids' activities, and hands-on demonstrations. Artisans and crafters will be selling custom fishing rods, jewelry, marine art, photography and much more. Free

Wanamaker complex in Island Heights

(732) 255-0472 www.bbnep.org

Accessibility : W handicapped bathrooms and parking

Antique Appraisal Fair

Sunday, June 1 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Waretown Historical Society

Antique Appraisal Fair, offered by Dan and Marilyn Malega of Legacies Old and New. Appraisals of Coins, Art, Pottery, Furniture, Glassware, Jewelry and everything else.

\$5.00 for each item, please call for reservation

182 Wells Mill Road, Waretown (609) 693-4177

Accessibility : W P

Photo Collage Demonstration

Monday, June 2 7:30 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

Artist: Vicky Culver Free

94 Stafford Ave. Manahawkin

(609) 597-3557 pineshoresartassociation.org

Accessibility : W A

Thinking Outside the Box - Jenifer Rutherford

Monday, June 2 7:30 PM

Ocean Camera Club

Meeting -- guests invited. Free

Library, Lakewood High School, 655 Princeton Avenue, Lakewood

(732) 682-8404 <http://oceancameraclub.org>

Accessibility : W public high school building

Summer Concerts

Mondays, June 2 through August 25 7:00 PM

Stafford Township Historical Society

Local performers celebrate the diverse history of our music, including: American folk, barbershop, Broadway, classical, Irish, opera and pop. Performers include: local folk singers, quartets, bands and individuals. Every performance is introduced by a historical vignette about local history, such as, Tuckerton Railroad, Powhatan shipwreck, Civilian Conservation Corps, Toms River Blockhouse Affair, Cedar Bridge battle, Southern New Jersey occupations and others.

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Stafford Township Arts Center, STAC, McKinley Avenue School Complex

(609) 597-5947 www.staffordhistory.org

Accessibility : W A



Dinner Theater @ the Holiday Inn featuring "GODSPELL"

Friday, June 6 and Sunday, June 8
June 6th at 6:00 PM; June 8th @ 2:00 PM

Our Gang Players, Inc.

Our Gang will present "Godspell" as an after dinner entertainment at the Holiday Inn of Manahawkin. A great meal, good friends and a fabulous show that everyone will love!! Join us for a great time and bring all your friends!! \$ 40.00 per person; 75.00 per couple

Holiday Inn- Route 72 East, Manahawkin
(609) 597-0553 www.ourgang.org.

Accessibility : W

34th Annual Toms River Twp. Founders Day Parade & Street Festival

Saturday, June 7 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Downtown Toms River

Presented by the Toms River-Ocean County Chamber of Commerce.

Free

Washington Street, Downtown Toms River
(732) 341-8738 www.downtowntomsriver.com

Digital Photoshop

Monday, June 9 7:30 PM

Ocean Camera Club

Meeting -- guests invited. Free

Library, Lakewood High School, 655 Princeton Avenue, Lakewood
(732) 682-8404 <http://oceancameraclub.org>

Accessibility : W public high school building

Cruisin Downtown 2008

Wednesday, June 11 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Downtown Toms River

Good times, great music, and loads of vintage cars! Free

Washington Street, Downtown Toms River
(732) 341-8738 www.downtowntomsriver.com

Fashion Show

Wednesday, June 11 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Don't miss this fun, annual event at the Bonnet Island Estate. Fashions by various LBI merchants. Refreshments included with price of ticket. Door prizes. Sponsored by the St. Francis Parish Society. \$20

2400 E. Bay Avenue, Manahawkin
(609) 494-9100 stfranciscenterlbi.com

Accessibility : W

The Producers

Wednesday, June 11 through Sunday, June 29 Please call for times.

Surflight Theatre

The story line is a comedy classic: a crooked producer and his anxiety ridden accountant cook up a scheme to present a massive train wreck of a theatrical fiasco and pocket their investors' money before the curtain falls. Dancing off with more Tony Awards than any other show in Broadway history, musical numbers include I Want to Be a Producer and Springtime for Hitler. With clever songs and belly laughs from the mind of Mel Brooks, The Producers is a show everyone should see at least once.

Adult \$29; Child \$19

Engleside and Beach Aves, Beach Haven, LBI
(609) 492-9477 www.surflight.org

Accessibility : W A P V Fully wheelchair accessible

June 12 - 14

Meet and Greet for Artists

Thursday, June 12 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Northern Regional Cultural Council of Ocean County

Visual and performing artists are invited to meet for an informal evening of networking with the Northern Regional Cultural Council of Ocean County. The NRCC sponsors the evening with the support of the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission. Bring a friend, your ideas, issues, visions and business cards and meet with fellow artists and the NRCC members. Light refreshments.

RSVP 732-600-3608 or Seaglas18@aol.com. Free

Primary Elements, 1418 Beaver Dam Rd., Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742
(732) 600-3608

You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

Friday, June 13 through Sunday, June 15 Please call for times.

The Guild Theatreworks, Inc.

Fun play for all ages.

\$20 for adults, \$10 for children and students with proper ID.

Groups of 20+ \$8ea.

Jersey Shore Arts Center, Ocean Grove

(732) 840-3515 TheGuildTheatreworks.org

Accessibility : W Wheelchair ramp

Writing Your Life Story

Saturday, June 14 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

LBI Foundation of the Arts & Sciences

Craft a priceless legacy for generations to come. This one-day intensive workshop is for writers of all levels. Organize your thoughts and receive assistance with creative expression. Bring a lunch.

Members: \$45; Non-Members: \$55

120 Long Beach Blvd. Loveladies, LBI

(609) 494-1241 www.lbifoundation.org

Accessibility : W A T S P V C C O C

Two weeks notice is necessary for some accessibility needs.

Founder's Day

Saturday, June 14th 12 Noon to 4:00 PM

Stafford Township Historical Society

Tuckerton Railroad Station, Old Stone Store, Old Baptist Church and Cavalry Cottage museums open to public. Historic occupation demonstrations. Model Railroad Exhibits, Trackless train rides.

Flag Retirement Ceremony Free

Heritage Park, Manahawkin Lake, Manahawkin Park

(609) 597-5947 www.staffordhistory.org

Accessibility : Most venues are historic buildings with limited physical accessibility.

Summer Craft Show

Saturday, June 14 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

St. Francis Community Center

Find that special gift, handmade by professional and amateur crafters. Jewelry, Stitchery, Pottery, Clothing and much more! Shop in air-conditioned comfort, and stop by the Snack Bar for a treat! \$2

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Township

(609) 494-8861 stfranciscenterlbi.com

Accessibility : W

Tommy Emmanuel

Sunday, June 15th and Monday, June 16th 8:00 PM

Surflight Theatre

Two-time Grammy nominee Tommy Emmanuel has a professional career that spans over four decades. Tommy's unique style - he calls it simply "finger style" - is akin to playing guitar the way a pianist plays piano, using all ten fingers. In 1999 Chet Atkins honored Tommy Emmanuel the rare title of "Certified Guitar Player" for his lifetime contribution to the art of finger style guitar playing, an honor shared by only three other people in the world. His dazzling performances, flawless guitar skills and voluminous repertoire never fail to amaze audiences and engage thousands of new fans everywhere. Tommy Emmanuel's flair and unforgettable showmanship have created an enviable fan base that continues to grow even larger every year. \$34.50

(609) 492-9477 www.surflight.org

Accessibility : W A P V full

Craft Show

Monday, June 16 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

St. Francis Community Center

Jewelry, Stitchery, Pottery, Clothing and Much More!! Find that special gift, handmade by professional and amateur crafters. Shop in air-conditioned comfort, and stop by at the Snack Bar for a treat! Admission \$2

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, LBI

(609) 494-8861 stfranciscenterlbi.com

Accessibility : W

DVD Educational Program - Improve Your Image

Monday, June 16 7:30 PM

Ocean Camera Club

Meeting -- guests invited. Free

Library, Lakewood High School, 655 Princeton Avenue, Lakewood

(732) 682-8404 <http://oceancameraclub.org>

Accessibility : W public high school building

Poetry in the Park

Tuesday, June 17 5:30 PM

Brick Township Concerts in the Park - Bayside Park

Open poetry reading with local authors. All welcome. Free

Bayside Park, Brick Township (732) 262-1006

Al Jolson: A One Man Show

Wednesday, June 18 7:00 PM

Brick Township Cultural Arts Center

Free program at the Brick Cultural Arts Center. Free

515 Herbertsville Road, Brick

(732) 262-1006 www.twp.brick.nj.us

Silk Scarf Painting

Friday, June 20 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

The class will learn from Alex Alessi and Carmel Verrastro how to paint silk scarves.

