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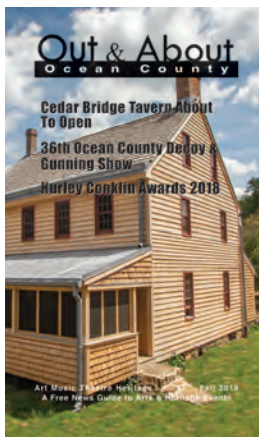
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Greetings from Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I welcome you to the Fall 2018 issue of **Out & About Ocean County**, *A Free News Guide to Arts & Heritage Events*. Fall is a special time of year in Ocean County. Our ocean, bay and inland waters

glisten in the crisp air and attract outdoor enthusiasts from all over the world.

The Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders will host the 36th annual Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show at Tip Seaman Park in Tuckerton on September 29 and 30. The 24th annual Pinelands Jamboree will be held on October 13 at Wells Mills County Park in Waretown.

The Ocean County Historical Society will hold their 32nd annual Antique and Collectables Faire on September 1 at the Ocean County Parking Garage.

Please join me at 11:00 AM on November 11th on the Ocean County Court House front lawn to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1, the war to end all wars. We will join a worldwide commemoration by chiming the Toms River High School South victory bell 75 times in memory of the 75 individuals from Ocean County who gave their lives in this terrible conflict.

The Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission is requesting nominations by November 20 for the annual awards to be presented at the Seventh Annual Salute to Ocean County on April 4, 2019. Awards include the Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award in Ocean County History, the Ocean County Lifetime Achievement Award for the Arts and the 2018 Ocean County Historic Preservation Award. See details at: <http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmAwards.aspx>.

Seaside Heights will host the annual Columbus Day Parade on October 7 and the Italian Street Festival from October 6 through 8.

The Parks & Recreation Department commemoration at Cedar Bridge Tavern is on December 16 at 2:00 PM (snow date January 6, 2019). The Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation is completing a major renovation of our early 19th century tavern that is scheduled to be completed and open this fall.

Please enjoy the arts and history offerings for the fall of 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Bartlett, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.

Cedar Bridge Tavern About to Open

By: Victoria Ford

Ocean County Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr. and the Ocean County Department of Parks & Recreation are delighted that Cedar Bridge Tavern in Barnegat should be open to the public this fall, certainly by the annual commemoration of the last documented land engagement of the American Revolution on December 16 at 2:00 PM. The tavern was built in the early 19th Century and was purchased by the Board of Ocean County Freeholders on December 27, 2007. The tavern has undergone a two year renovation, funded in part by \$324,926 in grants from the NJ Historic Trust, to allow the public to enjoy it as an educational/ interpretive center and mini museum.



Yellow Cedar being installed.

Photo credit: Ocean County Department of Parks & Recreation

The dwelling's last owner, Rudolph Koenig, lived in it from the time he bought it in 1959 to his death in January 2012. The Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders purchased it from him in 2007 on the condition that he be allowed to live out his days there.

Annabelle Radcliffe Trenner is the architect from the Trenton-based firm Historic Building Architects who first became involved with the project in 2012. She specializes in old buildings that come into the public sector.

The very long process began with a Historic Structure Report, which provides documentary, graphic and physical information about a property's history and existing condition.

In 2013, thanks to the research, consulting and written nomination of architectural historian Joan Berkey, the Cedar Bridge Tavern was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and described as having "statewide significance ... as a well-preserved example of an early 19th-century tavern."

According to the National Park Service, the tavern was built in about 1816, "at what was then the crossroads of two stage routes connecting Mt. Holly in Burlington County with the southern part of Ocean County.

"Significantly, the original section of Cedar Bridge Tavern retains its early 19th-century bar, a character-defining feature not known to survive in any extant Early American New Jersey tavern. It also retains most of its original interior floor plan, including bar room, dining room, and bedrooms, along with most of its original doors, trim, windows, and fireplaces."

Archaeological study at the site provides insight into "19th-century farmsteads, taverns, consumerism, entertainment, Native American lifeways, and foodways in



Exterior framing repair, West Wall

Photo credit: Ocean County Department of Parks & Recreation

we let buildings like this deteriorate, we allow our past to be lost. Ocean County is rich in history and this project is important to preserving a piece of it. It's important to leave a legacy to future generations.

“Our Parks Department and our Cultural and Heritage staff have paid close attention to every detail in bringing this project to completion,” he said. “I know the public will enjoy this newest asset to our county park system.”

Trenner called the project “quite an achievement” -- given the many and varied tasks and challenges associated with making the building structurally sound, code-compliant, ADA-accessible (a back porch has been constructed in such a way as to allow access to a barrier-free bathroom), climate-controlled and equipped with exhibit-friendly lighting and a security system, all while carefully preserving the integrity and character of the original establishment and home that belonged to Koenig for 50 years. The “brain” of the house is hidden in a closet in a second-floor bedroom. Still on the to-do list, as of July, was emergency lighting and some other minor details.

After some paint analysis work, new paint was expertly mixed to match historic colors on the walls. Materials conservator Christina Burris had the job of “Japanning” (lacquering) to match the trim in what was likely a ladies’ parlor and almost certainly the fanciest room in the house.

The goal is not for the place to look refurbished.

Original lime-washed corner posts have been left exposed; a severely bowed support beam has been steamed and gently pulled back into alignment. Where wood looks ratty or floors are blemished, the marks remain. In places where restorative work was required, the work is visible. “We’ve tried to be very honest about the repairs,” Trenner said – showing wherever possible the repair itself and how it was done, using traditional construction techniques throughout.

“We try not to do anything that’s not necessary,” Trenner said. The team’s goal is to make it feel like it was, or as close as possible. “We’re not trying to over-restore.”

In what will be a gallery space upstairs, a portion of wall has been partially cut away to expose the beams inside the wall, riddled with insect damage, newly “sistered up” with new beams, spliced together in homage to the traditional

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the New Jersey Pinelands region. Further archaeology study might also determine if the last land skirmish of the Revolutionary War was fought here.”

In the words of Ocean County Freeholder John C. Bartlett Jr., Deputy Director, who serves as liaison to the county’s Department of Parks and Recreation and the Cultural and Heritage Commission: “Preserving our history is imperative to our future. When

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timber-frame construction. The work was done by a master carpenter from Poland.

Uncovered in the kitchen (which is the newest portion of the building, added on around 1835) were nine layers of wallpaper, dating back to the Civil War. A section showing the layers of time will be glassed over for display. An exhibition kitchen is in store for visitors to show jamming/ jarring techniques and cooking methods of the time period.

In the upstairs bedrooms, walls have been reconstructed (wide round bead board), windows steam-stripped and totally refurbished, floors patched where necessary. “We’ve left a few Koenig bits and baubles” – such as the pipes he installed as makeshift hand rails in the narrow and steep stairwell.

The largest of the bedrooms would have been the tavern keeper’s room (the only one with a lock on the door), where his entire family would have lived. “They would have been stacked in here like cordwood,” Mangum said.

In the attic, some graffiti has been found, over 100 years old, appearing to have a date of Dec. 24. It will also be a permanent display in the museum.

The greatest challenge of the project, according to Parks Department Director Mike Mangum, was “so many unknowns,” despite all the measures taken to ascertain information, i.e. thorough and detailed reports and analyses, ground-penetrating radar, resistance drilling and dendrochronology (which found mid-18th century timber).

The old bar in the living room could have come from the older building (evidence of an earlier tavern lies next to Koenig’s house) or been brought on a wagon. Some shelving above the bar was built into the plaster, suggesting there may have been another bar in its place previously.

As Mangum and Trenner explained, when the Historic American Buildings Survey (an outgrowth of the WPA program) came through in the 1930s they made drawings of the property, which served as reference to guide the vision for the look of the exterior. Only one piece of original cedar siding remains, taken from what was left of an exterior wall prior to an addition. The rest is new Alaskan yellow cedar, accurately re-created down to the “fantastic edge grain,” all spaced according to the HABS documentation. A false chimney was also added to the front of the house to match the HABS drawings.

“We wanted the view to look the same” as it would have looked to the men who came marching up to the tavern over the bridge, from a northerly direction, when the so-called last skirmish of the Revolutionary War happened, Mangum said. Even in the smallest details, he said, “we tried to tell those stories as well.”

“Where we could recycle, we did,” Trenner said.

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*Plaster graffiti found on chimney.
Photo credit: C&H Staff*

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Where they could not, they replicated the original look and feel as closely as possible. Period furniture such as ladder-back Ware chairs and housewares will fill the rooms, along with drinking glasses, pottery, dishware and utensils that all reflect not only the time period in which the tavern operated but are site-specific, based on archaeological findings. For about 20 years in the early- to mid-1800s the tavern was owned by a stagecoach operator named John “Black Jack” Wildermuth. In a midden, or garbage pit, under the porch, they found such treasures as a mostly intact pie plate. And one period spoon was unearthed, a detail that brings Commission Curator Nick Wood no small amount of satisfaction.

In 2010, archaeology students from Monmouth University excavated more than 1,000 artifacts. A stratigraphic chart in the parlor, designated as a display room, will show the layers of archeological remains found in the property. In the same room, a floor-to-ceiling enlargement of an 1839 survey map retrieved from the state archives (adopted by the state in 1870) shows the division of New Jersey into East and West.

Outside, a water-permeable path made of recycled radial tires winds around the house and fruit trees in the backyard and around the caretaker’s quarters. The grounds themselves, in the heart of the Pine Barrens with swamp on three sides, hold a wealth of educational potential in the plant and wildlife species thriving all around.

The faces of the team of historians and experts beam when they talk about the processes, the progress and the discoveries along the way. Mangum for one expressed joy in knowing the improvements made from the top down – a new cedar shake roof has replaced Koenig’s metal one – have helped ensure the building has a long and prosperous future, as a place of discovery and edification for visitors from Ocean County and beyond.



Cedar Bridge Tavern Completed
Photo credit: Ocean County Department of Parks & Recreation

36th Annual Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show

By: Victoria Ford

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The 36th annual Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show comes to Tuckerton the weekend of Sept. 29 and 30, bringing with it the best of the Barnegat Bay tradition. A full program of things to see and do runs from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission is free.

German Georgieff, Chief Naturalist with the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation, organizes the event every year with the same dedication, to history and to the present and future of waterfowling, and a deep appreciation for those who embody the lifestyle the show celebrates.

“Every year it’s a little different,” he said. “We’ve added virtually every relevant thing we can think of.”

