

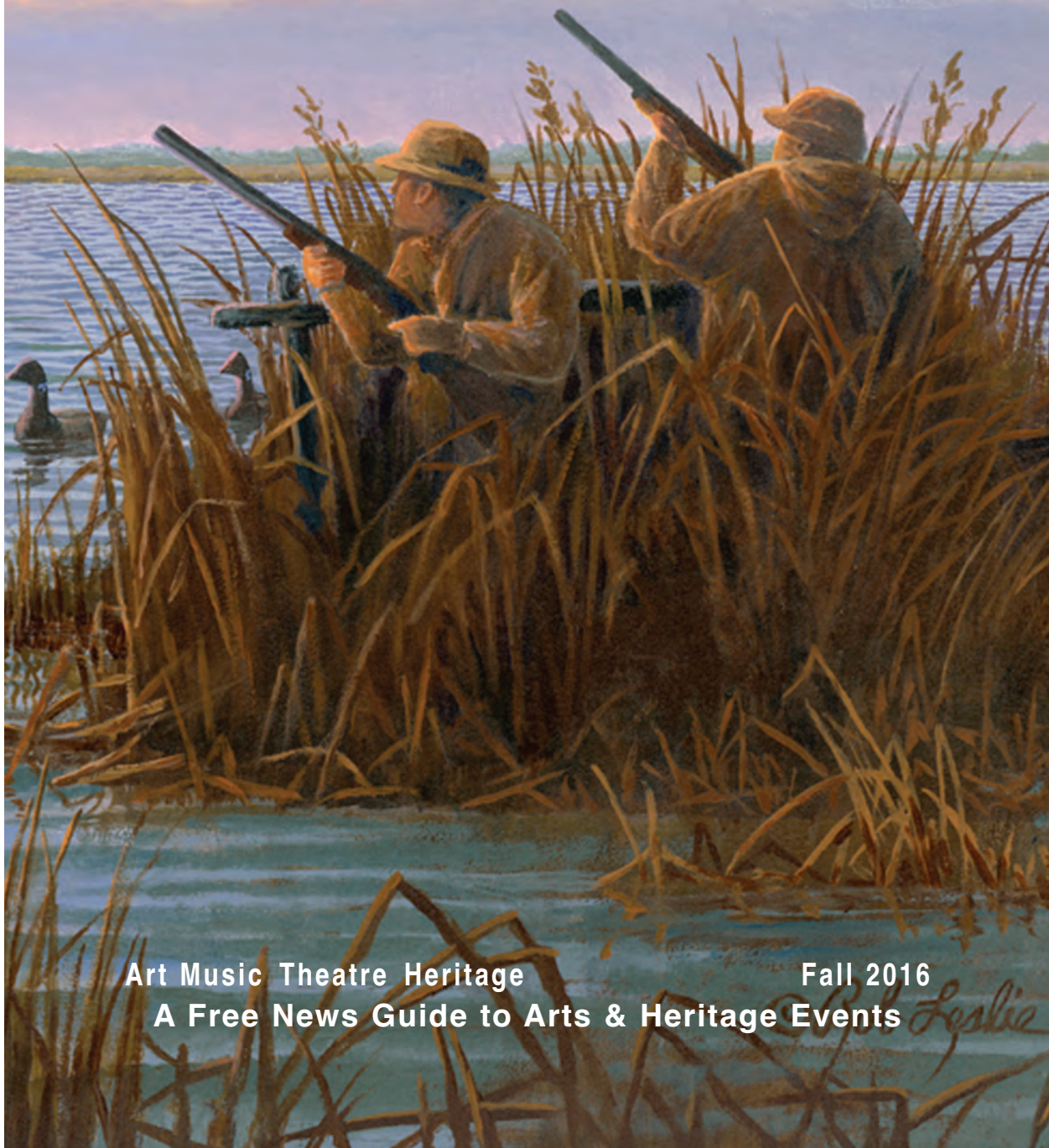
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Greetings from Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.