\$30 members/\$40 non-members plus \$10 supplies

Ocean & Chestnut Aves., Island Heights

(732) 270-3111 www.ocartistsguild.org

Accessibility : W wheelchair

June 20 - 23

Summer Hours

Friday, June 20 through Saturday, August 23

Every Friday, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Every Saturday 1:00 PM -3:00 PM

Waretown Historical Society

Summer hours for the Waretown Historical Society Little Red Schoolhouse Museum. Free

182 Wells Mill Road, Waretown (609) 693-4177

Accessibility : W P

Crestwood Artists Guild 33rd Annual Outdoor Art Show

Saturday, June 21 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Crestwood Artists Guild

The membership of the Crestwood Artists Guild feature their art for show & sale. Rain date: June 22 Free

Crestwood Marketplace, Rt. 530 & Schoolhouse Rd., Whiting

(732) 716-0672 cybergaffer.org

Accessibility : W T outdoor show, wheelchair access, sidewalks

16th Annual Baymen's Seafood & Music Festival

Saturday, June 21 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Tuckerton Seaport

Enjoy delicious Jersey fresh clams, crabs, scallops and shrimp from the finest local seafood purveyors. After you satisfy your appetite, move your feet to the beat of live, toe-tapping entertainment. Speak with commercial fishermen to learn about occupations on the bay or take a clam shucking class. Crafters, vendors, food & refreshments, family activities, demonstrations, boat rides and more. Bring the family and plan to spend the whole day. Listed as one of the "Top 50 Ways to Celebrate the Coming of Spring" in Midwest, the in-flight magazine of Midwest Airlines.

Admission \$8; seniors \$6; age 6-12 \$3; under 5 and members free

120 West Main Street, Tuckerton NJ 08087

(609) 296-8868 www.tuckertonseaport.org

Accessibility : W

Victorian Tea

Sunday, June 22 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

The Ocean County Artists' Guild will be hosting a Victorian Tea. Sandy Horak, The Tea Lady, will present a history of tea and offer tea tastings. An afternoon tea will be provided along with a tour of the current exhibit. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Please see the website at www.ocartistsguild.org or call the Guild at 732-270-3111 for directions and reservations.

Ocean & Chestnut Aves., Island Hts.

(732) 270-6197 www.ocartistsguild.org

Accessibility : WC

Stafford Historical Society Concert

Monday, June 23 7:00 PM

The Island Singers

Concert of old favorites, Show tunes and Spirituals.

Free -- Goodwill offering taken

1000 McKinley Ave., Manahawkin (609) 607-5527

Accessibility : W P

Festival of Senior Arts

Tuesday, June 24 through Thursday, June 26
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The Historic Strand Theater

A three-day event being held in celebration of the spirit and talent of senior artists living in the community. The centerpiece of the event will be a "Variety Show" style review comprised entirely of senior talent from throughout Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Performance categories will be: Vocal, Theatrical, Dance, Musical Instrument, Comedy and Poetry. Free Admission

400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood
(732) 367-7789 www.strand.org
Accessibility : W A S P Wheel Chair Accessible

Midweek Jazz Presents "Boogie Bob" Seely

Wednesday, June 25 8:00 PM

Ocean County College Fine Arts Center

Boogie woogie champion and stride pianist Bob Seely returns! Last year, the audience wouldn't let him stop playing! His concerts feature "industrial strength" boogie woogie, sprinkled with some stride, blues, and even a bit of ragtime, for a change of pace. Event held at Mancini Hall, Ocean County Library.

\$13 in advance; \$15 at the door
Mancini Hall, Ocean County Library, Toms River Branch
(732) 255-0500 www.ocean.edu
Accessibility : W A

Everald Williams Jazz Trio

Wednesday, June 25 7:00 PM

Brick Summer Series - Concerts

Concert. Free. Amphitheatre, Drum Point School, Brick
(732) 262-1006 <http://www.twp.brick.nj.us/>

Concerts on the Green

Wednesday, June 25 7:30 PM

Beach Haven Community Arts Program

Free Concert featuring the Barley Boys
Engleside & S. Beach Haven, Beach Haven
(609) 492-2739

Godspell

Thursday, June 26 and Friday, June 27 7:00PM

Our Gang Players, Inc.

Come and enjoy an encore performance of this fabulous show. This event is a fundraiser.

Adults \$12 and Children \$6 in advance; all tickets \$15 at the door.
The Bayside Chapel, West Bay Avenue, Barnegat
(609) 597-0553 www.ourgang.org

2008 LBI Artists Open Studios Tour

Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29 10:00AM - 4:00PM

LBI Artists Open Studios

A self-guided tour of art studios that are not typically open to the public, and public studios. Get a chance to interact with artists directly and see firsthand their creative process. Types of art that you will see include: pottery, watercolor, oil painting, mixed media, porcelain, fused and stained glass, jewelry, wood carving, printmaking, photography, and sculpture. Visit the website for a full listing of studio locations, and more information.

Various locations on Long Beach Island
609-661-8473 www.lbiartists.com

June 28

Concert in the Park – Featuring deSol

Saturday, June 28 1-5 PM Music Academy Spring Concert,
5-7 PM WJRZ Food, Games, Contests, 7-9 PM deSol!!

Downtown Toms River

New this year! Come down to Huddy Park for an all day and night celebration of music! The Music Academy will hold its Spring Concert, there will be fun and games, and headlining and ending the evening will be the irresistibly energetic deSol. With Rock, Pop and Latin influences abounding, deSol has managed to cross cultural borders and musical formats bypassing all boundaries. Or just call it “Rock & Roll with a Latin Soul.” deSol has shared marquee with artists such as R.E.M., The Legendary Wailers, Los Lonely Boys, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Particle and Widespread Panic, to name just a few. Don't miss this fantastic chance to enjoy this great band's music for free! Free; Rain Date June 29

Huddy Park (intersection of Rte 166 [Main St.] & East Water St., Toms River
(732) 341-8738 www.downtowntomsriver.com

LBI Museum Concert

Saturday, June 28 8:00 PM

The Island Singers

Concert of old favorites, Show tunes and spirituals.

Free -- Goodwill offering taken

Beach and Engleside Avenues, Beach Haven (609) 607-5527

Accessibility : P Stairs

Bernadette Curran

Saturday, June 28 - Wednesday, July 23

Reception Saturday, June 28 6:00PM - 9:00PM

MT Burton Gallery & 19th St. Clay Studio

2008 Exhibition Free

1819 Long Beach Boulevard, Surf City

609-494-0006 www.mtburtongallery.com

Due to space limitations, a limited number of visual arts classes and workshops from the Laurelton Art Society (Brick), Ocean County Artists Guild (Island Heights), the Pine Shores Art Association (Manahawkin), and the Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences (Loveladies - LBI) have been listed in this brochure.