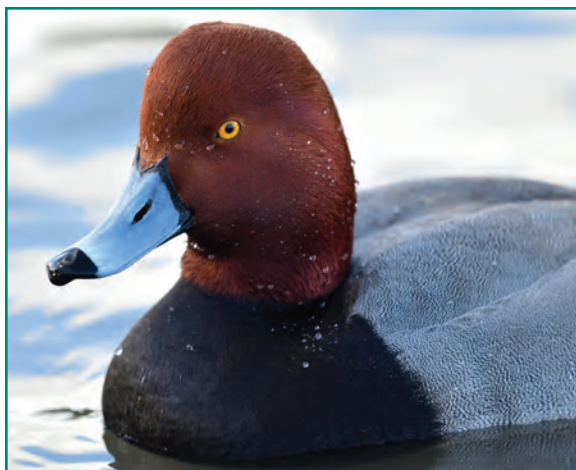
The event has experienced a sort of natural evolution over time. Where certain aspects of the show have diminished, others have expanded. Some of the contest participation has declined, for example, “so we started combining them.”

The wooden boat building and other demonstrations of traditional activities are featured alongside molded fiberglass versions of the boats of yesteryear. Many of today’s hunters want equipment that is more affordable and easier to maintain, Georgieff explained. “We have as many people selling boats at the show as we ever did, but they’re some of the more modern kinds.”

The scope of the show is the same, as in the number of vendor spaces, but the variety has broadened to include hunting guides, outfitters and other related goods and services.

The idea is the vendors and exhibitors promote outdoor activities, which cultivates environmentalists, Georgieff said. “It’s the same reason we offer hikes, canoe trips, to get people to enjoy recreation, in ways that are not as consumptive.”

Live music is provided by the Basement Musicians Guild and by Gary Struncius and Debbie Lawton.



Redhead duck.

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Authentic boat builder and artists.
Photo credit: supplied by artist



Lucky Dog, a new training business in Tuckerton, will offer obedience demonstrations both days, so that's a newly added element between the skeet shooting and retrieving contests, which are always popular with the crowds. Obedience is a key component in the waterfowling tradition, given the importance of a hunting dog's ability to listen well to its handler.

Georgieff's favorite part of the weekend, and the part that is most meaningful to him, is the presentation of the Hurley Conklin Awards. Even after 35 years in the area, Georgieff considers himself a transplant and loves to absorb as much as he can from interviewing the award recipients. As a carver and collector himself, he's passionate about decoys, and he has a personal stake in some of the traditional Barnegat Bay/ South Jersey Pinelands activities. So he relishes opportunities to learn and relearn the history, to honor the old-timers, and to pass along the information to newcomers – to shed light on the various jobs that characterized the region, such as harvesting salt hay and eel grass; clamming and oystering, fishing and fur trapping.

The Tuckerton Seaport's part in the Decoy Show is the heritage tent, wherein demonstrators show different historical crafts. The women and children in the household played important roles in the family and lifestyle.

Ah, the food court! Of course the food at the Decoy Show rounds out the sensory experience. "It's not just typical festival fare," according to Georgieff – and a non-compete agreement keeps the menus deliciously diverse. Seaport does a seafood spread.

"The atmosphere is one of a kind," he said. A delight for the senses. Walking through the grounds, festival goers can take in the music, behold antiques and curiosities, savor the aromas, pet a puppy, and pass by Ed McKay's booth, where the smell of cedar puts you in a decoy carving state of mind.

Decoy and gunning enthusiasts from far and wide come to Tuckerton each year for the event, providing a major economic boost for the borough – many are from Maryland, Virginia and other southern states where they have an equally rich waterfowling history. One boat dealer is from Canada.



LIVING ON AIRWAVES:



By: Victoria Ford

“I have a ‘Plan B’ for everything,” says the lifelong radio-AV tech-newsman Bob Wick, founder and producer of Manahawkin’s WYRS 90.7 FM – “community radio with a Christian perspective.” Being prepared for anything and good under pressure are two skills that have served him well; with airwaves, every second counts.



Bob Wick.

Photo credit: Victoria Ford

He’s been on the air since March 27, 1995, at that time transmitting from the WJRZ tower in Manahawkin. But the station’s home base has always been in Manahawkin, where he and his wife Nancy have lived for decades.

Wick grew up in cow country out in Downingtown/ Exton, Pa., but “my heart’s always been down here,” he said.

He got his ham radio license when he was 14. “It’s been 50 years, but I have never gotten beyond the amazement of, I can throw a switch and be around the world.”

He graduated from high school in 1971, did a stint at Drexel University (a.k.a. “the worst year of my life – I’m a tech-o, not an engineer,” he said), relocated to Southern Ocean County, worked as a TV repairman on Long Beach Island for many years, then started with New Jersey Network in 1985, where he stayed for 26½ years.

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“I called myself ‘the generic employee,’” he said. “I climbed towers, I took out trash, they put me in news, I was a shooter, editor, live truck operator. It’s been seven years since they shut us down, and it still hurts.”

During his news years, he often pulled 11-hour days. “I would drive to Trenton, get the truck, maybe go to Cape May, maybe Port Jervis. A lot of driving. I got to see a lot of stuff, cool stories. I was up at the Taj Mahal for one story, in their \$10,000-a-night suite, and I’ve been up to my knees in pig doo-doo in Salem. Was at the Salem power plant when the NRC was there saying ‘shape up or shut down.’”

Now he’s retired but “working harder than ever.”

Bob and Nancy met at Manahawkin Baptist Church. Nancy had grown up near Atlantic City and became a science teacher at Southern Regional and later at Lighthouse Christian Academy in Manahawkin. She was a tomboy who changed her own motor oil, Bob said fondly.

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“He’s a geek, and I’m only half-geek,” Nancy said.

(Bob clarified, to amusing effect: “A geek is a person with good technical savvy and good interpersonal skills. What’s not to love? A nerd has tech savvy and lacks social skills. A dork has neither. Everything the Lord did not create, that you see, was designed by a geek who wasn’t happy with the world the way it is. Have you hugged a geek today?”)

They started WYRS because they had long identified a need in the area.

“Without apology, we’re a Christian radio station,” he said. “We’ve been on 23 years, and our philosophy is ‘Christian, family and community.’ It’s all-volunteer, we don’t charge for programming, and we just kind of mulishly plod along. We’ve decided what we can do consistently day to day, because, you can’t have a hot day and a ho-hum day. ‘We are what we are,’ folks. We have notebooks and notebooks and notebooks of letters over the years, from kids to seniors.”

While they’re always looking for help, he added, “we’re selective” – make that, “extremely conservatively cautious” – about who they let in to their station. Mostly they look for referrals from churches. The ideal candidate is a retiree, someone who has the hours to give to keep things running. “The last thing you get is an open mike,” Bob said.

In a car, WYRS comes in clearly from pretty much Ocean City to north of Toms River, he said. FM 91.7 comes in up to Garden State Parkway milepost 105, and west to Four-Mile Circle. Any station below 92 on the FM band, he explained, is required to be non-commercial and educational, a legal, nonprofit entity.

“We run the whole mess on \$11.50 an hour,” he said. “Everything. It’s really ‘non-profit.’” Parked in their backyard in Manahawkin is a small fleet of remote trucks they use to broadcast from community events. The big satellite dish, which he installed about 18 years ago, receives a lot of national programs and news from Washington D.C. and beyond.

Bob Wick pointed at the sky. “Up in the atmosphere, in the geostationary orbit 22,000 miles out, is a satellite every two degrees. We happen to be on AMC-3...” (SES World Skies’ commercial broadcast communications satellite).

He gets very excited talking about radio and showing how it all works.

Due to the curvature of the planet, a straight line drawn from a point 300 feet aboveground hits the horizon at 27 miles, he explained. “If you’re 1,000 feet in the air, you hit the horizon at 50 miles. Doesn’t matter the power of the signal, FM is line of sight. With ham radio, ionosphere comes into play. Different layers have different characteristics based on sun’s position.” He continued, in summer conditions, at sunrise or sunset, or if it’s foggy and hot, FM radio will sound like a mess. “That’s called tropospheric ducting. Hot air below cold air, creates ducts and traps the frequencies.”

His passion for radio is rooted in a firm belief in point-to-point emergency communications. “When the Internet goes down, doesn’t matter, we’re still on the air.” Every town has an amateur radio station, HF and VHF, he explained. During Superstorm Sandy, “they could have transmitted to me, and I could have taken them to air, but nobody did anything, because everybody’s locked into the Internet – forgetting about the people up at Southern (the emergency shelter), who have nothing but a radio. Very frustrating.”

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WYRS basement studio.
Photo credit: Victoria Ford



Inside the inner sanctum, Wick gave a tour of the rows upon rows of electronic equipment on shelves, neatly organized: This box sends the signal from here to the transmitter at JRZ. This one sends the signal from here to West Creek. This one is receiving from the tower in West Creek. Here is the emergency alert system. This is processing; this puts us on the internet; this is the receiver we use for remotes. Programs from the satellite dish come in to multiple receivers.

He gestured toward a 19-year-old computer, “the main brains of the station.”

“This computer is what’s running the station right now,” he said. “It’s like the

conductor. What to put on air, when. And it’s all (timed) to the second. In 14 minutes, at the bottom of the hour, we’ll go to news.” Nancy gets up every day at 5:15 a.m., checks the overnight reports, tracks the weather, programs the menu.

“I couldn’t do it without her,” Bob said.

From the beginning, it’s been a labor of love. As technology has changed, radio has required more computer work, which is why Nancy left teaching in 1999 to stay home and help run things. At that time, Bob was living on four hours of sleep a night.

“The computer takes it from the satellite dish, takes it to air, and then switches back to playing music or programming from this computer over here,” Nancy explained. “I do it at night for the next day; all the PSAs are updated.” The regular daily programs automatically repeats every week. If for any reason there’s dead air for three minutes, an alarm sounds. If the transmitter has issues, it alerts Bob by phone.

Bob compared running a radio station to keeping plates spinning on sticks – that old Ed Sullivan routine.

But at least with the computers, “we can have a life away from the station,” he said. “Used to be, you had to be here for every break.”

The station airs a mix of music and teaching programs, a kids’ block, sermons from local churches, a Spanish-language show, and tons of public service announcements for nonprofits. Saturdays are community-focused, Sundays are traditional; overnight is old hymns. “We’ll put you to sleep, that’s the idea,” Bob said. His program is music and comment on various informational, intellectual topics. (He considers himself blessed to wear two hats as both a technician and journalist.)

His two requirements for any Christian programming: “It has to be biblically defensible, and you’ve got to speak the truth in love.”