On behalf of the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I welcome you to the fall 2016 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 34th annual Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show at Tip Seaman Park in Tuckerton on September 24 and 25. Wells Mills County Park in Waretown will celebrate the 22nd annual Pinelands Jamboree on October 8. Cattus Island County Park is on schedule to reopen this fall.

The Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission is hosting the third Summit in 17 years on Ocean County Culture at the Bishop Building in Toms River on November 30 (snow date December 2). Members of the public and non-profit organizations are invited to offer their suggestions for the future of art and history in Ocean County.

The Ocean County based National Association for the Advancement of Latino People will host the third Garden State Latino Cultural Festival on October 1 at the Lake Terrace Facility on 1690 Oak Street in Lakewood. Seaside Heights will host the annual Columbus Day Parade on October 9, and the Italian Street Festival from October 7 to 9.

The Cultural and Heritage Commission is requesting nominations by November 15 for awards to be presented on April 4, 2017 at the annual Salute to Ocean County. Nominations forms are available for the 2017 Lifetime Achievement in Ocean County Arts and the 2017 Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement in Ocean County History and the 2016 Ocean County Preservation Awards.

The Parks & Recreation Department commemoration at Cedar Bridge Tavern is on December 18 at 2:00 PM (snow date January 8). This fall the County Department of Parks and Recreation will begin a major renovation to our early 19th century tavern.

Please enjoy the arts and history offerings for the fall of 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Bartlett, Jr.".

Freeholder John C. Bartlett, Jr.



Lakewood Opens New Museum

By: Victoria Ford

*W*e have a hell of a thing going here,” according to Lakewood Historical Society Chairman Stan Liptzin, PhD. The retired history teacher and athletics coach has invested much of himself in the town he loves, as have his fellows in the Society, having amassed and arranged the Sheldon Wolpin Lakewood Historical Museum, now settled in its new home at Kuser Hall, located inside Pine Park, home of Lakewood Country Club.

The museum houses an expansive collection of artifacts, collector’s items, personal effects and memorabilia from the township’s past, all of which (and much more) will be revealed and celebrated at a special dedication and opening party scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 7, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event begins at the museum and then moves to the country club at 6:30 for dinner and festivities. The “Toastimonial” honors Robert Kirschner, who is “100 percent responsible for the reconstruction and refurbishment of the building,” according to his comrades. “Without him, we’d still have holes in the walls,” Liptzin said.

Tickets are \$100 apiece and can be purchased through Robin Wellet at **732-330-5384** or rwellet@aol.com.

Providing a sneak-preview and tour of the museum was Liptzin, along with fundraising and events committee chairman Jimmy Givens and curator/ archivist/ Jill-of-all-trades Sheila Hager, weaving a narrative of Lakewood’s legends, vaunted milestones, prized mementos and endearing oddities (ask about the very small aircraft parked in its own side yard!).

Kuser Hall was built in 1927, a classroom and science lab building for the Newman School, a private Catholic prep school for boys. The ongoing renovation project that has already transformed the first floor and updated the surrounding property began four years ago and has a long road still ahead.

The first stage of the \$30,000 renovation project was asbestos and lead paint removal, Liptzin explained.

So far, a ramp and walkway bring the building up to compliance with ADA requirements; new steps are installed at the main entrance; and a 125-year-old iron water trough, made in 1891 by J.L. Mott Iron Works and formerly located at the corner of Main and Clifton Streets, has been relocated by crane to the front of Kuser Hall to be the centerpiece of the circular driveway. Finishing work to the electrical and water systems will restore it to a functioning water feature.



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Inside, plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems have been updated and the classrooms on the ground floor have been made into six separate galleries. The upstairs awaits renovation and includes a large auditorium that could prove useful for special events.

By Sept. 7, the Ocean County Society of Model Railroaders will have finished moving in and setting up in the lower level of the building, a space they have leased as their new headquarters.

The new museum is named for the man many referred to as “Mr. Lakewood,” such was his passion for preserving the town’s legacy. Several portraits of him hang in the museum, along with his contributions, including a sign from a huge parade he organized for the centennial anniversary in 1992, and – get this – a foot-tall cup trophy awarded to Wolpin at 5 months of age for first place in the town’s Labor Day Baby Parade of Sept. 3, 1923.

