

—Greetings from Commissioner Virginia E. Haines



On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, I welcome you to the Fall 2023 issue of Ocean County: Out & About, A Free Newsguide to Arts & Heritage Events.

Ocean County's arts and history organizations provide a rich tapestry of programs for your enjoyment. Please check with the sponsoring organizations or oceancountytourism.com/frmEvents for updated event listings.

Ocean County residents Valerie Vaughn and Mary May are to be congratulated as two of just ten folk artists awarded a \$20,000 inaugural New Jersey Heritage Fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Ocean County History Day will be held on Saturday, September 16th from 10 AM to 3 PM at the Ocean County Historical Society at 26 Hadley Avenue in Toms River. Many Ocean County historical societies will be

present to share information, refreshments and period music.

Ocean County and many of the municipalities will be celebrating Constitution Day on September 17th in honor of the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787. Constitution Week was initiated by the Daughters of the American Revolution and is celebrated every year from Sept. 17 - 23.

The Ocean County Board of Commissioners is pleased to host the 41st Old Time Barnegat Bay Decoy & Gunning Show on September 23rd and 24th at Tip Seaman County Park in Tuckerton. New activities will be available for family enjoyment including demonstrations, archery, games, and crafts.

The Ocean County virtual archives have interactive links including: Hurley Conklin Awardees at co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmDecoyListing.aspx, past Decoy program stories <http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmDecoyStories.aspx>, and relevant videos co.ocean.nj.us/OC/ch/frmBarnegatBayDocs.aspx.

The Pinelands Jamboree at Wells Mills County Park in Waretown will be Saturday, October 14th from 10 AM – 4:30 PM. This year's theme is the Jersey Devil. The historic
OUT & ABOUT | 1

Cedarview Lodge will be open to the public for tours and live music on the porch.

Ocean County will commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution at the Ocean County Courthouse on Wednesday, November 8th at 11 AM.

Commemoration of the 241st Anniversary of the Affair at Cedar Bridge is scheduled for noon to 4 PM, Saturday, December 2nd (snow date Sunday, January 7th, 2024) at Cedar Bridge Tavern Ocean County Historic Site, 200 Old Halfway Road, Barnegat, NJ. You will witness a recreation of the last documented land engagement of the American Revolution, traditional music, games, refreshments, history tours, a period sutler and an 18th century tavern display. (All events subject to change without prior notice.)

To our residents and visitors, I encourage you to enjoy all the arts and history events in Ocean County this fall. It's the perfect time of year to experience all the best Ocean County has to offer.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Virginia E. Haines". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and "E".

Commissioner Virginia E. Haines

Chairwoman of Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission
Division of Ocean County Department of Parks & Recreation