“We’re not here primarily to entertain,” he said. “We are here to educate and edify, arms open, no daggers in our hands.” He quoted the book Corinthians: “‘God has chosen through the foolishness of the word ‘preach’ to win those who believe.’”

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That's not going to bring ratings, but I don't want an hour to go by without reminding listeners why we're here."

The Wicks are driven by the desire to serve the community. "We do this because we want to serve the area, and serve the Lord," he said. Years ago, their 13-year-old neighbor Brian Lutz started volunteering at the station and got bitten by the bug hard. Not only did he learn how to run YRS, Bob said, but he went on to attend Montclair University and is now an editor/ producer for CNN.

"Radio is an amazing thing," Bob Wick said. "And from a Christian perspective, the most effective [way to mission] is always one on one. ... But you can punch us up, and you don't have to admit it, and you can turn us off."

Wick still gets choked up when he recalls the first full-power test he ran, on Dec. 17, 1994, from an antenna on the WJRZ tower. "It was midnight, and I said, 'I think I can get this thing on the air tonight.'" So he went and visually inspected the tower and determined it was stable enough, so he said, "let's put some audio up." In the middle of the night, he put a CD on at the station, and took a drive north and south, the full range. When he got home, he woke Nancy up. "I turned on the radio in the bedroom and said, 'Hey, take a listen to this.' She said, 'what's that?' I said, 'It's us.'" They've been running continuously since the following March (with the exception of a mere two hours during Superstorm Sandy when the chimney blew off and took out some equipment).

The station's main transmitter, in West Creek, formerly was a marine coastal station that handled traffic for ships in Morse Code from 1914 to 1978. "It is indeed a historic site, and it's really cool that we've got it," he said. "I grew up in Brant Beach, looking across the bay at that tower, but never in my wildest dreams did I ever think we'd have stewardship of the site."

The West Creek tower came up for sale in 2003 for \$125,000, which the Wicks bought using a three-year, interest-only loan from Julius Robinson. YRS has never done on-air fundraising, or what Bob calls a "beg-a-thon," but when the opportunity arose to buy that 300-ft tower (plus an 1,800-sq-foot block building and four 60-foot towers) on 23 acres of mud, he appealed to the listeners: "All I'm asking is for x number of people to give us a dollar a day for a year, and we can pull it off. And that's all we did. And it was paid off in 19 months." No shtick, no names on bricks.

Today, the majority of the station's support is from individuals. Private and anonymous, consistent and faithful. As Bob likes to say, "a rainstorm is comprised of many small individual rain drops." You won't find a "how to donate" button on the homepage, and he refuses to offer automatic draft. He wants every contributor to decide at the beginning of the month if the station was worthy of their support that month.

As he tells his listeners, the best advertisement is word of mouth. "Everything that's on is on for a reason; it's on for content, and not because of support or lack thereof."

Especially in light of the industry-wide trend of radio stations changing ownership and format often (90 percent of all radio stations are run by five companies, he noted), Bob said: "We're here for the long haul, and we consider it a privilege."



Fabric of Our Community

By: Victoria Ford

In Spark's Makers Lab, upstairs at the Ocean County Library headquarters in Toms River on a Wednesday morning, ladies gather around some tables piled high with fabric, ribbons, lace, buttons, baubles, and other supplies. Each is creating a 6-inch mixed media square that represents her life, loves, heritage, faith, or worldview, for a quilt that will represent the diversity of the population of Ocean County.



Sparks Lab Makers Room, Ocean County Library
Photo credit: Victoria Ford

The quilt is a project of an organization called Ocean County RAFT, Reaching Across Faith Traditions, whose mission is “to create a vibrant community that fosters respect, appreciation and friendship through shared knowledge of all faiths.”

The organization’s co-founder Lisa Gertner is thinking about making hers in the shape of a flower with each petal symbolizing an important aspect of her life.



RAFT members Samantha Gertner, Mona Khan and Lisa Gertner, shown here with a drop-in crafter.
Photo credit: Victoria Ford

The project began in June, she explained, with RAFT members calling and visiting faith-based and community groups, senior living centers, fire companies and anywhere else they could think of, inviting people to participate. By July, Gertner had secured verbal commitments from about 100 participants.

In both a figurative and a literal sense, the project shows how people take many different routes to the same destination.

The theme of universal acceptance – the idea that “this is our community we live in, and everyone has a place in it” – is integral to the organization’s goals. RAFT is open to all, Hindus, Buddhists, Baptists and Atheists. “We all want the same things,” Gertner said. “Safety, understanding, a sense of belonging.”

Creatively speaking, the same thinking applies. The guidelines for the quilt project allowed for “People are very crafty,” Gertner said.

Participants were asked to keep the following questions in mind: “Who are you?

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What makes you, you? Your answer will show other people what you find important. It does not necessarily need to be religious, unless that is integral to your identity.”

For help with square-making during the drop-in hours, the library has sewing machines available; but iron-on patches and “fusible web” adhesives are good no-sew options, Gertner explained. For those who want to participate but don’t necessarily have the know-how, Gertner said she had tried to connect people who have ideas with people who have skills. The drop-in sessions were an opportunity for participants to exchange tips and techniques.



Quilt making supplies.
Photo credit: Victoria Ford

To market the project on social media, Gertner started posting a “patch of the day,” highlighting one contributor’s patch and the story of how they designed and created it.

One example is Florence Markowitz – “she is 86 years old, and she is my hero,” Gertner said. Markowitz used scrapbooking stickers that best described her life and interests – words such as friends, family, dance, peace, gratitude, reading, writing and happy.



Quilt square.
Photo credit: Victoria Ford

One contributor sewed three flags to show her origin and belief system. Fazeelat Ahmad made a square depicting a hijab, a sign of modesty worn by some Muslim women: “A simple piece of cloth is called a hijab and it is my identity,” read the words on the patch.

A woman named Gloria who was born in Puerto Rico and came to the United States with her mom as a young girl said she had decided to drop in for the quilting session because she loves to quilt. She soon learned the Fabric of

Our Community project would be more of a creative challenge for her than she expected – “because I don’t have a pattern to follow.”

Another RAFT co-founder Mona Khan and Gertner’s daughter Samantha showed up at the library with more supplies to add to the fun. Sam had found little charms in the shape of a chamsa (a symbol of good luck in Judaism) and little decorative skulls, which are appropriate for her because she is a grief counselor.

As the women set to work on their squares, they chatted about their differences and similarities. And that’s an equally important part of the project’s purpose: As

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crafters come to the same table and sit around with a shared objective, they talk and learn about what they have in common.

“It’s almost like Islam and Christianity are siblings, and Judaism is the cool older cousin,” Samantha Gertner explained.

“Mona is Muslim and I’m Jewish, and historically you’d think we don’t get along, but I don’t understand that,” Lisa Gertner said.

In most instances, Khan said, “I feel that our differences are mostly political, not personal.”

Khan said she feels one important aim of the project is self-awareness. Gertner added the Fabric of Our Community is “like a beautiful mosaic.”

Aug. 30 is the deadline to complete and submit the squares.

An unveiling of the quilt and a special reception will be held Oct. 23 in Mancini Hall at the library. Dignitaries will be invited to attend. After its stay at the library, the quilt be a traveling exhibit.



Hand beaded quilt square.
Photo credit: Victoria Ford

27th Annual Ocean County Columbus Day Parade and Italian Festival

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One of the performing groups: “Tatarata”
The Italian Festival will run from Friday, October 5th
through Sunday, October 7th. The Columbus Day Parade
will be held at 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 7th.



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2018 Hurley Conklin Awards

Presented at the Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show
September 28, 2018

Presented to people who have lived in the Barnegat Bay tradition. This award has been named in honor of the last of the Great Old Time Barnegat Bay Carvers, Hurley Conklin (1913-1998).

For a more in-depth look at the featured artists, please see their full profiles in the 2018 Decoy and Gunning Program.

James Perry Hand



James Perry Hand.
Photo credit: Tuckerton Seaport

James Perry Hand, known as Jamie or JP, has been a traditional decoy maker for 47 years, and “I can honestly say it’s still fun.”

He was born in 1953, the middle of five siblings, and grew up in the town of Rio Grande. He has lived all his life in Cape May County, where he traces his family back to the late 17th century. Hand’s decoy carving mentors were Harry Shourds III of Atlantic City and Hurley Conklin of Manahawkin.

Hand bought his first gun at age 14 and started making his own decoys at 19. The day he sold his first decoy at a show in Point Pleasant was when he decided to make them for a living. He has always “paid it forward” by teaching others to carve, as his mentors had done for him.

Hand uses traditional tools and methods. He uses a band saw for the rough shape from his own pattern, chops with a hatchet, hollows out with a mallet and gouge, spoke-shaves the outside; and creates finishing

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details with a knife. He has a traditional carving bench, and he paints in a handmade chair.

During much of his carving career, during winters he worked as a hunting guide. He worked as a fur trapper for about 15 years, mainly muskrats and raccoons, back in the 1960s and '70s before the market declined. He also did historic building restoration work on some important Colonial buildings. Hand collects and restores old gunning skiffs – Cape May sneak boxes, bateaus and garveys. Every year he brings one of his antique boats to the Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show in Tuckerton.

He has been involved with the Cape May County Historical and Genealogical Society. He just released a book he co-authored with his cousin Daniel Stites, *The Cape May Navy: Delaware Bay Privateers in the American Revolution*.

A few years ago Hand was inducted into the New Jersey Decoy Collectors Association Hall of Fame.

Dave Rhodes



Dave Rhodes.
Photo credit: Tuckerton Seaport

Known throughout the decoy community as “The Gentleman Carver” for his mild-mannered and pleasant disposition, Dave Rhodes has been carving decoys and other wildlife for almost 70 years and was named Carver of the Year in 2004 by the New Jersey Decoy Collectors Association.

Rhodes was born outside of Toronto in 1933 but grew up in South Jersey and lived in Absecon for 44 years with his wife Nancy and their two sons. Later in life he moved to Ocean City.

He enjoyed a 30-year career with Wheaton Industries as an artist and designer, doing product design, airbrush work and photography in the museum. He was also the staff artist in research and development in Wheaton’s Glass division.

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Upon returning home from the Korean War, he started carving decoys, at first with rudimentary tools – a coping saw and a rusty old gardening knife. His early carvings were ducks: utilitarian, working decoys, then came decorative shorebird decoys for display and competition.

His inspiration for carving comes from his appetite for knowledge and understanding of birds and other wildlife.