To Hager, there can be no favorite part

“I’ve been taking care of the archives for 11 years,” she said. “So, every piece is precious to me. I love everything.”



Reporter Victoria Ford in vintage telephone booth.
Photo credit: Christophe Seitz

How it all comes together

The Historical Society is the nonprofit fundraising arm of the Lakewood Heritage Commission, which has 26 members. The Commission was formed in 1984 and operated for 20 years before the first short-lived museum opened in the original Lakewood High School auditorium in 2004. It consisted of permanent displays; provided presentations of past eras and events; sponsored Victorian teas and period performances, as well as community and regional interests such as the Boy and Girl Scouts of Lakewood and the Model Railroaders; and hosted “Walks Down Memory Lane,” honoring eras intertwined and linked to Lakewood life.

The Princeton Avenue building also served as the school district’s administrative offices; so, when the Board of Education sold the building, the museum was ousted. Exhibits went into storage.

Later, as an alternative to demolition, the town offered Kuser Hall to the Commission, a township entity, and the Commission gladly snatched it up. (If anything ticks Liptzin off, he said, it’s the destruction of history.) He signed the lease on June 27, 2012.

Donations for the renovation project were collected in bits and pieces, he explained, from (among others) the Havens Foundation, a Lakewood High School Class of 1945 alumnus, and the now-dissolved local chapter of the Rotary Club.

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The group is in need of a benefactor and volunteers, Liptzin urged. “We need docents; we can’t have people ram-rodging through here.”

Fun facts (and artifacts) within

Lakewood used to be called Bricksburg, for Joseph Brick of the Bergen Iron Works. A set of three 150-year-old photographs of the Brick sisters, Caroline (Carrie), Sarah (Sally) and Josephine (Jo) – together the namesake for Lake Carasaljo – hangs in Gallery 103, which sheds light on the era of Civil War and train travel, at the heart of which was the famed Blue Comet, and the Jersey Central station that was torn down in 1953. Items of intrigue include a huge bellows from Bergen Iron Works and a section of wood water pipe.

Kissing Bridge is a prominent subject in photos and a sentimental spot to many.

The name was changed to Lakewood in 1880 and the destination became known as the resort in the heart of the pines for the wealthy, the noble and the infamous.

Gallery 101 is dedicated to Lakewood residents’ military accomplishments, including George Watson of the Tuskegee Airmen and Lakewood students who died in Vietnam.

Gallery 106 celebrates Lakewood High School Athletics, to which Liptzin has donated some of his personal memorabilia and records of the accomplishments of the many athletes he coached over the years. Much fanfare surrounds the story of Purnell Mincy, arguably the greatest athlete Lakewood has ever had, who graduated in 1937 and was recruited to play in the professional so-called Negro baseball leagues. Another notable alumnus whose football jersey is on display is Robert Carlson, who was drafted and died in France. Then there’s Jack Arden, who was the first basketball player in New Jersey to score 2,000 points.



*Relocated iron water trough.
Photo credit: Christopher Seitz*

Gallery 102 focuses on elementary education and houses of worship public and private. “At one time there were three temples, Orthodox, Conservative and Reform,” Liptzin said. Now there are too many to count. Beth Medrash Gohova, a yeshiva (Hebrew school) established in 1943, gets a special section dedicated to its important role in the town’s history.

Gallery 105, the first of the six that was completed, is the research library, where a curious visitor can find a wealth of reference materials, including a near-complete collection of yearbooks dating back to the ’20s. Some duplicates can be purchased for \$50. Class of ’61 grad Ben Pulcrano donated his collection of books about the historic hotels.