To view these organizations' full class/workshop offerings, please go online or call:

Long Beach Island Foundation -

www.lbifoundation.org 609.494.1241

Pine Shores Art Association -

www.pineshoresartassociation.org 609.597.3557

Ocean County Artists Guild -

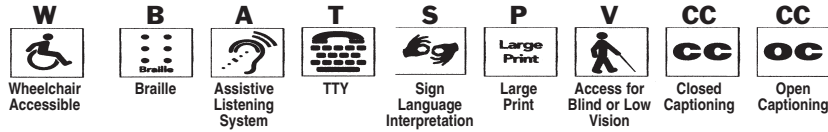
www.ocartistsguild.org 732.270.3111

Laurelton Art Society -

laureltonart.com

art music theatre heritage special events

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JULY Events

Chicago

Tuesday, July 1 through Sunday, July 20 Please call for times.

Surflight Theatre

"Murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery and treachery - all those things we hold near and dear to our hearts." So begins the musical Chicago - the kiss-and-tell tale of Roxie Hart, a chorus girl who kills her lover as a career move; Billy Flynn, a sharp lawyer who turns Roxie into a celebrity; and Velma Kelly, a dancing jailbird with an ear for headlines and an eye for talent. The longest running musical revival in Broadway history, it's a loving look back at vaudeville with showstopping numbers including All That Jazz, Cell Block Tango, and Razzle Dazzle.

8:00PM Show: July 1-3, 5, 6, 8-13, 15-19

2:00PM Matinee: July 3, 6, 8, 10, 15, 17, 20

Adult \$29; Child \$19

Engleside and Beach Aves, Beach Haven, LBI

(609) 492-9477 www.surflight.org

Accessibility : W A P V Fully wheelchair accessible

Concerts on the Green

Friday, July 4 7:00 PM

Beach Haven Community Arts Program

Special 4th of July concert featuring Patriotic music. Free

Engleside & S. Beach Avenues, Beach Haven

(609) 492-2739

Accessibility : W Outdoor Venue

6th Annual Red Wine & Blues Festival

Saturday, July 5 3pm to 8pm

Tuckerton Seaport

Team up with the Tuckerton Seaport for a perfect afternoon of wine tasting from New Jersey's finest wineries plus live blues entertainment, food & refreshments, crafts, vendors and more.

Members \$15, Non-members \$20

120 West Main Street, Tuckerton

(609) 296-8868 www.tuckertonseaport.org

Accessibility : W

July 5 - 7

Celebrate America!

Saturday, July 5 7:30 PM

Garden State Philharmonic

The Garden State Philharmonic and Chorus present its annual outdoor Independence Day concert with patriotic salutes, pops favorites, and fun for the whole family! What is more American than a concert in the park celebrating the Red, White, Blue, and YOU! Free Admission

Ocean County Library Plaza, Toms River (732) 451-0064

<http://www.gardenstatephilharmonic.org>

Accessibility : W P V

Please call if any member of your party needs special assistance.

Annual Juried Photography Show

Sunday, July 6 - Tuesday, July 29 1:00 -4:00 p.m.

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Annual Juried Photography Show opens July 6th with a reception open to all and free. Entries (3 max) are due June 28th, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Categories: color, b&w, manipulated. Judge-Linda Troeller

Entries \$10 member/\$15 non-members

Ocean & Chestnut Aves., Island Hts., N.J.

732-270-3111 www.ocartistsguild.org

Accessibility : W

Sunday Concerts

Sundays, July 6 through August 31 7:00 PM

Lavallette Heritage

Free Family concerts at the Gazebo on Sundays in July & August overlooking beautiful Barnegat Bay. Free

Lavallette Gazebo, Bay Blvd. & Philadelphia Ave.

(732) 793-3652

Accessibility : W outdoor event

Judy Collins

Monday, July 7 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM

Surflight Theatre

Judy Collins has thrilled audiences worldwide with her unique blend of interpretative folksongs and contemporary themes. Her impressive career has spanned more than 40 years. Judy Collins noted for her rendition of Joni Mitchell's "Both Sides Now" on her classic 1967 album, Wildflowers. Winning "Song of the Year" at the 1975 Grammy's Awards show was Judy's version of "Send in the Clowns," from the Broadway musical "A Little Night Music." Judy Collins continues to create music of hope and healing that lights up the world and speaks to the heart. \$44.50

Surflight Theatre

(609) 492-9477 www.surflight.org

Accessibility : W A P V full

Portrait Watercolor Demonstration

Monday, July 7 7:30 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

Portrait Watercolor Demonstration with artist Roberta Carter Clark.

Free

94 Stafford Ave, Manahawkin

(609) 597-3557 pineshoresartassociation.org

Accessibility : W A

Stories by the Sea

Mondays, July 7 through August 18 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Alliance for a Living Ocean

Stories and craft hour for children ages 3 to 6. \$2 per child
Maritime Museum, 528 Dock Road, Beach Haven
(609) 492-0222 www.livingocean.org

Jim Murphy and the Pine Barons

Wednesday, July 9 7:00 PM

Brick Summer Series - Concerts

Concert. Free
Amphitheatre, Drum Point School, Brick
(732) 262-1006 <http://www.twp.brick.nj.us/>

Cruisin Downtown 2008

Wednesday, July 9 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Downtown Toms River

Good times, great music, and loads of vintage cars! Free
Washington Street, Downtown Toms River
(732) 341-8738 www.downtowntomsvriver.com

Concerts on the Green

Wednesday, July 9 7:30 PM

Beach Haven Community Arts Program

Free concert featuring the Carnaby Street Band Free
Engleside & S. Beach Avenues, Beach Haven, LBI
(609) 492-2739
Accessibility : W Outdoor Venue

Shellfish, Fish and a Healthy Bay

Thursdays, July 10 through August 21 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Alliance for a Living Ocean

Learn how baby clams are raised and seeded in Barnegat Bay and the clam's dependency on healthy bay water. \$5 per person
Maritime Museum, Bay View Park opposite the LBY Municipal Building, Brant Beach
(609) 492-0222 www.livingocean.org

Seussical, The Musical

Friday, July 11 through Sunday, July 13 Please call for times.

The Historic Strand Theater

Seussical, The Musical is based on the works of Dr. Seuss, who believed in helping a friend, in not giving up, and in keeping a promise. He believed in the value and dignity of others, in working to preserve the natural world, and that peace is the ultimate ideal among nations and in every heart. These concerns can all be found at the heart of "Seussical." TBA
400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood
(732) 367-7789 www.strand.org
Accessibility : W A S P Wheel Chair Accessible Seating and Rest Rooms

Julie Goldstein

Saturday, July 12 - Monday, August 4

Reception Saturday, July 12 6:00PM - 9:00PM

MT Burton Gallery & 19th St. Clay Studio

Wood cut prints from Margaret "Pooch" Buchholz's book "Fisherman's Wife"
Free
1819 Long Beach Boulevard, Surf City
609-494-0006 www.mtburtongallery.com

July 12 - 16

Summer Art Show & Sale

Saturday, July 12 & Sunday July 13 Sat.: 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM;
Sun.: 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM

St. Francis Community Center

Over 80 artists under one roof! Hundreds of pieces available to admire and purchase. Watercolor, oil, pastel, acrylic, photography and more.