Rhodes has exhibited throughout New Jersey, New York, Maryland and Illinois, and worked with wildlife refuges, universities and ornithological agencies in different parts of the world.

Another of his creative pursuits is folk art – a box turtle with a yellowlegs on its back, weakfish, a tree filled with blackbirds, a robin's egg with a little crow on top. In his free time, he would whittle "palm birds" that were so small he could hide them in the palm of his hand. Rhodes also carved the mini decoys that were mounted on the plaques and awards given at the Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show, which he judged for many years.

"It's fun to get off the regular routine," Rhodes said. "I'll sketch something and say, 'hey, that looks pretty interesting, and I've got a piece of wood that'll fit.'"

Arthur J. Birdsall



Arthur J. Birdsall.
Photo credit: Tuckerton Seaport

Born in Point Pleasant in 1949, Arthur "Artie" Birdsall is a fourth-generation decoy maker, associated with the names Wildfowler and Barnegat Bay Decoys.

Birdsall's uncle, Charlie Birdsall, took over Wildfowler Decoys in 1961. This is where he made carvings on a duplicating machine, using a master pattern to guide one or more spindles to make an exact copy of the master. Significant handwork was still required to finish.

As a child, Artie visited his uncle's decoy shop, five

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houses away from his own, paying attention to every detail of the operation. He started working at Wildfowler in 1971. He began by moving lumber around the shop and bandsawing blanks, eventually operating the duplicator.

In 1977, Charlie sold Wildfowler to Barnegat Bay Decoys. Artie stayed on until 1984 when he converted his garage in Lovelandtown into a decoy shop and started his own business. Eventually he purchased a 12-spindle duplicator, which he considered to be the “Cadillac” of duplicators. He kept production limited to no more than six birds at a time, allowing him to customize birds yet keep them affordable. He carved many of his own masters and obtained others from Bill Cranmer, from Barnegat Bay Decoys, and from Uncle Charlie, who carved him a new one each year. Artie hired skilled painters such as Glenn Cooke and Brad Holloway to help him finish the decoys.

Not just a maker but also a collector, Artie Birdsall bought and sold decoys on other collectors’ behalf. He was appointed first treasurer of the New Jersey Decoy Collectors Association when it was formed in 1981. Now “semi-retired,” he still deals in decoys, and his vendor space at the Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show is a popular gathering ground for fellow collectors and longtime friends. ❧



2018 show cover print painted by Rob Leslie
Redheads Over the Inlet
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- San Jose Taiko* November 5, 2018 at 10:00 AM _____
- San Jose Taiko* November 5, 2018 at 1:00 PM _____

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Ellis Island



Join the *Pushcart Players* for a spirited salute to America in song, dance and story. This charming musical takes a loving look at a small group of immigrants who came to America in the early 1900's and follows their experiences in shaping American history through the 1960's. Whether it's learning to dance the "Charleston" or singing along to a Rockin' 50's medley, adults and children alike are captivated as they travel back through the decades. Prevailing themes throughout the presentation are the immigrant experience, ethnic diversity, and the precious legacy of freedom and democracy in America.

San Jose Taiko



San Jose Taiko (SJT) has been mesmerizing audiences since 1973 with the spellbinding and propulsive sounds of the taiko. Inspired by traditional Japanese drumming, SJT express the beauty and harmony of the human spirit through the voice of the taiko as they create new dimensions in Asian American movement and music. **Age range: The 10 a.m. performance will be in the Grunin theatre and will be for elementary aged students. The 1 p.m. performance in the Larson Student Center will be for high school, college aged students and students with hearing impairments.**

Ranky Tanky



From the South Carolina Lowcountry, where life is laced with African ways, comes Ranky Tanky, a quintet with music rooted in a culture that has shaped American art, food, language and attitude. That culture, its people and their mother tongue is called Gullah. The soulful songs of the Gullah culture are brought to life by this band of native South Carolinians who mix the low country traditions with large doses of jazz, gospel, funk, and R&B.

**Age range: 10 a.m. performance - 6th-10th grade
11:30 a.m. performance - 3rd-5th grade**

Aisha Fukushima



The World Is Yours: Reflections of a Global RAPTivist Aisha Fukushima is a multiracial African American-Japanese scholar, singer and RAPTivist. She founded the global hip-hop project RAPTivism (rap activism) in 2009, and has since travelled to over 15 countries across four continents challenging oppression with expression. This highly engaging performance lecture explores questions of global citizenship, identity politics and musical activism through storytelling and soulful musical melodies.

Age Range: Middle and High School - 6th-12th grade

Artist, dates, times and other details subject to change without notice.

Nominations for Ocean County Awards Nomination Process

Nominations may be made online or paper forms are available on request. All nominations are due at 14 Hooper Avenue by **November 20, 2018** to be presented at the Salute to Ocean County on April 11, 2019. Nominations remain valid until selected. Please go to the Ocean County Website for past awardees:

www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmSaluteAwards.aspx.

Annual Historic Preservation Award Nomination

For the Historic Preservation award, visit our website:

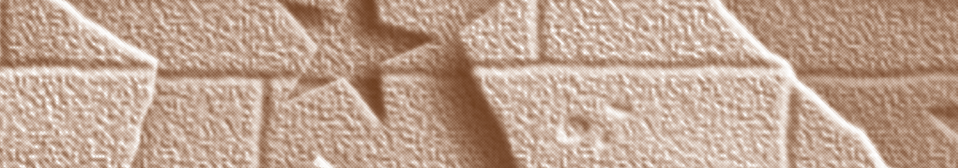
www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmHistoricPreservation.aspx

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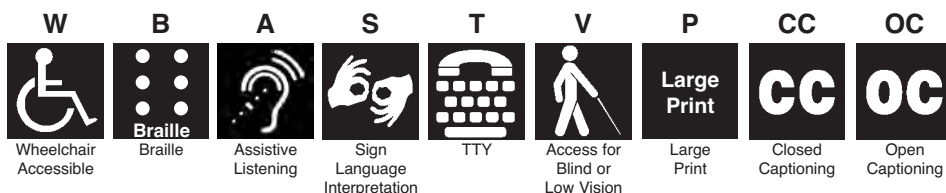
32nd Annual Antiques, Crafts & Collectibles Faire

Celebrate with the Ocean County Historical Society on September 1st at the Municipal Parking Garage (Madison & Hadley Aves) in Toms River, 9:00 – 4:00, rain or shine. Breakfast, lunch & snacks, 50-50 raffle, baked goods, live music, antique appraisals, classic cars and engines, Civil War re-enactors, museum tours. Fun for all ages!



ONGOING Events

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Bright Star

Tuesday – Sunday, August 28 - September 9

Surflight Theatre

NEW JERSEY PREMIER! Inspired by a real event and featuring the Grammy-nominated score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, Broadway's Bright Star is set in the American South of the 1920s and '40s. The story revolves around a literary editor's meeting with a soldier who has returned from World War II with whom she shares a special connection.

\$39/adults & seniors; \$29/children 12 and under
PO Box 1155, 201 Engleside Ave.

Beach Haven
609-492-9477

<http://www.surflight.org>

Member/Student/Faculty Exhibition (featuring LBIF member artists)

Friday, August 17 - Sunday, September 2

Reception: Saturday, August 18, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

The LBI Foundation of the Arts & Science

LBIF's annual end-of-summer Member, Student, Faculty Exhibition showcases the talents and accomplishments of the LBIF "family". Each year, this exhibition demonstrates the excitement and love of the arts that the LBIF has been known for during its 70 year history. This exhibition of work produced in the past year is by far the most popular art exhibition drawing family, friends, colleagues, neighbors, teachers, and students together to celebrate the end of another summer.

Free

120 Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies
609-494-1241

<http://www.lbifoundation.org/>

Adult Night Out: Indigo Dyeing

Thursday, August 30 at 7:00 PM

The LBI Foundation of the Arts & Sciences

Join instructor Crystal while she walks you through the process of Indigo Dyeing! Bring your own white garment or cloth to dye (LBIF will have a limited supply for purchase).

\$20

120 Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies
609-494-1241

<http://www.lbifoundation.org/>

Figure Drawing

Fridays, June 22 - September 7 from

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

The LBI Foundation of the Arts & Sciences

Facilitator: Victoria Ford. Students will use a live, unclothed model to explore line, form, and composition. This class is intended for those who want an introduction to drawing figures or who want to advance their current techniques. As a student, it is also a great opportunity to expand or develop your portfolio. Learning is further enhanced through open discussion and critique. Bring your own materials. Register online! \$25/class

120 Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies
609-494-1241

<http://www.lbifoundation.org/>

Every Saturday Night Live Music

Every Saturday Night, September 1 –

December 29 at 7:30 PM

Albert Music Hall

Every Saturday Night, year round live Country and Bluegrass music concert. Come and be entertained Pineland style!

\$5

131 Wells Mills Rd., Waretown
609-971-1593

<http://www.alberthall.org>

Lunch N' Learn Programs

2nd Wednesday of Every Month

The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am and 12:30 pm for our Lunch N' Learn Programs! Call (609) 296-8868 for more information and to register. Cost is \$2 per person (payable at the door). Participants can bring a lunch or take advantage of our lunch option for \$6. Registration for lunch is required a day in advance. Full schedule of classes and programs:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/209998196239516/>

\$2 per person

120 W. Main St., Tuckerton
609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

SEPTEMBER

Olde Time Antique, Crafts, and Collectibles Faire

Saturday, September 1 from 9:00 to 4:00,

Rain or Shine

Ocean County Historical Society

Don't miss the 32nd Antiques, Crafts, and Collectibles Faire, sponsored by Ocean County Historical Society and held in and around the Ocean County Parking Garage, Madison & Hadley Aves, and the grounds around the OCHS Museum. Enjoy antique appraisals, 50-50 raffle, Civil War re-enactors, new & used books, baked goods, antiques, crafts, classic cars, antique engines, music, museum tours & more! Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be available from food trucks.

\$50.00 for Vendors to reserve a space

26 Hadley Ave., Toms River

732-341-1880

<http://www.oceancountyhistory.org>

Pickin' on the Porch Music Program

First Sunday of every month, September 2 – December 2 from Noon – 5:00 PM

The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Pickin' on the Porch. Join us on the first Sunday of each month from noon til 5pm for a jam session. Come to pick and sing, or to just listen. We'll swap songs, tell stories, and share a pot of beans and homemade bread. Acoustic instruments only please! Bluegrass, Country and Old Time Music. Hosted by Linda & Bill Salmons.