Gallery 104 is devoted to the hospitality and entertainment industries, which hold special places in the hearts of Liptzin and Givens. In 1962, when the Manhattan

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Hotel underwent a ballroom renovation, Liptzin and his wife were the first couple to celebrate their wedding there. Photos and the wedding invitation are on display. The large illuminated Hotel Lieberman sign was a donation, after a \$2,500 makeover. In Lakewood's entertainment heyday, Givens explained, the 1940s through '60s, when the town was home to dozens of hotels, musicians and showmen of all kinds had so much work, they didn't need to travel. They performed in concert halls and venues throughout the town.

Another thing Lakewood had a great lot of, once upon a time, was chicken farms. "Back in the day, we had more chickens than people," someone said.



Lakewood Archive.
Photo credit: Christopher Seitz

Want to see some postcards? Liptzin and his wife spent many hours cataloguing and arranging an enormous collection of the best examples ever printed, going back to 1906. One exhibit board shows all lake scenes ("These are tremendous. Some of these on ebay now would be \$25, \$30.")

The museum tour takes a couple of hours to appreciate fully, but a true enthusiast could easily spend a whole afternoon wandering from room to room, getting lost in the exhibits and the memories they invoke. The halls are adorned with paintings of landmarks (Lynx Hall, Laurel-in-the-Pines Hotel, others) by Cathleen Engelsen. Even the restrooms, newly done over, contain bits of ephemera and nostalgia, in the form of framed historic photos and encased urinals, remnants of the school.

The museum is a community enterprise and an opportunity for schools, organizations, the overall surrounding communities and general population to gain knowledge and understanding. As the town's population grows ever more "fluid, pluralistic and diverse," the museum offers space to all groups, both ethnic and religious, to portray their involvement in the development of Lakewood's identity.

The Lakewood Historical Society's mission is to, in association with the Lakewood Heritage Commission, investigate, develop, record, preserve, perpetuate and safeguard the rich and exciting history of Lakewood's past and present. The Sheldon Wolpin Lakewood Historical Museum provides the venue for education and exhibition.



One of many converted spaces to display area.
Photo credit: Christopher Seitz

"If you're from Lakewood, it's really something special."

Beyond the Classroom: Global Education for Girls

By: Victoria Ford

Photo credit: supplied by artist
La Bruja.



How do young women learn?

Here, elsewhere?

How is their learning process, their educational success, influenced by social, cultural, political, economic factors and more?

Because such questions (and more) are worth exploring, Ocean County College offers the six-week pilot program, “Beyond the Classroom: Global Education for Girls,” Oct. 3 to Nov. 11 in conjunction with Georgian Court University and Toms River Library.

Mark Wilson is the college’s Director of Cultural Affairs and runs the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts. He also teaches World Music. “I bring performance artists here to help spread cultural awareness,” he explained. He imparts to students how music ties us all together, unites us as a human race. He is a father of five.

About a year and a half ago, Wilson was inspired by a work of art he saw on display at Bergen County Community College by Mary Mihelic, painter of the “53 Running Girls” series, works depicting the girls running away from the militant group Boko Haram, which denounces women’s education in favor of cooking and sexual slavery. “The art reflects on war under the guise of religion, religious freedom, education for women, and global feminism,” according to the artist.

The program’s objective, then, is to highlight the importance of education, with a focus on the ways in which young women are educated around the world, and ultimately to stop the cycle of interrupted educations, i.e. intermittent college attendance, as opposed to continuous. It’s a struggle many OCC students face, due to the lingering economic effects of Superstorm Sandy, Wilson said – and the topics covered in “Beyond the Classroom” may relate such struggles on a global scale.

To pluck but one spectacular example out of the lineup of events scheduled for those six weeks, the visually arresting, lyrically questing, verbal powerhouse of poetry and spoken word known as “La Bruja” (“The Witch”) will conduct some workshops with the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission and give a mini-performance with OCC and Georgian Court.

On Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 10:30 a.m. and noon, Caridad De La Luz, a.k.a. La Bruja, delivers “a melting pot of urban rhymes, Nuyorican anecdotes, comedic

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tales, musical renditions and heart-warming storytelling,” followed by a Q&A session wherein the audience is encouraged to interact and ask questions in both English and Spanish. Her message is geared toward middle- and high-school-aged audiences.

