



Ocean County Parks & Recreation



DECOY & GUNNING SHOW



The Ocean County Board of Commissioners and the Ocean County Department of Parks & Recreation welcomes you to the 2025 Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy & Gunning Show at Stanley “Tip” Seaman County Park.

Check out the Activity Tent for new crafts and games for all ages. Weave a take-home gift with master basket maker Mary May, soap carving, decoy demonstrators, paint a flattie decoy, and compete in folk art-themed games! On the baseball field, visitors can even try their hand at archery. And don’t forget to pick up a scavenger hunt for the little ones!

The Delmarva Dock Dogs have returned and demonstrations have been added to the Retriever section in the park! At the Presentation Tent, explore special decoy exhibits and movies both days and watch a round table event at 1pm on Sunday. Enjoy musical performances 9-4 on Saturday and 9-3 on Sunday. Between sets, visit the Mobile Education Trailer from the NJ Fish and Wildlife with interactive exhibits and displays on the local environment. The Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen’s Museum will offer free admission and guided creek tours both days!

Exhibitors will be displaying and selling items such as decorative and working decoys, wildlife art and photos, outdoor clothing, hunting and fishing supplies, antiques, hunting guide services, and more. Environmental non-profits will be offering hands-on activities for kids. Visit the Decoy Tent to watch the judging of some of the over 50 contests and learn more about what makes our local folk art so special.

George Strunk and Mark Ford are awarded the Hurley Conklin Award, John Holloway and Jim Allen are awarded the Hall of Fame Award, Harry M. Shourds and Rube Corlies are honored through the Heritage Award. For more information visit the archive at: <https://co.ocean.nj.us/OC/ch/>

Parking is available at Pinelands Regional High School, Tuckerton Seaport, and Freedom Fields County Park. A free shuttle buses will drop you off at the show sites from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM both days. Be sure to visit us again next year on September 26 & 27, 2026!