Free

120 W. Main St., Tuckerton

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<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

Viking Village Art & Craft Show

Sunday, September 2 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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Free Admission

19th & Bayview Ave., Barnegat

609-361-8039

<http://www.vikingvillageshows.com>

Pine Shores' Annual Student Show

Sunday & Wednesday, September 2 - 26

Pine Shores Art Association

Artists who have taken classes at Pines Shores during the past two years may submit one painting to the annual student show. Results of the judging are announced at the monthly general meeting. Following the awards ceremony, Glenys Baulderstone will present a Sumi-E painting demonstration.

Free, general public are welcome.

94 Stafford Ave., Manahawkin

240-462-8963

<http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org>

The 44th Ye Old Clamtown Antiques Flea Market

Saturday, September 8 from 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Tuckerton Historical Society

Tip Seaman Park from 8am-4pm. This marks its 44th year. Appraiser Table. Approx. 70 antique dealers. Selected food vendors. RAIN DATES 9th or 15th. Dealers (\$45 for 20' x 20' space) call 609-294-1547.

Free

Tuckerton

(609) 294-1547

<http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org/>

Bernie Williams and His All-Star Band

Saturday, September 8 at 8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Join four-time World Series Champion and Latin Grammy Nominated guitarist and composer Bernie Williams and his All-Star Band for an evening of music featuring fusions of jazz, rock, and the tropical rhythms of Williams' Latin heritage. Main Stage, Tickets \$59 - \$49. Meet & Greet and Pre-Show Dinner also available. See website for details.

\$59-\$49

1 College Drive, Toms River

732-255-0500

<http://www.grunincenter.org/event/bernie-williams/>

Felting Autumn Leaves

Saturday, September 8 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

No raking necessary! Instructor, Patricia Zackey will walk you through the process of needle felting wool to create these gorgeous autumn leaves. All supplies and tools are provided. All skill levels welcome.

Members: \$30 Non-Members: \$35

120 W. Main St., Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org/>

2018 Sailfest

Saturday, September 8 from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM

Toms River Rotary

Family Fun Day featuring a sailing regatta, street fair, food trucks, artisits, crafters, vendors, Kids Zone, cash 50/50, Sailfest t-shirts and sweatshirts, daytime entertainment, adult beverages and evening concert by Garden State Radio. Free shuttle from the IH Firehouse. Onsite ATM.

Free

Island Heights, NJ

732-473-1071

<https://www.tomsriverrotary.org>

Beach Plum Festival

Sunday, September 9th from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Friends of Island Beach State Park

This annual event features over 100 Arts & Craft Vendors, Children's Games, Non Profits and of course Beach Plum Jelly! Don't miss this fun family festival at Island Beach State Park!

Free - \$8 suggested donation at gate

PO Box 406, Seaside Park

<https://www.friendsofibsp.org>

39th Annual Vintage Auto Club of Ocean County Classic Car Show

Sunday, September 9 from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Vintage Automobile Club of Ocean County, Inc.

Open to all cars and trucks 25 years old or older.

Sorry, no motorcycles. 100+ trophies, awards, music, food, door prizes, paved parking, and dash plaques for first 300 vehicles. Proceeds benefit Ocean of Love, Shore Dreams for Kids and NJ Veterans Home. There is no rain date. \$12 pre-registration (by 9/1/2018) / \$15 day of show. Spectators are free

1000 Bay Blvd., Seaside Heights

732-244-4984 or 732-269-4560

<http://www.vintageautoclubnj.org>

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Tuesday, September 11 at 6:00 PM

Brick Township Recreation Dept.

The Township's Annual Candlelight Vigil to honor the memory of those who were lost on September 11th, 2001. Held at the Angel in Anguish Monument. Free

Windward Park, Princeton Ave., Brick

732-262-1073

The 39 Steps

Wednesday – Sunday, September 12 - 16

Surflight Theatre

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have The 39 Steps, a fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre! This 2-time Tony® and Drama Desk Award-winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, over 150 zany characters (played by a ridiculously talented cast of 4), an on-stage plane crash, handcuffs, missing fingers and some good old-fashioned romance! \$39/adults & seniors; \$29/children 12 and under PO Box 1155, 201 Engleside Ave., Beach Haven 609-492-9477

<http://www.surflight.org>

Wildlife Conservation Film Series

Thursday, September 13 & October 11 at 7:00 pm

The LBI Foundation of the Arts & Sciences

The international film festival comes to LBIF for a Summer/Fall series of award winning documentary films and panel discussion. A shared mission of both LBIF & WCFF is to inform, engage and inspire wildlife conservation and the protection of environment. WCFF holds it flagship festival in NYC for 10 days with over 100 documentary films representing more than 40 countries globally. Tickets and film details are available on lbifoundation.org. Running times 90 minutes to 120 minutes. Series film pass \$60 in

advance / or \$18 at the door

120 Long Beach Blvd., Loveladies

609-494-1241

<http://www.lbifoundation.org>

5th Annual Pollinator Potluck & Honey Harvest

Friday, September 14 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM

The LBI Foundation of the Arts & Sciences

Do you know how honey is "made"? Have you ever heard the phrases "busy as a bee", the "bees knees" or "bee line"? Stop by and get to know these critical critters. See a hands-on extraction of honey from the LBIF's adopted hives with LBIF Beekeeper, Paul of Mothflower Apiary to learn how honey is created and harvested from the combs. Honey bees are absolutely vital to the production of our food supply and come to learn why. Admission is FREE! Just bring a honey or pollinator-inspired dish to share. Free

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609-494-1241

<http://www.lbifoundation.org/>

Doo Wop Hit Parade with Larry Chance and The Earls and The Mello-Kings

Friday, September 14 at 7:00 PM

Stafford Township Arts Center

Stand up and get ready to dance the night away at the Doo Wop Hit Parade! Larry Chance and the Earls will be performing all the hits that you remember and then some! "Never" "Remember Then" "Life is But a Dream" "I Believe" "Eyes"... Along with The Mello-Kings and RB Express. This will be a night to remember! \$30 - \$60

1000 McKinley Ave., Manahawkin

609-978-5700 x-2019

<http://www.staffordschools.tix.com>

35th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show

Saturday, September 15 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Rain date: Sunday, Sept 16, 2018

Barnegat Bay Chapter - Antique & Classic Boat Society

Judged show with 50+ boats expected. All types welcome—in-water or on-trailer. Marine vendors, artists, and flea market. Antique/classic American and British cars. Radio control boats. Food available. Free admission/parking. Presented by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter – (Former Barnegat Bay & Philadelphia Chapters) of the Antique and Classic Boat Society. CONTACT: Joyce Turner: (610) 277-2121, (484) 682-3625; jt4elanathotmail.com. Ken Motz (908) 910-3653; kenmotz772atcomcast.net. Free

1800 Bay Ave., Point Pleasant

610-277-2121

CSN Songs

Saturday, September 15 at 8:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

CSN SONGS The only national CSN&Y tribute show of its kind. Celebrating the Music of Crosby Stills Nash & Young \$29-\$40

400 Clifton Ave., Lakewood

732-367-7789

<http://www.strand.org/>

Constitution Day, Commemoration: Guantanamo Bay, Military Trials & Forever Prisoners
Monday, September 17 at 6:00 PM

Georgian Court University

Marny Requa, J.D., GCU associate professor of criminal justice and homeland security and director of the criminal justice and human rights program, will put a spotlight on Guantánamo Bay. She'll cover use of the naval base for military detentions since 2002, the position of detainees, and the few cases tried by the commissions. Moderated by Scott H. Bennett, legal and political dilemmas related to the military base will be discussed along with potential alternatives for Guantanamo's prisoners. FREE
900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood
732-987-2263

<https://georgian.edu/>

Gabrielle Stravelli

Tuesday, September 18 at 8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Award-winning jazz vocalist and songwriter Gabrielle Stravelli has garnered critical acclaim and a loyal following through her rich sound, original compositions, and unique take on an array of material from the Great American Songbook as well as by contemporary artists. A trained actor, Gabrielle has a soulful sensitivity for the story in the lyric, and was called "a powerhouse of individual expression" by The Village Voice. Main Stage, Tickets \$25
1 College Drive, Toms River
732-255-0500

<http://www.grunincenter.org/event/gabrielle-stravelli/>

Souvenir - A Fantasia on the life of Florence Foster Jenkins

Wednesday – Sunday, September 19 - 23

Surflight Theatre

Florence Foster Jenkins, a wealthy society eccentric suffered under the delusion that she was a great coloratura soprano when she was in fact incapable of producing two consecutive notes in tune. Nevertheless, her annual recitals in the ballroom of The Ritz-Carlton hotel, where she resided, brought her extraordinary fame. As news of her terrible singing spread, so did her celebrity.

\$39/adults & seniors; \$29/children 12 and under
PO Box 1155, 201 Engleside Ave., Beach Haven
609-492-9477

<http://www.surflight.org>

The Marvelous Wonderettes

Friday & Saturday, September 21 & 22 at 7:00 PM; Sunday, September 23 at 3:00 PM

Stafford Township Arts Center

Featuring over 30 classic '50s and '60s hits, The Marvelous Wonderettes will keep you smiling in this must-take musical trip down memory lane! This smash off-Broadway hit takes you to the 1958 Springfield High School prom where you meet Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy, and Suzy, you'll hear classic '50s hits including "Lollipop," "Dream Lover," "Stupid Cupid," and "Lipstick on

Your Collar." \$20
1000 McKinley Ave., Manahawkin
609-978-5700 x-2019

<http://www.staffordschools.tix.com>

Acoustic Guitar Series: Custom Blend Band

Friday, September 21 at 7:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Music enjoyed in a beautiful Victorian house setting. Doors open 7:00 PM.

Free (A \$5.00 donation is requested.)

22 Chestnut Street, Island Heights
732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Assisted Living: The Musical

Saturday, September 22 at 2:00 & 7:30 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Two actors play eighteen different characters who sing and dance, revel and kvetch, celebrate and bloviate their way through later life. You'll laugh out loud to songs like "Help! I've Fallen (For You) And I Can't Get Up" and "Golf Cart Seduction." Assisted Living: The Musical® is for everyone who is aging or hopes to age. You'll see your parents, your friends, and maybe some of yourself. Don't miss the show where the Associated Press says, "Audiences are laughing so hard, they cry!" \$27 - \$22

1 College Drive, Toms River
732-255-0500

<http://www.grunincenter.org/event/assisted-living-musical/2018-09-22/>

10th Annual "QUE by the Sea" BBQ Festival and Competiton

Saturday, September 22 from 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Sunday, September 23, 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Seaside Heights Business Improvement District Saturday and Sunday, featuring a BBQ lover's weekend packed with mouth-watering specialties along with all day musical entertainment, artists and crafters, kids zone, and our 10th annual Seaside Heights BBQ Competition on Grant Avenue. Free to attend; Pay for desired items and samples at different vendors

Grant Ave., Seaside Heights
732-830-3700

<http://www.exit82.com>

Art Biz Seminar

Saturday & Sunday, September 22 & 23,
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

National speakers from the Arts Business Institute present a two-day intensive professional development event for artists wishing to expand the marketing and selling of their work. Seminar topics: pricing; marketing; sales strategies; gallery relationships; making work that sells; and creating effective websites, plus group Q&A and individual consults. Pine Shores' members: \$145; Non-members: \$170.