De La Luz was born and raised in the Bronx and is regarded as a world-class poet and performance artist. Her poetic rhyme skills have carried her throughout the world, the World Wide Web, and good old TV, film, theater and radio. The Bronx Living Legend has won numerous awards for her Puerto Rican heritage and her writing and has taught poetry workshops to young people throughout the country.

Investigate labrujamusic.com.



La Bruja in concert.
Photo credit: supplied by artist

The program ties together the talents and strengths of many women in many capacities:

Mihelic’s friend Joan Osariemen Oviawe, who teaches at Cornell University and helps build schools in Nigeria;

Jenny Nordberg, author of *The Underground Girls of Kabul: In Search of a Hidden Resistance in Afghanistan* (first-year seminar students will read her book, which follows the lives and social hierarchy of girls in Afghanistan, detailing parents’ difficult task of raising daughters as sons);

Actor Piper Perabo, originally from Toms River, her husband a movie director, to lead a talk during the screenwriting series;

Protest singer-songwriter Emel Mathlouthi, hailed as “the voice of the Tunisian revolution”; and

Crystal Bowersox, runner-up on Season 9 of “American Idol.”

The program and its special events are not exclusively for students but also for members of the greater community to come together to have conversations about important issues in a safe environment, Wilson explained.

Because it’s a pilot program, focus groups and opinion surveys will take the temperature of its various components to gauge their effectiveness. A video diary project will record lectures and take feedback, confessional-style, so citizens and students of the future can know what Ocean County residents thought about girls’ education in the early 21st century.

To Wilson, the whole structure of the program is exciting, the idea of bringing diverse speakers to connect with a diverse audience.

“We believe education is an important tool to succeed,” he said.

Some events are free to attend, and some are not; check the Grunin Center’s 2016-2017 season (at grunincenter.org) for details. The acts scheduled for October and November are primarily female-centric, with the exceptions of the New Jersey Tap Ensemble Oct. 9; Ramsey Lewis and John Pizzarelli Oct. 16; and Arlo Guthrie Nov. 10.

34th Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show

By: Victoria Ford

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34TH ANNUAL OCEAN COUNTY
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The 34th Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show will be not only the epicenter of “every possible aspect of waterfowling and decoy collecting,” according to organizer German Georgieff, but also an alluring festival-style event for those looking to soak in the sights and sounds of the whole culture surrounding the baymen’s lifestyle, that includes family, food, music and camaraderie.

The two-day event takes place in Tuckerton the weekend of Sept. 24 and 25 this year, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The majority of the action takes place on the lake beach and surrounding lawns at Tip Seaman County Park. Admission is free, and parking is available at the Tuckerton Seaport,

Pinelands Regional High School and Freedom Fields Park. A shuttle bus system will run continuous loops.

Some of the area’s oldest traditions offer delight and intrigue anew, to the thousands who come for the antiques and collectibles; the traditional trades, crafts and music; the living history in every carver, skeet shooter, dog handler and duck caller demonstrating their craft and expertise. Enthusiasts come from near and far to support and take part in the Decoy Show and its many contests, making it an important stop on the national contest circuit.

Each year the festival highlights a different species of waterfowl. The 2016 Bird of the Year is the Atlantic Brant, *Branta bernicla*, a small sea goose and cousin to the Canada goose, with similar coloring but slightly different markings, flight pattern and call. Decades ago, Georgieff explained, brant were delicious to eat because their diet consisted mainly of eelgrass. But in the ’30s, when a blight wiped out the eelgrass beds, the birds adapted to sea lettuce, which makes them less tasty, though still exciting to hunt.

Music and food also play an important part in shaping the event’s identity. The music tends to be of the country/ folk persuasion;

Branta bernicla.
Photo credit: supplied by artist

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this year brings the talents of the Basement Musicians Guild and the duo Gary Struncius and Debbie Lawton to attendees' ears. Helping to contribute to the festive atmosphere, the duo will set up near the food vendors, which offer non-competing menus for maximum variety. Spaces are given free to local nonprofit groups to sell edibles as a fundraiser. In addition, the Seaport offers fresh local seafood – scallops, shrimp, clams and oysters. It all comes together to create a sense of a neighborhood gathering and community support.

