



Greetings from Commissioner Virginia E. Haines

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, I welcome you to the Spring 2022 issue of ***Out & About Ocean County****, A Free Newsguide to Arts & Heritage Events*.

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to limit event offerings so we are providing more stories than events in this issue. Please check **http://www.oceancountytourism.com/frmEvents** for updated event listings.

The 2022 Salute to Ocean County will again be virtual on Apirl 28 at 7:00 PM on Cable 21, the Ocean County College cable channel or on a link to our website.

The Ocean County Board of Commissioners is proud to announce that Mary May of Lacey will receive the 2022 Ocean County Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award. Eleanor Ditton also of Lacey will receive the 2022 Pauline S. Miller Ocean County Lifetime History Award. Bahiyyah Abdullah will receive the John C. Bartlett Jr. Leadership Award. Reisa Sweet of Lakewood will receive a Special Award of Merit for her lifetime of work to encourage cultural understanding. The Joseph H. Vicari Tourism Award is being given to the Ocean County Tourism Workforce for their dedicated service during the Covid pandemic.

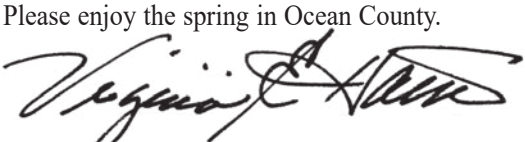
Nomination forms for future awardees and lists of past awardees are at **http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmSaluteAwards.aspx.**

The Cultural & Heritage Commission has completed their annual arts and history grant award cycle. This year, seventeen art and nine history organizations will receive a total of $225,000 in grants through the Ocean County Board of Commissioners funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission. The notice of intent to apply is due by August 25. There will be an online workshop on August 11 at 3PM to learn the details of the grant process.

I note with personal regret the passing of historic activist Steven Brescia of Manahawkin. I am also sad to report the passing of Linda Reddington of Tuckerton long time author, artist and editor of the Beach Haven Times and Beacon newspapers. We are fortunate to have a number of her works of Art from the Cox House to share in this issue.

I am proud to share that the NJ Historic Trust in 2021 has awarded $518,647 in addition to the 2020 $750,000 for our project to restore the Cox House in Barnegat Township.

Please enjoy the spring in Ocean County.



Commissioner Virginia E. Haines
Chairwoman of Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission
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