

—Greetings from Commissioner Virginia E. Haines



On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Commissioners, I welcome you to the summer 2024 issue of Ocean County: Out & About, A Free Newsguide to Arts & Heritage Events. The pages of this issue are graced with artwork received in response to a call for contributions from the Pines Shore Art Association.

Please take special note of our exciting palette of summer cultural opportunities in the event listings and for updated events check: <http://www.oceancountytourism.com/frmEvents>.

Many of our towns and boroughs provide wonderful outdoor concerts including the Ocean County Department of Parks and Recreation's "The Carousel of Music Concert Series." The Carousel concerts will be offered at a variety of locations including the Ocean County Library in Toms River. Please check inside for time and locations of all offerings.

The Ocean County Board Commissioners continues to offer a traveling *American Revolution in Ocean County* exhibit trailer. For arrangements to bring the trailer to your public event in Ocean County call 732-929-4779.

This year, sixteen art and nine history organizations will receive a total of \$268,000 in grant support through the Ocean County Board of Commissioners funded by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and the New Jersey Historical Commission.

The 2025 grant cycle for Ocean County non-profits will begin with an informational workshop on August 7, the mandatory notice of intent is due August 21, and the application is due September 9. Local Arts Program grants will total \$150,000, the County History Partnership Program will total \$88,000, and a Special Funding Initiative will provide an additional \$30,000 in funding.

The Ocean County Board of Commissioners is proud to announce that Malcolm Robinson received the 2024 Ocean County Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award. Thomas P. Farner received the 2024 Pauline S. Miller Ocean County Lifetime History Award.

The Borough of Seaside Heights received the 2024 Historic Preservation Award for their restoration of the Dr. Floyd Moreland Carousel. Cheryl Kirby received the Special Award of Merit for the magazine *Echoes of LBI*. Kathryn and Grove Conrad received the 2024 Virginia E. Haines Historic Advocate Awards. Michael T. Mangum received the 2024 John C. Bartlett Government Leadership Award.

Nomination forms for future awardees and lists of past awardees are at:

<http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmSaluteAwards.aspx>.

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

Commissioner Virginia E. Haines
Chairwoman of Ocean County Cultural & Heritage
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Department of Parks & Recreation