Now a far cry from the earliest decoy shows, which basically amounted to a handful of local guys buying and selling decoys off the tailgates of their trucks, the heart and soul of the show has always been the decoy carving contests, according to Georgieff.

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



The earliest carving was not about art but hunting; decoys were tools to attract and harvest ducks. The working decoy categories endure – differentiated among styles such as Barnegat Bay-style, Delaware River-style, traditional shorebird rig, contemporary and miniature.

Hundreds will be on display under the lakeside tents, with another 50 or so decorative decoys inside the park's community center, categorized by fish, bird of prey, game/ song/ wading bird, shorebird, waterfowl.

Regional carving styles trace their histories back to the days before how-to videos on YouTube, automobiles and field guides, when carvers looked to nature or fellow carvers for examples. As a result, commonalities were a function of proximity. Point Pleasant decoys, for example, have greater detail and more relaxed postures, which suited the waterfowling methods.

Over time, recreational decoy carving grew more prevalent, and fancier, with painstaking detail – designed not to catch birds but rather to be displayed and admired. Species expanded to include not just game birds but also songbirds and birds of prey.

The Decoy Show honors all representations of natural beauty. Photography and other artistic mediums are part of the show, too, because the Show celebrates not just waterfowling but the many trappings of the lifestyle surrounding the baymen and their families. The Show also highlights trades associated with sporting – blacksmithing, for example, was vital for making tools such as clam rakes, and boat builders made sneak boxes for duck hunting and garveys for clamming and oystering. Exhibition shooting, retriever contests and the Delmarva Dock Dogs are always huge draws.

The ever-evolving collector's market adds another layer of excitement to the event. Decoy values can range from a few hundred dollars to six figures, with the most sought-after being those never intended to be collectible. The ones that

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survived the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 that banned market hunting, rendering decoys useless for all but firewood, have genuine appeal. A household name among collectors is third-generation carver Harry V. Shourds II, who carved the decoy that served as the model for the 2016 Decoy Show collector’s pin, featuring the brant. The special commemorative cloisonné pin is for sale at the Ocean County Parks and Recreation Department show booth, the entrance gate and the Seaport.



DelMarva Dog Dogs in Action.
Photo credit: DelMarva Dock Dogs

The Show also supplies the needs of the modern hunter with state-of-the-art commercial equipment, gear and accessories for sale, reconciling the traditions of the sporting world with the latest technologies that will carry the industry into the future.

Hurley Conklin Award Winner - 2016



Captain Joel E. Mick
Photo credit: Victoria Ford

Joel Mick, born in 1947 in Jenkins Neck, knew from a young age that his true calling was fishing. His introduction to the water was aboard his maternal grandfather’s charter boat, the *Alpat*. He later served in the Navy aboard aircraft carriers in Guantanamo Bay.

His family on his dad’s side owned hundreds of acres in the Pines where they farmed blueberries and cranberries with a bog system engineered by his paternal grandfather and namesake.

“I always said I had the best of both worlds,” he said, referring to hunting and farming in the woods and fishing in the ocean and the bay. He also enjoyed a 25-year career with the Atlantic City Fire Department. This year is Mick’s 46th year running the charter boat. He

would clam on his days off, run charters, or both, plus work the cranberry farm. “I was going three different ways for years,” he said.

The boat he has now, the *Evelynn Ann*, named for his wife, was custom built by Jack Henriques in Bayville. “It’s been the best boat I’ve ever had under me,” he said – she’s his fourth. His third, the *Melody II*, at the end of her run he donated to Tuckerton Seaport for educational purposes.

He inherited a lot of the business from the *Alpat* – regulars from the Philly, Trenton and local area. At the height, he would take out about 125 trips a year. “Even today, as third-generation, I still take some of the families that went with my grandfather,” he said. “That’s gratifying.”