Free

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Long Beach Township, LBI

(609) 494-9100 stfranciscenterlbi.com

Accessibility : W

Curtis Alumni Trio

Sunday, July 13 7:00 PM

Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences

Alumni of the Curtis Institute of Music, one of the world's leading conservatories, bring their extraordinary artistry and youthful exuberance to classic and modern works. Join us for a memorable evening of superb music making.

\$25

120 Long Beach Boulevard, Loveladies, LBI

(609) 494-1241 www.lbifoundation.org

Comedy Tonight

Monday, July 14 8:30 PM

Surflight Theatre

Back by popular demand, Surflight presents "Comedy Tonight", hosted by Joe Bublewicz. Material may include adult language and subject matter.

\$15

Surflight Theatre, Engleside & Beach Aves., Beach Haven, LBI

(609) 492-9477 www.surflight.org

Showstoppers & Superstars Summer Theater Camp

1st Session - July 14-18 & 2nd Session - August 25 -29

6-8 years - 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM & 9-12 years 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Our Gang Players Inc.

Come spend a week with Our Gang and become a SHOWSTOPPER or SUPERSTAR!!!! Classes in dance, voice, and acting and you perform on the last day of class for your friends and family members!!!! Why just sit around- join the fun and perform live on stage!!!! Participants also will see "Beauty and the Beast" as a class!!

\$200.00 per child per session or sign up for both and pay only \$350.00!!!

OceanFirst Theater- 1000 McKinley Avenue - Manahawkin

(609) 597-0553 www.ourgang.org

Accessibility : W A

Beaded Earrings

Tuesday, July 15 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Chris Dagostino will teach the class how to make beaded earrings.

\$20 members/\$30 non-members plus \$5 supplies

Ocean & Chestnut Aves., Island Hts.

(732) 270-3111 www.ocartistsguild.org

Accessibility : W wheelchair

Concerts on the Green

Wednesday, July 16 7:30 PM

Beach Haven Community Arts Program

Free concert featuring the Sentimental Journey Band Free

Engleside & S. Beach Avenues, Beach Haven, LBI

(609) 492-2739

Accessibility : W Outdoor Venue

Seussical, The Musical

Friday, July 18 10:00 AM

The Historic Strand Theater

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400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood

(732) 367-7789 www.strand.org

Accessibility : W A S P Wheel Chair Accessible Seating and Rest Rooms

Larry McKenna Jazz Quartet

Saturday, July 19 8:00 PM

Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences

This magical celebration for the 60th Anniversary will present a jazz set based on the sounds of the late 1940's when the LBIF was founded. Larry McKenna is a tenor saxophonist who has performed as soloist with jazz stars such as Buddy DeFranco, Tony Bennett, Bootsie Barnes, Frank Sinatra and more. \$25

120 Long Beach Boulevard, Loveladies, LBI

(609) 494-1241 www.lbifoundation.org

6th Annual NJ State Ice Cream Festival

Saturday, July 19 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Downtown Toms River

Attracting ice cream shops and dairies from NJ & PA, it's the best way to beat the heat! Call for information

Washington Street, Downtown Toms River

(732) 341-8738 www.downtowntomriver.com

31st Wooden and Classic Boat Festival

Saturday, July 19 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Toms River Seaport & Museum

Boat rides, children can build model pond boats, Garden State Model Club will be demonstrating their radio controlled boats in the canal, marine artists, and nautical vendors. Antique boats on display. WOBM on site. Seaport Museum open all day. Call for information

Huddy Park (intersection of Main St. & East Water St., Toms River

(732) 341-9209 www.downtowntomriver.com

Universal Cultural Participation Day

Sunday July 20 -- Rain Date August 10 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM

SAGE Foundation

Benefit to create scholarship for youth at risk. Featuring local cultural entertainment, restaurants and businesses.

Children free under 12; Adults \$5

Pine Park, 500 Pinepark Dr. Lakewood

(848) 852-5992 www.sagefoundationonline.org

Accessibility : W

July 20 - 23

Midweek Jazz Presents: Kevin Dorn Traditional Jazz

Wednesday, July 20 8:00 PM

Ocean County College Fine Arts Center

Drummer Kevin Dorn returns with his Traditional Jazz Collective. Last time, after an evening of passionate jazz, the elated crowd demanded encores! His band has regular gigs in Manhattan and has drawn appreciative audiences at the Hot Steamed Jazz Festival in Connecticut and the Bickford Theatre in Morristown. The members are relatively young, but they make up in spirit what they lack in age! Event held at Mancini Hall.

\$13 in advance; \$15 at the door

Mancini Hall, Ocean County Library, Toms River Branch

(732) 255-0500 www.ocean.edu

Accessibility : W A

All Shook Up

Tuesday, July 22 through Sunday, August 10 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Surflight Theatre

Combining all-time favorite Elvis hits with a whole new story, this show is surefire fun! It's the story of a square town in a square state in a square decade where a lonely young girl dreams of hitting the open road. Into her life rides a guitar-playin' roustabout who changes everything and kick-starts a hip-swivelin', lip-curlin' musical fantasy that will have you jumpin' out of your blue suede shoes. Featuring such classics as Heartbreak Hotel, Burning Love, Jailhouse Rock, and Love Me Tender, this well-tuned hot rod musical guarantees fun for the entire family.

8:00 PM Show: July 22-27, 29-31, August 1-3, 5-9

2:00 PM Matinee: July 24, 29, August 5, 10

Adult \$29; Child \$19

Engleside and Beach Aves, Beach Haven, LBI

(609) 492-9477 www.surflight.org

Accessibility : W A P V Fully wheelchair accessible

Concerts on the Green

Wednesday, July 23 7:30 PM

Beach Haven Community Arts Program

Free concert featuring Jazz artist Howard Isaacson. Free

Engleside & S. Beach Avenues, Beach Haven, LBI

(609) 492-2739

Accessibility : W Outdoor Venue

River City String Quartet

Wednesday, July 23 7:00 PM

Brick Township Cultural Arts Center

Free program at the Brick Cultural Arts Center. Free

515 Herbertsville Rd., Brick

(732) 262-1006 www.twp.brick.nj.us

Raising Clams in Barnegat Bay

Wednesday, July 23 and Wednesday August 13 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Alliance for a Living Ocean

Full multimedia presentation about how the Reclam the Bay organization grows and maintains millions of baby clams in Barnegat Bay.

Free

Lecture Hall, Maritime Museum, 528 Dock St, Beach Haven

(609) 492-0222 www.livingocean.org

Wire Wrapping

Friday, July 25 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Sarah Punderson teaches this jewelry-making class.

\$30 members/\$40 non-members

Ocean & Chestnut Aves., Island Hts.

(732) 270-3111 www.ocartistsguild.org

Accessibility : W wheelchair

Third Annual Block Party

Saturday, July 26 -- Rain Date Sunday, July 27, Noon – 8:00 PM

SAGE Foundation Inc.