775 E. Bay Ave., Manahawkin
240-462-8963

<http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org>

German Spy or Falsely Accused

Sunday, September 23 at 2:00 PM

Ocean County Historical Society

Join Nicholas Wood, Museum Curator for the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission, at Ocean County Historical Society, as he investigates one of Ocean County's strategically important war-time locations and the man who ran it. Examining the activities of Emil Mayer, station chief of the Tuckerton Wireless, Nick's presentation provides a brief glimpse into changing views on Germans in America during the First World War and one family's struggle.

No admission fee

26 Hadley Ave., Toms River

732-341-1880

<http://www.oceancountyhistory.org>**Watercolor and Charcoal Pours with Karen Knutson**

September 24 - 26 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

If you are looking for a new approach to your watercolor painting this is it! Charcoal pours will be added for a truly unique look. Experiment and learn with this popular and creative teacher. This is a three day workshop.

Members \$425./ Non-members \$450.

22 Chestnut Street, Island Heights

732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>**25th Anniversary Celebration of the Sister Mary Joseph Cunningham Library**

Monday – Saturday, September 24 - 29

Georgian Court University

Love our library? Join us in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Sister Mary Joseph Cunningham Library. Discover some of our history and participate in a weeklong celebration of fun events, including our famous book sale. FREE 900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood

732-987-2263

<https://georgian.edu/>**Art Restoration and Conservation**

Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Restoration expert Linda Nieuwenhuizen will discuss restoration in relation to art works. Bring in work for her help and advice. Free

22 Chestnut Street, Island Heights

732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>**Strictly 60's Concert**

Saturday, September 29 at 2:00 PM

Ocean County Library

The name says it all. The Strictly 60s Band is a group of veteran musicians dedicated to giving their listeners the best songs of the 1960s. Come hear all your favorites: The Beatles, Elvis, Frank Sinatra, Dion, and more. Sponsored by The Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River. Free

101 Washington Street, Toms River

732-349-6200

<http://theoceancountylibrary.org/events?trueEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D128659274>**Young Dubliners**

Saturday, September 29 at 8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

The Young Dubliners are quite possibly Celtic rock's hardest working band, playing hundreds of shows to thousands of fans across the US and Europe every year. In recent years they have appeared on Good Morning America and ABC's Jimmy Kimmel Live, had songs featured in TV shows (Sons Of Anarchy, Human Target) and toured extensively as a headliner and as the opener for a diverse list of artists, such as Collective Soul, Jethro Tull, Johnny Lang, Los Lobos, and many more.

\$25

1 College Drive, Toms River

732-255-0500

<http://www.grunincenter.org/event/young-dubliners/>**36th Annual Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show**

Saturday & Sunday, September 29 & 30 from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Join us as we celebrate the 36th anniversary of the show during this exciting two day event highlighting the culture of the area! Demonstrations, contests, seminars, decoy auction, crafters, carvers, vendors, food, refreshments, music, entertainment, and lots of fun. Two great locations: Tip Seaman County Park and Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum. This event is free to the public!

120 W. Main St., Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org/>**Cynthia Sayer & Her Joyride Quartet: The Hot Banjo Show**

Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Part of our Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon (JOSA) Series! Award-winning instrumentalist/vocalist/bandleader Cynthia Sayer is acclaimed by musicians, critics, and fans alike as one of the top 4-string jazz banjoists in the world today. Her eclectic, swing-based shows embody the rarely heard range and versatility of the 4-string banjo in the hands of a master, celebrating historic jazz banjo stars, Vaudeville, American Songbook favorites, virtuoso classics, fun anecdotes, and more. Adult \$24, Senior \$20

1 College Drive, Toms River

732-255-0500

<http://www.grunincenter.org/event/cynthia-sayer-her-joyride-quartet/>

OCTOBER

Best of the Best Art Show

Monday, October 1 at 6:30 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

Pine Shores' members are invited to exhibit one painting they consider their "best of the best". The award ceremony and reception are held at October's general meeting and followed by an acrylic demonstration by Kim Cesaretti.

Free

94 Stafford Ave., Manahawkin

240-462-8963

<http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org>

4th Annual LBI Fly International Kite Festival

Friday – Monday, October 5 - 8

LBI Chamber of Commerce

The Annual LBI Fly International Kite Festival is returning for its fourth year! We are excited to welcome back our domestic and international kite professionals to participate in this four-day festival. This event will run from October 5th through the 8th, with many different events across the island. Mark your calendars and visit LBI for this fall weekend of flight!

\$0-\$2

P.O. Box 2298, Ship Bottom

609-361-3395

<https://www.welcometolbi.com>

Stroll in the Piazza: A Concert of Italian and Italian-American Classics

Friday, October 5 at 2:00 PM

Ocean County Library

Acclaimed international violinist Dr. David Podles presents the most poignant and celebrated Italian pieces from Vivaldi, Paganini, Rossini and Puccini, plus tarantellas, mazurkas and Italian-American classics. Dr. Podles has performed as a soloist and with orchestras at famous venues including Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Rockefeller Center, The Bolshoi and Kirov. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean County Library – Toms River.

Free

101 Washington Street, Toms River

732-349-6200

<http://theoceancountylibrary.org/>

National Geographic Live – Spinosaurus

Friday, October 5 at 7:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Meet Spinosaurus, the largest predatory dinosaur yet discovered—larger than T. rex—and hear the incredible story of how this prehistoric giant was almost lost to science, before being brought back to light with the help of a remarkable young paleontologist.

\$35

1 College Drive, Toms River

732-255-0500

<http://www.grunincenter.org/event/spinosaurus/>

Shore Points 25

Friday, October 5 at 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday, October 6 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Pieceful Shores Quilt Guild

"Shore Points 25" A Quilt Show presented by Pieceful Shores Quilt Guild. More than 100 Member's Quilts and Wall Art Beautiful Handmade Items in our Boutique Door Prizes - Vendors - Quilt Raffle - Daily Demonstrations Admission: \$8

Visit our Facebook Page:

Pieceful Shores Quilters Guild

489 Nautilus Drive, Manahawkin

516-457-5143

<http://www.piecefulshoresquiltguild.org>

Farewell Angelina

Saturday, October 6 at 8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

Farewell Angelina is an all-female country group with powerhouse vocalists, blazing fiddles and guitars, and award-winning songwriters. Their stellar blend of heartstopping harmonies has earned them soaring praise across the board. Roughstock calls them a "Superstar Act...with Killer Songs." Rolling Stone says, "Wickedly smart songwriting delivered with a healthy dash of sass...deft playing...into one sonic knockout punch."

\$25

1 College Drive, Toms River

732-255-0500

<http://www.grunincenter.org/event/farewell-angelina/>

Comedy Tonight

Saturday, October 6 at 8:30 PM

Surflight Theatre

Laugh out loud fun. Comedians to be announced at a later date.

\$15.00

PO Box 1155, 201 Engleside Ave., Beach Haven

609-492-9477

<http://www.surflight.org>

It's Cranberry Time

Saturday, October 6 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Tuckerton Historical Society

Andrew Anderson, historian at the Double Trouble Village State Historic site will share dramatic slides and video of the labor-intensive dry-picking harvest of cranberries and the modern day water harvest at cranberry farms in New Jersey. Q. and A. session follows this presentation.

Free

35 Leitz Blvd., Little Egg Harbor

(609) 294-1547

<http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org>

My Life as a Refugee: Reflections of Poet Faleeha Hassan

Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30 PM

Ocean County Library

Faleeha Hassan will share an overview of her life, including the challenge of being a refugee to America, being a female poet from the Middle East and the cultural differences between Iraq and the West. The program will include a poetry reading, discussion, Q and A session, and a book signing. Hassan has been touted by literary critics as "The Maya Angelou of Iraq." In 2011, she found her name on a "death list" and she decided to leave the country to protect her family.

Free

101 Washington Street, Toms River

732-349-6200

<http://theoceancountylibrary.org/events?trueEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D128887967>

Decorative Gourd Workshop

Wednesday, October 10 from 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Create an imaginative and decorated gourd to be used as a birdhouse, vases or sculptural form. Take home a finished piece that night.

Members \$65/Non-members \$80.

22 Chestnut Street, Island Heights

732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Yesterday: A Tribute to the Beatles

Friday, October 12 at 8:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

The British are ready to invade the Grunin Center! "Yesterday - The Las Vegas Beatles Show" brings to life the music of the bestselling band of all time with a live performance by "Yesterday," the premier Beatles tribute band. These talented musicians have played sold-out shows from Las Vegas to Atlantic City and around the world. Once you hear "Revolution" and "Twist and Shout," you can't "Help" but "Imagine" that you have relived the real legends on stage!

Main Stage, Tickets \$35 - \$28

1 College Drive, Toms River

732-255-0500

<http://www.grunincenter.org/event/yesterday-beatles-tribute/>

Zombie Prom - produced by our Education Department

Friday – Sunday, October 12 & 13 at 7:30 PM;

October 13 & 14 at 2:00 PM

Surflight Theatre

Produced by our Education Department: A teenage romance between a good girl (Toffee) and a bad boy (Jonny) spirals out of control leaving a trail of nuclear waste. \$20 for adults; \$12 for children 12 and under

PO Box 1155, 201 Engleside Ave., Beach Haven
609-492-9477

<http://www.surflight.org>

What Makes Opera Grand

Friday, October 12 at 6:30 PM

Georgian Court University

A large story . . . or an intimate one. A large chorus or a single voice. A large orchestra or a solo instrument. An extravagant set or a barren stage. All of these things, seemingly contradictory, contribute to the lavish world of grand opera, but they only scratch the surface! How these things come together, how music enriches them, how the result makes you feel . . . are what makes opera grand! \$43 per person; includes a multi-course dinner and a multimedia lecture; limiting seating.