He gives a lot of credit for his professional success and longevity to the more experienced captains for passing along their wisdom to him.

Hurley Conklin Award Winner - 2016

Steve C. Frazee
Photo credit: Victoria Ford



Steve Frazee is a woodsman, like his father before him. Born in 1948 and raised in Forked River, he has worked in the woods all his life and spent his share of time in the bay, fishing, crabbing and clamming. From his dad he learned every imaginable kind of tree job – hauling logs, cutting survey lines, thinning the woods and brush, and the art of the controlled burn.

He started running the saw mill in his 20s, making and selling all sorts of useful wood products for commercial and residential uses, including channel markers, fencing, paneling, siding, pilings, sign posts, snow fence posts, boards for boat building and pine pulp for paper.

He built both his and his sister's houses.

Lately he supplies cedar to boat builders and decoy carvers.

In all the years he has operated the sawmill, Frazee has had nary an incident, injury, scratch or even close call, simply by being careful.

He suspects it's a dying art form. "There was 100 mills back in the '30s," he said. "And you could see that wasn't going to last. I think there's two mills left."

These days he does a lot of fishing, and using leftover wood from downed trees in Waretown to build benches, chairs, stools, bird boxes and the like. "It's just a hobby now, pretty much. But I got a bunch of wood sitting there, dry, ready to sell, or ready to make stuff."



25th Annual Columbus Day Parade and Italian Street Festival.
Photo Credit: Ocean County Columbus Day Parade Committee, Inc.



**Pauline S. Miller Lifetime-Achievement Award for
Ocean County History**

The Commission has created this award category to recognize the extraordinary achievements and contributions of those individuals and organizations to the quality of life in Ocean County. The Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement Award is given to an individual who has demonstrated a passion for Ocean County Heritage and shared that history with the public. Criteria to receive this award is as follows: county wide impact, active in Ocean County for at least 10 years, advocate of Ocean County heritage, special emphasis on scholarship or teaching about Ocean County history. **You may attach a non-returnable sample or photo of the historian's work for evaluation.** The lifetime achievement award is awarded to the recipient at the Salute to Ocean County: a Celebration of Arts & Heritage in March of each year. **Nominations are due on or before November 15 each year.** This form may be copied.

Nominee Name:

Nominee Address:

City/State/Zip:

**Description of the Nominee's work and contributions to the Arts
(attach pages as necessary):**

Contact information for individual who made the nomination

Name:

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Ocean County Lifetime Achievement in the Arts

The Commission has created this award category to recognize the extraordinary achievements and contributions of those individuals and organizations to the quality of life in Ocean County. Recipients are selected by the Commission from the distinguished list of Ocean County artists representing many art forms, nominated by various individuals and organizations. Nominations should be made for individuals with at least 10 years of experience and who have made a substantive contribution to the Arts in Ocean County. **You may attach a non-returnable sample or photo of the artist’s work for evaluation.** The lifetime achievement award is awarded to the recipient at the Salute to Ocean County: a Celebration of Arts & Heritage in March of each year. **Nominations are due on or before November 15 each year.** This form may be copied.

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2017 Ocean County Historic Preservation Award Nomination

Annually, the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission honors individuals, organizations, and businesses that have made a significant contribution to preserving an historic property in Ocean County. The purpose of this award program is to recognize projects that preserve historical resources, heighten awareness of the importance of historic preservation, and acknowledge individuals, volunteers, professionals, and organizations that have been responsible for the restoration, rehabilitation, or adaptive use of historic buildings, structures, sites, cultural landscapes, or maritime properties. Only exterior work will be judged. Awards will be announced in May during Historic Preservation Week. **Nominations are due on or before November 15 each year.** This form may be copied.

Guidelines:

- The project must be located in Ocean County and the structure at least 50 years old.
- The exterior of the project must retain the spirit, architectural integrity, and appearance of the original property.
- The use of modern materials is acceptable only when vintage materials are unavailable or impractical.
- Include 3 photographs of the project and, if available, one or more “before” photos.
(Photos will be returned upon request.)