This is a block party given in support of the collective community. We anticipate the goodwill and effort that everyone has shown in the past, and we would like to celebrate peoples' willingness to work together. We value their courage. We seek to inspire creativity with our festival. Music,

Dance, Sporting Events, Contests, Food, and Games. Free

Lakewood Town Square, Clifton Avenue between Second (2nd)

and Third (3rd) Street, Lakewood

(848) 525-9926 www.sagefoundationonline.org

Accessibility : W V

Gay Smith

Saturday, July 26 - Wednesday, August 13

Reception Saturday, July 26 6:00PM - 9:00PM

MT Burton Gallery & 19th St. Clay Studio

2008 Exhibition Free

1819 Long Beach Boulevard, Surf City

609-494-0006 www.mtburtongallery.com

Concert in the Park - Bluegrass on the River

Saturday, July 26 5:00 PM -7:00 PM food, games, contests;

7:00 – 9:00 PM Main Musical Acts

Downtown Toms River/The Music Academy

Bluegrass concert featuring the following bands: Up & Running, Past

Times, & the Last Whipporwill Band

Free - Raindate July 27

Huddy Park (intersection of Main St. & East Water St., Toms River

(732) 341-8738 www.downtowntomsvriver.com

19th Annual Juried Arts & Crafts Festival

Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27

Saturday 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM, and Sunday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences

Now in its 19th year this festival is a great way to spend the day finding a special something for yourself or someone close to you. Enjoy more than 180 fine artists and craftsperson in all media. Food is available.

\$5 admission at the gate

120 Long Beach Boulevard, Loveladies, LBI

(609) 494-1241 www.lbifoundation.org

The Maritime History of Upper Barnegat Bay: 1650-1950

Saturday July 26 Wine and cheese reception July 26,

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Shell Cottage Studio

Acrylic on canvas paintings with historical text for each surrounded by the museum's artifacts and library. Free

The New Jersey Museum of Boating, 540 Lake Ave. Bldg 12

Johnson Bros. Boatyard

(732) 295-2072 www.njmb.com

Accessibility : W

July 27 - 30

Annual Arts & Craft & Concert

Sunday, July 27 9:00 AM-6:30 PM; Concert 7:00 PM

Lavallette Heritage

Arts & Crafts Sale with family concert. Free

1st Aid parking lot Bay Blvd. & Philadelphia Blvd., Lavallette
(732) 793-3652

Accessibility : W outdoor event

Tuckerton Seaport Evening at the Surfflight Theatre

Monday, July 28 7:00 pm

Tuckerton Seaport

Enjoy an evening of entertainment with "sea monsters, man-eating sharks plus traditional songs and chauties of the sea", plus a brief history of the US Lifesaving Service. Fun for the whole family! In partnership with the LBI Historical Society, and sponsored by the G. Anderson Agency. \$10

Beach & Engleside Aves., Beach Haven, LBI
(609) 296-8868 www.tuckertonseaport.org

Accessibility : W

Festival of the Sea - Summer Carnival

Tuesday, July 29 through Sunday, August 3

6:00 PM - 10:30 PM (weather permitting)

St. Francis Community Center

Six nights of fun for all ages. POP night every night of the festival. Pay One Price per person to Ride All the Rides All Night Long. Games, Food, Rides & Fun! Admission is Free

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach, LBI
(609) 494-8861 stfranciscenterlbi.com

Accessibility : W

Jennifer Mylod

Wednesday, July 30 7:00 PM

Brick Township Concerts in the Park - Bayside Park Concert. Free

Bayside Park, Brick Township

(732) 262-1006 <http://www.twp.brick.nj.us/>

Concerts on the Green

Wednesday, July 30 7:30 PM

Beach Haven Community Arts Program

Free concert featuring Bluegrass artists The Past Times Bluegrass Band. Free

Engleside & S. Beach Avenues, Beach Haven, LBI
(609) 492-2739

Accessibility : W Outdoor Venue

River City String Quartet

Wednesday, July 30 7:00 PM

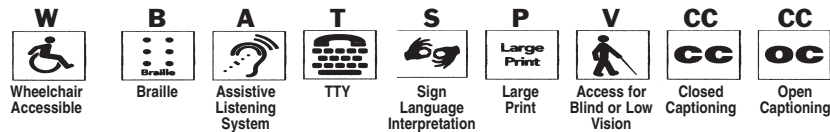
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art music theatre heritage special events

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AUGUST Events

Toms River Fest

Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3 TBA

Toms River

You've heard correctly: Toms River Fest is back, featuring Carrie Underwood, Daughtry, Avril Lavigne, Lifehouse, Live, Collective Soul, Push Play and more. In addition to the music, there will also be activities for children, a video arcade, community exhibits, a BMX demo, a food court and vendor marketplace, and state-of-the-art fireworks following each night's main stage performance.

GA - \$35, 2 day pass - \$60, Bleachers \$50, prem. floor \$75,
Ticketmaster, OC Mall.

Toms River High School North
(609) 520-8383 www.trfest.com

Art In The Park

Sunday, August 3 10:00 AM

Beach Haven Community Arts Program

Art Show featuring area artists. Free
Engleside Ave & S. Beach Ave, Beach Haven (609) 492-2739
Accessibility : W Outdoor Venue

Watercolor Demonstration

Monday, August 4 7:30 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

Watercolor demonstration by Artist Jane Lux. Free
94 Stafford Ave, Manahawkin
(609) 597-3557 pineshoresartassociation.org
Accessibility : W A

Concerts on the Green

Wednesday August 6 7:30 PM

Beach Haven Community Arts Program

Free concert featuring music of the 50's and 60's by the Jersey Gold Band.
Free
Engleside & S. Beach Avenues, Beach Haven, LBI
(609) 492-2739
Accessibility : W Outdoor Venue

42nd Annual Seashore Open House Tour

Wednesday, August 6 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences

View seven homes that capture the magical diversity of summer living on LBI. Embrace and enjoy refreshing new perspectives on landscape design, ocean and bay views, specialty gardens and decorating styles that will capture your imagination. \$30
120 Long Beach Boulevard, Loveladies, LBI
(609) 494-1241 www.lbifoundation.org

August 6 - 13

Watercolor Workshop

Wednesday, August 6 9:30 AM -3:30 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Eli Rosenthal teaches this watercolor workshop.

\$70 members/\$100 non-members

Ocean & Chestnut Aves., Island Hts.

(732) 270-3111 www.ocartistsguild.org

Accessibility : W wheelchair

Antique Show & Sale

Sat. & Sun., August 9 & 10 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

St. Francis Community Center

A wide variety of antiques conveniently under one roof. Treasures from the past. Admission \$3 Adults; \$2 Children

4700 Long Beach Blvd, Brant Beach, LBI

(609) 494-8861 stfranciscenterlbi.com

Accessibility : W

Beaded Bracelets

Tuesday, August 12 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Chris Dagostino will teach how to make beaded bracelets.

\$20 members/\$30 non-members plus \$5 supplies

Ocean & Chestnut Aves., Island Hts.

(732) 270-3111 www.ocartistsguild.org

Accessibility : W wheelchair

The Will Rogers Follies starring John Davidson

Tuesday, August 12 through Saturday, August 30 Please call for times.

Surflight Theatre

A musical biography of one of America's most beloved citizens, Will Roger's life is viewed through the opulent lenses of the Ziegfeld Follies. An all singing, all dancing Broadway extravaganza. Episodes of his life are showcased through big production numbers. Will Rogers' homespun style of wisdom and humor put a smile on the face of America.

Adult \$29; Child \$19

Engleside and Beach Aves, Beach Haven, LBI

(609) 492-9477 www.surflight.org

Accessibility : W A P V Fully wheelchair accessible

A Midsummer's Night Dream

Wednesday, August 13 7:00 PM

Brick Township Cultural Arts Center

Free program at the Brick Cultural Arts Center.

515 Herbertsville Rd., Brick

(732) 262-1006 www.twp.brick.nj.us

Cruisin Downtown 2008

Wednesday, August 13 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Downtown Toms River

Good times, great music, and loads of vintage cars! Free

Washington Street, Downtown Toms River

(732) 341-8738 www.downtowntomsriver.com

Concerts on the Green

Wednesday, August 13 7:30 PM

Beach Haven Community Arts Program

Free concert featuring reggae music by the Exodus Supreme Band.