900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood

732-987-2263

<https://georgian.edu/>

The Rainbow Fish

Saturday, October 13 from 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College

The Rainbow Fish will enchant even the youngest child with his silver scales and heart of gold in a new adaptation of Marcus Pfizer's award-winning books about the beautiful fish who learned to share his most prized possession. Mermaid's striking puppetry production includes two delightful companion stories, Rainbow Fish Discovers the Deep Sea and Opposites. Adult \$17 Child \$10

1 College Drive, Toms River

732-255-0500

<http://www.grunincenter.org/event/rainbow-fish/2018-10-13/>

24th Annual Pine Barrens Jamboree

Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Wells Mills County Park

Take part in celebrating the people, traditions and rich history of the NJ Pine Barrens. Stretch out and relax in your beach chair and listen to the sounds of the Pines as some of the most famous local musicians from Albert Music Hall perform. Take a scenic paddle around Wells Mills Lake, go on a nature walk, sit in on a demonstration or slide show, or browse over 40 exhibitors both commercial and non-profit. There will be opportunities to purchase locally created arts & crafts. FREE

905 Wells Mills Rd., Waretown

609-971-3085

<http://www.oceancountyparks.org>

Felted Pumpkin Class

Saturday, October 13 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Dress up your home this Fall with Felted Wool Pumpkins! Instructor, Patricia Zackey will walk you through the process of needle felting wool to create these beautiful fairy tale pumpkins. All supplies and tools are provided. All skill levels welcome.

Members: \$30 Non-Members: \$35

120 W. Main St., Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org/>

Book Discussion & signing with Author Patricia Burke '70

Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 PM

Georgian Court University

Georgian Court alumna Patricia H. Burke '70 spent more than a decade researching the life of artist and ornithologist Gerard Rutgers Hardenbergh (1856–1915), which culminated in the recent publication of Gerard Rutgers Hardenbergh, Artist and Ornithologist. The book brings together images of over 180 of Hardenbergh's works into one collection. Ms. Burke joins GCU for a book discussion about her latest work. FREE

900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood
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<https://georgian.edu/>

Ellis Island: Gateway

Thursday, October 18 at 11:30 AM

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Join the Pushcart Players for a spirited salute to America in song, dance, and story. This charming musical takes a loving look at a small group of immigrants who came to America in the early 1900's and follows their experiences in shaping American history through the 1960's. Whether it's learning to dance the "Charleston" or singing along to a Rockin' 50's medley, adults and children alike are captivated as they travel back through the decades. Prevailing themes throughout the presentation are the immigrant experience, ethnic diversity, and the precious legacy of freedom and democracy in America.

Free; RSVP Required
1 College Dr., Toms River
732-929-4779

www.ocean.nj.us/ch

Haunted Seaport

Thursday – Sunday, October 18 - 21
from 6:00 – 9:00 PM

The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Visit Tuckerton Seaport, if you dare, for a frigh-tastic adventure known in local lore as Haunted Seaport. (last admission will be at 8 pm or earlier depending on capacity). Pirates and Sea Captains long lost at sea will stroll the Seaport's boardwalk for a night of screams. Climb aboard a hayride for a ghostly howling good time through the Seaport. General Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 kids 5-12, kids under 5 and Seaport members receive free general admission. 120 W. Main St., Tuckerton
609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org/>

Painting Children in Watercolor with Pat Morgan

Thursday & Friday, October 18 & 19 from
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Pat will share her light and airy transparent technique to create paintings of children. The shore is a background as well. All levels are welcome.

This is a two-day workshop.
Members \$115./ non-members \$140.
22 Chestnut Street, Island Heights
732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Acoustic Guitar Series: Tony Pileggi and Joe Stamboni

Friday, October 19 at 7:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Two of the areas favorite musicians in a special musical evening. Doors open 7:00 PM
Free (A \$5.00 donation is requested).

22 Chestnut Street, Island Heights
732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Felix Cavaliere & Gene Cornish's RASCALS With Special Guest on Drums, Carmine Appice

Sunday, October 21 at 8:00 PM

RWJBarnabas Health Arena/Formerly Pine Belt Arena

Felix Cavaliere and Gene Cornish cite the fans and love of their timeless songs as reasons for collaboration. Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Inductees, Grammy Hall of Fame, Vocal Group Hall of Fame members and Songwriter Hall of Fame, The Rascals are widely considered the best 'blue-eyed soul' group to come out of the 1960s and their music the soundtrack of a generation. \$35.00 - \$79.00

1245 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River
732-818-8536

<http://www.rwjbarnabashealtharena.com/>

Reception/Quilt Unveiling: The Fabric of Our Community

Tuesday, October 23 at 6:30 PM

Ocean County Library

Come see the beautiful diversity of our community represented in a quilt! The Fabric of Our Community Quilt is a project organized by Ocean County Reaching Across Faith Traditions (RAFT). Residents were asked to decorate a fabric square with symbols that represent their unique identity. The finished product will be unveiled at a reception in Mancini Hall for all to view. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. Free

101 Washington Street, Toms River
732-349-6200 x-5106

<http://theoceancountylibrary.org/>

Food, Fashion & Tea from Jane Austin to Queen Victoria

Tuesday, October 23 from 1:00 PM

Georgian Court University

Jane Austen's life in the Regency Era has many similarities to the Victorian Era but also many differences. Learn about tea, food, fashion, and more during these two time periods. Discover how the Industrial Revolution had an impact on both eras. Light refreshments will be served following the presentation. \$20 per person
900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood
732-987-2263

<https://georgian.edu/>

Paper Mache Creations

Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Artist Beatrice Humphris will demonstrate how to make holiday figures in paper mache. Free
22 Chestnut Street, Island Heights
732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Wood Carving Class: Witch

Saturday, October 27 at 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Scary Witch Carving Class! Join carver Mark Bair for this one day Witch Carving class - all levels welcome! Students will learn how to transform a simple basswood into a spooky Witch. Carving safety and techniques, tool sharpening, as well as painting and finishing techniques will also be studied. Fee (includes instruction, materials, and use of tools): \$85 for Seaport Members; \$95 for Non-members
120 W. Main St., Tuckerton
609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org/>

An Afternoon with William Goldstein

Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 PM

Lakewood Historical Society

The world renowned composer and pianist William Goldstein will return to his hometown to perform for the benefit of THE LAKEWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY - COME OUT AND HEAR THIS EMMY & TONY NOMINATED ARTIST CREATE HIS "INSTANT COMPOSITION" Come and enjoy an afternoon of wonderful music. For more info about Mr. Goldstein visit his website: www.williamgoldstein.com
\$50.00

400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood
732-330-5384

NOVEMBER

Cityscapes in Watercolor with Dorrie Rifkin

Thursday, November 1 and Friday,
November 2 from 9:30 - 4:30 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Explore Dorrie's loose and juicy style as you visit the intricacies, beauties, textures and oddities of the city scene. Beautiful work ahead. All levels welcome. This is a two day workshop.

\$210/Members; \$235/Non-members
22 Chestnut Street, Island Heights
732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Guild Theatreworks Play: "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon

Fridays, November 2 - 9 and Saturdays,
November 3 – 10 at 7:00 PM

Sundays, November 4 - 11 at 2:00 PM

Township of Brick

The Guild Theatreworks Play: "The Odd Couple" by Neil Simon. Can two divorced men survive together when they try to share an apartment? Free Play for all registered patrons. A \$5 donation is requested for the non-profit Guild Theatreworks Events.

515 Herbertsville Road, Brick

732-262-4622

<https://brickrec.twp.brick.nj.us>

Legend of the Jersey Devil Show

Saturday, November 3 from 7:30 – 11:00 PM

Albert Music Hall

A live concert of bluegrass and country music by regional musicians from the tri-state area. The Jersey Devil will make an appearance during the 8 pm musical set. Our Jersey Devil is a friendly devil who will entertain you with his dancing and fun loving antics. Tickets must be purchased at the door on the night of the show. Doors open at 6 pm - Music 7:30 to 11 pm. For more info visit our web site: www.alberthall.org
\$5/Adults; \$1/Children under 11
131 Wells Mills Rd., Waretown
609-971-1593

<http://www.alberthall.org>

Art Harvest Show and Reception

Sunday, November 4 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

The Annual Art Harvest Show and Reception exhibits work by Pine Shores members that is judged to present several cash and non-cash awards. The paintings are all original work created within the past two years. Free to general public.
94 Stafford Ave., Manahawkin
240-462-8963

<http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org>

Mrs. Gould's 17th Annual Holiday Social

Nov. 6 - 29 and Dec. 2 - 20 at 11:30 AM

Georgian Court University

The tradition continues for many as they start their holiday with the Goulds. The mansion at Georgian Court will be aglow with cheer as you join us for the 17th Annual Holiday Social. Celebrate the holidays with Mrs. Gould and her special guest Lucille LeSueur, a 1920s chorus girl who advanced her career and became film legend Joan Crawford (1904-1977).

\$45 per person

900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood
732-987-2263

<https://georgian.edu/>

Eating & Drinking Customs during the Civil War

Tuesday, November 6 at 10:00 AM

Georgian Court University

As you can imagine, life during the Civil War was tough for soldiers and civilians alike. The lingering war made many harsh demands on both food and everyday essentials. During this presentation, learn what food substitutes soldiers and civilians used to meet everyday needs and the advantages the North had over the South with regard to 19th-century agriculture and industrial practices. Discover how the South was dependent on the North for many of its major food essentials prior to the war.

\$20 per person

900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood
732-987-2263

<https://georgian.edu/>

The Art of War

Friday, November 9 at 6:30 PM

Georgian Court University

A historian is noted as saying that "art and war are old companions," and many military leaders felt that art could capture the true essence of war. Although artists have been capturing the images of war for years, World War I marked the first time that the U.S. government commissioned artists to capture a war effort in the hopes that the artists could provide a historical record and stir up support for the war. Join Dr. Festa as she shows and discusses pieces of art from antiquity to World War 2.

\$43 per person; includes a multicourse dinner and a multimedia lecture; limiting seating.