Free Engleside & S. Beach Avenues, Beach Haven, LBI

(609) 492-2739

Accessibility : W Outdoor Venue

Disney's Beauty & the Beast

Thursday, August 14 through Sunday, August 17
August 14, 15, 16 7:30 PM -- Aug 16, 17 2:00 PM

Our Gang Players Inc

The Classic tale with all the songs and characters you learn to love: Belle-The Beast- Gaston- Mrs.Potts, Chip, Lumiere and Cogsworth! Don't miss this spectacular show!!!!

Prepaid tickets- 12.00 for adults; 10.00 for seniors/students and 6.00 for children

Ocean First Theater-1000 McKinley Ave. Manahawkin
(609) 597-0553 ogmamma@aol.com
Accessibility : W A

The Odd Couple

Friday, August 15 through Sunday, August 24
8:00 PM; 2:00 PM matinee on Sundays

The Historic Strand Theater

The Odd Couple was a hit, 1965 Broadway play by Neil Simon. The plot concerns two divorced, mismatched roommates: Felix the uptight, neat freak and Oscar, the slovenly, sloppy and casual type. They share the same apartment but their ideas of housekeeping and their different lifestyles are different as night and day and inevitably lead to many conflicts and many laughs.

TBA 400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood
(732) 367-7789 www.strand.org
Accessibility : W A S P

Brenda Quinn

Saturday, August 16 - Wednesday, September 3
Reception Saturday, August 16 6:00PM - 9:00PM

MT Burton Gallery & 19th St. Clay Studio

2008 Exhibition Free
1819 Long Beach Boulevard, Surf City
609-494-0006 www.mtburtongallery.com

Bids & Bites Benefit: Diamond Derby

Saturday, August 16 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences

Join us for this year's benefit that supports the LBIF After School Arts Enrichment Program. Diamond Derby 2008 will feature unique racing, auctions, casino play, cocktails, and fine food. \$100

120 Long Beach Boulevard, Loveladies, LBI
(609) 494-1241 www.lbifoundation.org

Mallard Island Yacht Club Grand Opening and Fundraiser for St. Francis

Sunday, August 17 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Spend the afternoon on the bay at this glorious, brand new, vintage style yacht club enjoying gourmet food & libations, live entertainment and much more with a boardwalk theme. \$135

E. Bay Avenue at the Bay, Manahawkin
(609) 494-8861 stfranciscenterlbi.com

Comedy Tonight

Monday, August 18 8:30 PM

Surflight Theatre

Back by popular demand, Surflight's "Comedy Tonight" program will be hosted by comedian Joe Bublewicz. Material may include adult language and subject matter. \$15

Engleside and Beach Avenues, Beach Haven, LBI
(609) 492-9477 www.surflight.org

August 20 - 30

Midweek Jazz Presents Dan Tobias on the Trumpet

Wednesday, August 20 8:00 PM

Ocean County College Fine Arts Center

Originally performing at Midweek Jazz with the Midiri Brothers, trumpeter Dan Tobias' refined and subtle style can still be quite electrifying and is ideal for the smaller Mancini Hall. A not-to-be missed performance!

\$13 in advance; \$15 at the door

Mancini Hall at the Ocean County Library, Toms River Branch
(732) 255-0500 www.ocean.edu Accessibility : W A

Concerts on the Green

Wednesday, August 20 7:30 PM

Beach Haven Community Arts Program

Free concert featuring Klezmer (jewish party music) by Klingon Klez.

Engleside & S. Beach Avenues, Beach Haven (609) 492-2739

Accessibility : W Outdoor Venue

Kruno - Gypsy Jazz Ensemble

Sunday, August 24 7:00 PM

Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts & Sciences

This unique blend of legendary Django Reinhardt-style guitar playing and eastern European folk is an exuberant mix of styles with both jazz and folk standards. The ensemble consists of two guitars, bass, and violin.

\$25 120 Long Beach Boulevard, Loveladies, LBI

(609) 494-1241 www.lbifoundation.org

Concerts on the Green

Wednesday, August 27 7:30 PM

Beach Haven Community Arts Program

Free concert featuring Ragtime music by Fred Lehotay and the Ragtimers.

Free Engleside & S. Beach Avenues, Beach Haven, LBI

(609) 492-2739 Accessibility : W Outdoor Venue

Loose as a Goose III

Wednesday, August 27 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Leona Lavone teaches this popular watercolor workshop, emphasizing loose, fluid painting in a relaxed, enjoyable atmosphere.

\$25 members/\$35 non-members

Ocean & Chestnut Aves., Island Hts.

(732) 270-3111 www.ocartistsguild.org Accessibility : W wheelchair

Olde Time Antiques and Collectibles Faire

Saturday, August 30, 2008 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, rain or shine

Ocean County Historical Society

The Faire will have more than 125 dealers and also is a popular family event that includes presentations by the Antique Engine Club, antique car clubs, and demonstrations of early crafts. Museum open throughout day.

Free

O. C. Parking Garage between Hooper & Hadley Avenues, Toms River

(732) 341-1880 www.oceancountyhistory.org

Fourth Annual Academic Appreciation Celebration

Saturday, August 30 -- Rain Date August 31, 2008 Noon - 8pm

SAGE Foundation Inc.

This is a block party to help give incentive to disadvantaged school children. It is our way of supporting students with a few of the supplies that they need. It is our wish to give paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, markers, and whatever else we get donated. Join us in our Fourth Annual Event. We value their courage. We hope to inspire their creativity with our festival.

There will be Music, Dance, Sporting Events, Contests, Food, and Games.

Free

Martin Luther King Drive, between Center and John Street, Lakewood

(848) 525-9926 www.sagefoundationonline.org Accessibility : W V





This Giant Clam resides at Viking Village in Barnegat Light, on Long Beach Island.

Purchased by local businesses and painted by local artists, these works of art are a part of the ReClam the Bay project's Clam Trail.

On the mornings of July 23 and August 13, from 10 to 11 a.m., the nonprofit Alliance for a Living Ocean presents "**Raising Clams in Barnegat Bay**," a multimedia presentation to be held at the maritime museum on Dock Street in Beach Haven. The lecture will focus on the grass-roots, volunteer-driven project, which aims to repopulate Barnegat Bay with shellfish by growing and maintaining millions of baby clams. **ReClam the Bay** grew out of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County and works closely with the Barnegat Bay Shellfish Restoration Program, which builds nurseries and provides edu-

cation. To learn more about the project, get a map of the Clam Trail, and get involved, visit reclamthebay.org. For additional details about the informative lectures, contact ALO at 492-0222.



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2009 Local Arts & History Grant Applications Available

The Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission offers grants each year to local, Ocean County-based non profit organizations, municipalities, and institutions of higher education that are seeking to provide the public with quality arts or history programming. Grants are offered in three categories: Special Project Support, General Operating Support, and Special Out Reach Project Support, and are competitively awarded based on project/program merit and other criteria. Grants are to be matched dollar for dollar by the organization. Please contact Lindsay at the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission office at (732) 929-4779, or at ldandeo@co.ocean.nj.us for more information, or to request an application.

Please request paperwork by July 1.

If you are...

- Seeking more information about classes and workshops
- New to the area
- Visiting the area

You might want to check out the following organizations websites for more information:

Garden State Philharmonic - www.gardenstatephilharmonic.com

Laurelton Art Society - www.laureltonart.com

Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts

& Societies - www.lbifoundation.org

M.T. Burton Clay Studio & Gallery - www.mtburtongallery.com

Ocean County Artists Guild - www.ocartistsguild.org

Ocean County Museums - www.co.ocean.nj.us/museums/index.htm

Pine Shores Art Association - www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Plumsted Township Council for the Arts - www.plumstedartscouncil.org

Stafford Township Arts Center - njstac.org

Stafford Township Historical Society - www.telecottage.com/staffordhist/

Strand Theater - www.strandlakewood.com

Surflight Theater - www.surflight.org

Tuckerton Seaport - www.tuckertonseaport.org

On the Southern Regional Cultural Council are: chairwoman Sandy Goldsborough and Steve Steiner, both from Surflight Theater; Tim Hart of the Tuckerton Seaport and Stafford Historical Society; Connie Becraft of St. Francis Community Center in Brant Beach; Patricia Chamberlin of the Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences in Loveladies; Joyce McFadden of Southern Ocean County Hospital; Jeanne DiPaola of Ocean County Connection and Stafford Township Council; Lois Mullen of the Pine Shores Art Association; Linda Feaster of Ocean County Library; Thomas Stephens of the Stafford Township Education Foundation; and Rick Reynolds of the Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce.

"The groups are both really great, really effective, just in slightly different ways," Dandeo said. It is purely by chance that the northern council consists mainly of regular arts and heritage-loving residents from various sectors while the southern council consists largely of arts & history organization representatives and professionals. Each council seems to have naturally evolved in a way that reflects the needs specific to the arts and cultural heritage climate of its respective region, Dandeo said. "But they ultimately exist for the same reason."

Although the councils use the Ocean County Cultural Plan as a guide, "whatever they feel they have passion about or want to do, they can do, within reason," she said.

Because the councils' budgets come from the county, they are like a branch of the commission. But each council embraces its unique identity and takes total ownership of its work, she added, which "really helps the commission to fulfill its mission statement, which is to promote public interest in the arts and heritage," Dandeo said.

As the chief arts and heritage advocacy group in the county, the commission benefits greatly from the work of each of the councils, a vital connection to the greater community.

"We find out, a lot of times, that people want ... a collective voice," Dandeo said. "So this is our means of connecting with them, bringing them together."

Maximizing Northern Exposure

Wade has led the NRCC for about four years, in which time the council has made great strides in its mission "to cultivate community awareness through education and involvement in cultural arts and heritage, while developing partnerships between the business community, artists, organizations and advocates of the arts and heritage in Ocean County."

"It's been very interesting to watch how the whole thing formed," she said. "It's such a grass-roots kind of thing, and to see it move and expand is very interesting and rewarding."

In May 2004, the council held a symposium at the Brick Township Cultural Arts Center that brought together government officials, artists, historians and other major advocates for the arts and culture, basically to learn more about each other's communities.

"A lot of people could live in Bricktown and have no idea what's going on in Point Pleasant, right next door," Wade said. "They are just very focused on their own towns, and there is so much going on, so we gave them an opportunity to talk about their communities – what they're doing with arts and culture in their communities – and to network." Lines of communication were opened, she explained, in order for the council to learn what could be done to help artists and arts supporters to help themselves and each other.

Wade said she feels the symposium bore out a greater awareness of the arts, culture and rich history to be discovered in the northern Ocean County area and established connections that might not have been, otherwise.

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"That's kind of where we were going with this, and it really did work," she said.

Later, in November 2006, the NRCC organized the Forum for Arts, Culture Heritage at Lakewood's Strand Theater, to promote cultural participation in the northern region.

Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells attended and gave the opening remarks, to the effect of "how important it is to keep arts alive," Wade recalled. Steve Steiner, producing artistic director of the SurfFlight Theatre in Beach Haven, was the keynote speaker. He spoke on the history and evolution of SurfFlight and the necessity of "getting the word out, and getting people involved, and getting community connections made."

Afterward, focus groups divided up and brainstormed ways to work toward achieving the desired goals. The suggestions that came from the focus groups included mass marketing via email, which requires only an Internet connection; inviting the public to submit event notices to publications such as *Out & About Ocean County*, a free information resource; presenting networking opportunities for artists, historians and advocates; and getting artists into the schools "to share the knowledge they have with the next generation."

Wade now compiles a monthly e-newsletter, after combing the newspapers and web sites for events happening locally, which she sends out as an email blast. In the works is an NRCC web site, where people will be able to post their organizations' events and exchange ideas and information via an online bulletin board.

Of what makes the council successful, Wade said, "I tend to think part of it is that the majority of (council members) have lived here a long time; some have lived here all their lives. ... We're very entrenched in this area and love the area."

She further attributed the council's success to the diversity of the council members' backgrounds. From law, education and history to visual and performing art, prose, poetry and men's and women's issues, "we cover all the bases to get all the different points of view," she said. "I think that works for us." With such an interesting mix of people, everybody brings something different to the group's projects.

"It's a team effort with a lot of cooperation, I do know that," Wade said.

Additionally, the council has gotten by with a little help from its friends at the Cultural and Heritage Commission.

"Cynthia (Smith, commission administrator) and Lindsay (Dandeo) have really pulled us through some of the rough times," she said.

In times of uncertainty or doubt, "they were just always there to support us, with telephone calls, and emails, and (by) showing up at the meetings to discuss issues and set us off on the right path again. I can't tell you enough how important those two people were."

With the right support system, the NRCC has catalyzed positive change and improved communications among arts and heritage leaders and participants. Still, the council continues to strive to be a greater presence in the community at large.

"We always want to expand, but we want to expand based on what the needs are beyond the initial thing, which is getting people to know that there's plenty to do up in Northern Ocean County. ... People just think we all close down in the winter, and they just don't get it."

Coming up on June 12, the council will host a Meet-and-Greet event for artists in a "very informal setting," where ideas will be shared and light refreshments will be served.

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Above and Beyond Southern Hospitality

From 2006 to 2007, the Southern Regional Cultural Council conducted an in-depth economic impact study, which sought to prove the arts are vital to local economy, not only by attracting tourists and new residents to the area but also by inciting them to spend their money on other, additional things like meals and souvenirs while they are in town, according to chairwoman Sandy Goldsborough.

"We wanted the business community to realize the economic impact of (the arts and cultural) sector, because businesses understand dollars and cents. So we needed to show that there was an impact. Because we were pretty sure there was one."

The study put the total economic value of arts and cultural organizations in Southern Ocean County's 12 municipalities at an annual estimated \$20.8 million, broken down into direct expenditures (ticket sales, admission fees, concessions) accounting for nearly \$9 million; indirect value (meals, transportation, shopping at nearby retailers) totaling almost \$4 million; rental fees and grants (vendor booths, donations to the venue), \$2.1 million; induced revenue (construction investment, taxes, license fees), \$2.25 million; and labor value (all jobs created by the arts/heritage community), \$3.6 million.

Among the council's goals, Goldsborough explained, is to publicize the role of arts and cultural heritage and to increase the business community's awareness and involvement therein for the sake of community-building and economic development.

The council's aim with the economic impact study, therefore, was to drive home the message of just how much business stands to gain from involvement with such organizations – namely, networking, client-building and public relations – through sponsorship, support, volunteerism and donations of time and expertise.

So the SRCC devised the study, as facilitated by one Dr. Harold Nolan, director of the New Jersey Institute for Tourism and Recreation Management. Working with him, the council created a survey that collected demographic information as well as insights into people's spending habits, Goldsborough explained.