900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood

732-987-2263

<https://georgian.edu/>

Armistice Day

Sunday, November 11 at 10:30 AM

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Please join the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders in marking the Armistice Day Centenary. At 11:00 AM bells will be tolled to mark the end of the first World War. The program will also include bagpipers and historical recollections. This day will also mark the dedication of the County's new monument to the Great War. Free and Open to the Public Front Lawn of the Ocean County Courthouse 118 Washington Street, Toms River 732-929-4779

Marching in my Father's Footsteps: Visiting the Site of Capture

Tuesday, November 13 at 6:00 PM

Georgian Court University

GCU staff member Stacey Spina's lighthearted presentation about a series event in the nation's and her family's history, will take you along her journey to find the spot where her father was captured by the German army in 1944. Using story, her father's memoirs, photographs, and short video clips, Ms. Spina will recount how she searched out the spot where her father's life changed forever. Free

900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood

732-987-2263

<https://georgian.edu/>

Basket Weaving: Wine Bottle Basket

Saturday, November 17 from

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

What's better than wine? Wine in a basket!!! This Wine Tote has remained a popular favorite. Choose from a make a single bottle wine basket or a double bottle wine carrying basket each with a new twill accent weave and an oak swing handle. Great for yourself or a holiday gift!

Class fee: \$25; Material fee: \$15

120 W. Main St., Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org/>

A Tribute to Elvis from Memphis to Vegas

Saturday, November 17 at 7:00 PM

Stafford Township Arts Center

Jim Barone is an award winning Elvis Tribute Artist and the man that brings Elvis Presley's voice to life. Jim's tribute spans the Presley catalog keeping true to the sound, passion, and style that encompassed Elvis as an entertainer. Return to the voice, return to the fire that changed forever how we experience music. Let Jim Barone's performance bring it back.

All seats only \$35 each!

1000 McKinley Ave., Manahawkin

609-489-8600

<http://tix.stacnj.com>

Center Stage Opera - The Barber of Seville

Saturday, November 17 at 7:30 PM

Surflight Theatre

Based in Los Angeles County's San Fernando Valley, Center Stage Opera brings only the highest quality operatic productions to diverse audiences in the Valley and beyond. CSO Artistic Director and Co-Founder, Dylan F. Thomas, brings his unique vision to some of the most beloved stories in opera, with captivating and intriguing stagings for the novice and seasoned audience member alike. \$29.50

PO Box 1155, 201 Engleside Ave., Beach Haven 609-492-9477

<http://www.surflight.org>

Christmas Craft Show

Saturday, November 17 from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM & Sunday, November 18 from 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

St. Francis Parish and Community Center

This Craft Show should be your first stop for holiday shopping. Enjoy many delightful new crafts as well as old favorites. Highlights include; jewelry, hand painted clothing, silk flower arrangements, and many forms of art. There will be a Chance Auction on Saturday. Breakfast and Lunch will be available to purchase all weekend. \$2.00/Adults

4700 Long Beach Blvd., Brant Beach

609-494-8861

<http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org>

Wood Carving Class: Santa

Saturday, November 24 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Ho! Ho! Holiday Carving Class! Join carver Mark Bair for this one day Santa Carving class - all levels welcome! Students will learn how to transform a simple basswood into an heirloom Santa Claus. Carving safety and techniques, tool sharpening, as well as painting and finishing techniques will also be studied. Fee (includes instruction, materials, and use of tools): \$85/Seaport Members; \$95/Non-members

120 W. Main St., Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org/>

The New Millennium Jazz Band

Saturday, November 24 at 7:30 PM

Surflight Theatre

Back for an encore! The New Millennium Jazz Band is a professional, contemporary big band that performs new arrangements of jazz standards as well as original jazz band compositions. This big band is made up of 19 of some of the best professional jazz musicians in the area. With a versatile repertoire that includes swing, Latin, rock and funk.

\$37.50

PO Box 1155, 201 Engleside Ave., Beach Haven
609-492-9477

<http://www.surflight.org>

It's a Shore Holiday with the Atlantic City Ballet

Sunday, November 25 at 3:00 PM

Stafford Township Arts Center

Back Again! Let the Atlantic City Ballet help you get into the holiday spirit! This "radio city-esque" review features a blend of contemporary and classical dance all set to your most beloved holiday tunes. Add singers and a live band and you will be transported to a Holiday Winter Wonderland that will capture your inner child's imagination. This delightful show will bring out the holiday spirit in everyone.

\$20

1000 McKinley Ave., Manahawkin
609-978-5700 x-2019

<http://www.staffordschools.tix.com>

Brian Crockett: StEPs Workshop – Interpretation

Wednesday, November 28 from 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Nonprofit organizations looking to improve their historic interpretation to the public are invited to join noted speaker and nonprofit expert Brian Crockett in the latest portion of the StEPs Workshop series. Please bring a small working group to the meeting and be prepared for good times, a few laughs, and to leave with some solid progress toward your next StEPs certificate.

Free

Bishop Building, 101 Washington Street
Toms River

732-929-4779

www.ocean.nj.us/ch

Christkindlmarkt: Old Time Holiday Craft Market

Friday, November 30 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM,
Saturday, December 1 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM,
& Sunday, December 2 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Tuckerton Seaport rolls out the holly for the Annual Christkindlmarkt on November 30, December 1st, and December 2nd!

Christkindlmarkt will be a family fun three day event with late night hours on Friday, celebrating the traditions of the season with a Holiday Market and Craft Fair under a huge heated tent and throughout the Seaport buildings. Come jump start your holiday shopping. Get in the

holiday spirit with a horse drawn wagon ride.

Admission for this event is \$5/person.

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DECEMBER

Deck the Walls Art Show

Sundays, December 2 – 30 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM
& Wednesdays, December 5 – 26 from 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Pine Shores Art Association

Deck the Walls is an art show that exhibits Pine Shores' members work with a holiday theme in both paintings and cards.

Free

94 Stafford Ave., Manahawkin

240-462-8963

<http://www.pineshoresartassociation.org>

Elf, The Musical

December 7, 8, 14, and 15 at 7:30 PM and
December 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 – 13, 15 & 16 at 2:00 PM

Surflight Theatre

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY REGIONAL PREMIER! Based on the beloved holiday film, this hilarious fish-out-of-water comedy follows Buddy the Elf in his quest to find his true identity. Based on the cherished 2003 New Line Cinema hit, Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole.

\$39/adults & seniors; \$29/children 12 and under
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Plaid Tidings

Friday and Saturday, December 7 - 8 at 7:00 PM
and Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 PM

Stafford Township Arts Center

Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings is a brand new show that offers the best of Forever Plaid, tied up in a nifty package with a big Christmas bow on top! Filled with Christmas standards that have all been "Plaid-erized," our boys are back to do their Christmas Special. Sprinkled among the Christmas offerings are audience favorites, like their riotous three-minute-and-eleven-second version of The Ed Sullivan Show – this time, featuring the Rockettes, the Chipmunks and The Vienna Boys Choir.

\$20

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609-978-5700 x-2019

<http://www.staffordschools.tix.com>

3rd Annual "Pretty-Ugly" Sweater Contest Night

Saturday, December 8 at 7:30 – 11:00 PM

Albert Music Hall

Join us for our 3rd annual "pretty-ugly" sweater contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best ugly sweater. A live stage concert of country and bluegrass music in the new Albert Hall building. Be prepared to be entertained Pineland style while listening to leading regional bands from the tri-state area. No alcohol or smoking. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Music 7:30 pm to 11pm. Admission \$5 Tickets must be purchased at the door. For more info visit our website [Alberthall.org](http://www.alberthall.org)

131 Wells Mills Rd., Waretown
609-971-1593

<http://www.alberthall.org>

Annual Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8 after 5:00 PM

Tuckerton Historical Society

Christmas in Tuckerton is something to look forward to as part of our holidays. Clam Chowder, punch, and cookies after 5 PM at Little Borough Hall, 220 S. Green St. Happy Holidays! Free 220 S. Green St., Tuckerton (609) 294-1547

<http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org/>

Community Chorale Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 8 at 7:00 PM

Georgian Court University

Celebrate the holidays with the music of the Georgian Court Community Chorale. This diverse group of men and women of all ages will perform a wide variety of classical, traditional, and popular seasonal favorites. The singers are accompanied by piano, flute, and stringed instruments. \$15/Adults; \$10/Seniors; FREE/Students, children & GCU community members with ID.

900 Lakewood Ave., Lakewood
732-987-2263

<https://georgian.edu/>

Felting Snowmen Class

Saturday, December 8 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

You don't need to be out in the cold to make these snowmen! Instructor, Patricia Zackey will walk you through the process of needle felting wool to create these adorable Snow Folks! All supplies and tools are provided. All skill levels welcome. \$30 /Members; \$35/Non-Members

120 W. Main St., Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org/>

Island Singers Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 9 at 3:00 PM

The Island Singers

A Holiday Concert presented by The Island Singers, an Ocean County community chorus. The Island Singers is a volunteer community

chorus that has been entertaining Ocean County residents since the mid-1970s. Polly Moore has been the Music Director for much of that time. Under Polly's guidance, the chorus has developed into a professional sounding choral ensemble.

No charge, free will offering will be collected

130 Cable Ave., Beachwood

609-488-5274

<http://www.islandsingersnj.com>

Holiday Show with Singing Santa

Saturday, December 15 from 7:30 – 11:00 PM

Albert Music Hall

A live concert of bluegrass and country music by regional musicians from the tri-state area. Our Singing Santa will appear during the 8 pm musical set and lead a holiday sing-a-long. Children will be invited to join him on stage and to visit and talk with him afterward. Bring your camera and enjoy this fun holiday night. Tickets must be purchased at the door on the night of the show. Doors open at 6 pm - Music 7:30 to 11 pm. \$5/Adults; Free/Children under 11

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236th Anniversary of the Skirmish at Cedar Bridge

Sunday, December 16 at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM;

Snow date: Sunday, January 6, 2019

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage

Commission

Experience the story of skirmish between John Bacon and local militia at Cedar Bridge tavern with a re-enactment of the last documented land engagement of the Revolutionary War. A tour of the newly refurbished Cedar Bridge Tavern will also be available. Free

200 Old Halfway Road

Cedar Bridge Tavern, Barnegat

732-929-4779

www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/

NEW YEAR'S EVE: Shorty Long and the Jersey Horns

Monday, December 31 at 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM

Surflight Theatre

SHORTY LONG IS THE WORLDS #1 PARTY BAND!!! Formed in 2002, in just 5 years, Shorty Long & The Jersey Horns have been featured in or currently performs at Bally's Casino, Harrah's Casino "AC", Wells Fargo Center (Philadelphia PA.), Tropicana Casino, 93.3 WMMR, Daytona 500, First Energy Field "Lakewood Blueclaws Stadium", The Electric Factory and countless happening spots. The band plays the Jersey Shore Circuit during the summer and travels up and down the east coast all year long.

\$39.50

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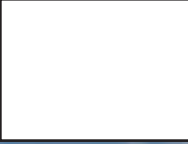
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