"It was important that we ask the right questions in the right ways," she said, in order to shed light on what money was being spent and where. Questions about hometown, age range, home ownership or renter status, distance traveled and media choices were included in the survey.

The intent was to show arts organizations contribute to economic development and impact more than just the organizations themselves.


"It's much easier to talk a business owner into supporting (the arts and culture) if they understand that there is an economic value to them and to the region," she said.

It might further interest merchants to know, Goldsborough noted, studies have shown "philanthropy is good for business."

Consumers, if given a choice between two equal service providers, are more likely to do business with companies associated with good causes. For an example, just look at Paul Newman's company, Newman's Own, she said. His food products may be tasty, but the fact that a portion of the proceeds go to charity is the icing on the cake.

"(The economic impact study) was basically a way to let business owners in the community know, 'Hey, we're not just here with our hands out all the time.' And we kind of can't survive without doing that, but you've got something to gain too."

When arts organizations and businesses in the community partner up, it's a win-win, she concluded. Some businesspeople seem to understand implicitly, she added, and others never will.

The work of the two regional cultural councils, however, ensures steps are taken in the right direction to keep arts and culture alive and well for future generations. 

- Victoria Ford

*The Festival of Senior Arts
Performing Artist Information Package and
Registration Form*

Festival Dates: Tues. June 24, Wed. June 25, and
Thurs. June 26

Location: Strand Theater, 400 Clifton Ave. Lakewood, NJ

**Performing Arts Registration Form
Directions and Guidelines:**

All Artists must be 60 years plus to enter. Please return registration form ASAP, because registrations are limited and will be received on a first-come, first-served basis. Please use a separate entry form for each performance. Activities Directors or Group leaders may also use this registration form for your facility or group.

Performances will take place *on each day* of the Festival between 10am-3pm. Performance categories are as follows: vocal, dance, instrumental, comedy, drama, poetry readings, and any other type of combined performing arts categories. Time limits are 5 minutes for soloists, 8 minutes for duets, trios and small groups, and large groups over ten – 15 minutes.

We will contact you after all registration forms have been received to discuss event details and your scheduled performance date and time. Please return registration forms to:

Strand Theater
400 Clifton Ave.
Lakewood NJ 08701
Att: Laura Lella- Smith

Fax: (732) 367-7819
E-mail: lsmith@strandlakewood.com

Other Important Guidelines and Information:

contact the Strand as to instruction for turning in your pre-recorded music. Your music should be on a music CD or cassette that is clearly labeled with your name and title of song(s). In order to ensure professional audio quality all music will be professionally recorded. Your original CD's and/or cassettes will not be returned.

The Festival of Senior Arts Registration Form (please print).

Name of Senior Artist/Group: _____

Name of Acts/ songs, etc. _____

Name of Activities Director/Group Leader if applicable:

Age(s): _____

Number in Group: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____ Fax _____

Check Performance date:

Tues. June 24, Wed. June 25, or Thurs. June 26

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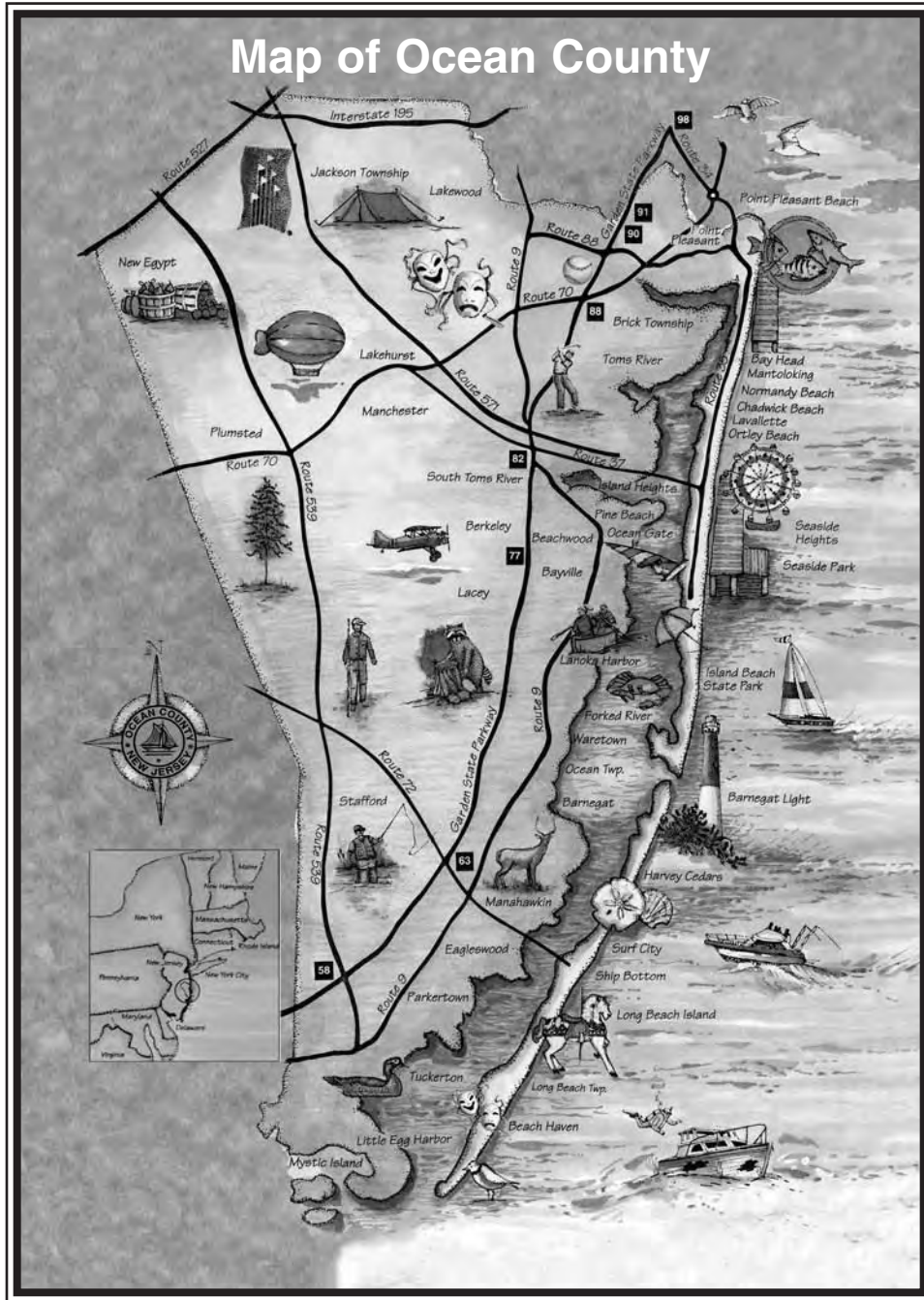
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Time of Arrival: _____ Time of Departure: _____

NOTE: Groups coming by bus please call Jackie Westlake Office Manager Strand Theater at (732) 367-7789, ext. 204 to make parking arrangements for bus.

Return this form to:

Strand Theater
400 Clifton Ave.
Lakewood, NJ 08701
Att: Laura Lella- Smith
Fax (732) 367-7819



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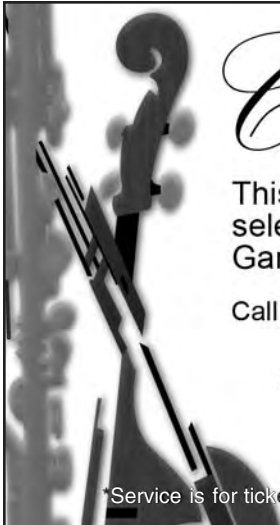


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