Project/Property Name:

Location/Address of Nomination:

Property Owner (if known):

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TEEN ARTS AWARDS ANNOUNCED

The Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission and the Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation have announced the award categories for the upcoming April 4, 2017 *A Salute to Ocean County: A Celebration of the Arts and Heritage*.

Student participants in the Ocean County Teen Arts Festival who perform or display at the annual Salute to Ocean County may qualify for a number of awards. The Jay and Linda Grunin Foundation will graciously provide \$10,000 for these awards. The Grunin Foundation will also fund \$7,500 in professional assistance for the three student made documentaries on the 2017 awardees for the Ocean County Lifetime Achievement in the Arts, the Pauline S. Miller Lifetime Achievement for Ocean County History and the Ocean County Historic Preservation Award.

The Rules and Stipulations may be found on the C&H Commission Website. <http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch/frmSaluteAwards.aspx>

Specific Student Awards

1. Award: **Documentary** – one award of **\$1,000** to school selected by the full Commission on March 14, 2017.
 - a. Mandatory Notice of Intent to be filed by **September 15, 2016**
 - b. Participate at mandatory orientation session on **October 6, 2016**
 - c. Submit mandatory application by **November 1, 2016**
 - d. Random selection of qualified schools on **November 15, 2016**
2. Award: **Visual Arts** – one award of **\$1,000** to artist selected by a committee ...(from) works critiqued for excellence during the Ocean County Teen Arts Festival.
3. Award: **Creative Writing** – one award of **\$1,000** to artist selected by a committee ...(from) works critiqued for excellence during the Ocean County Teen Arts Festival.
4. Award: **Video** - one award of **\$1,000** to artist selected by a committee ...(from) works critiqued for excellence during the Ocean County Teen Arts Festival.
5. Award: **Live Performance** – two awards to schools (**\$5000 Grand Prize - \$1000 First Runner Up**) to be selected from the live performances at the Salute.



Hindu Temple Opens in Toms River

By: Victoria Ford

All the dreaming, planning and working has finally produced happy results.

The Siddhivinayak Temple on Lakewood Road in Toms River officially opened its doors the weekend of June 17-19. The location will eventually be home to a larger Hindu temple and Indian Cultural Center, with special emphasis on young devotees and sharing love and acceptance with the greater community.

“We have been waiting for five years,” according to Executive Board Chairman Dr. Avinash Gupta. The first day it opened, he said, the idol was placed on the altar, the sound of the conch filled the air, the priest went inside the temple first, then the public. “When people went inside, there were tears flowing from everybody’s eyes. That was like a dream come true for us.”

Meeting to give a tour of the newly opened temple one recent day were Gupta, Executive Board member and Treasurer Hira Suri, Senior Activities Committee Chairman Himanshu Desai and priest Arunachalam Viswanathan.

The Siddhivinayak congregation has spent the last year conducting immersion ceremonies or *adhivaases* to purify and energize the idol of the Lord Ganesha in preparation for *Murti Sthapana*, the consecration or “establishment of the idol” during a three-day celebration with eight priests and hundreds of congregant families. Adhivaas involves different grains, seeds, legumes, and other natural materials to imbue the idol.



Priest Arunachalam Viswanathan.
Photo credit: Christopher Seiz



Image of Hindu Temple from Route 9.
Photo credit: Siddhivinayak Temple

In conjunction with *Murti Sthapana* is *Kumbhabhishekam*, a temple ritual believed to homogenize, synergize and unite the deity’s mystic powers. (*Kumbha* means head, or crown of the temple, and *Abhishekam* means ritual bathing.) Part of the celebration involved outdoor rituals around fire pits incorporating elements of earth,

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fire, air, sky and water.

Forty-eight days later, on Aug. 6, the temple celebrated Mandala Abhishekam, which, according to the holy literature, enhances the divine presence in the consecrated idol and brings blessings upon participants: “Whoever worships during Mandala will be rid of all diseases and blessed with wealth, children and grandchildren.” Siddhivinayak leaders explain the Mandala is conducted with the sole purpose of “eradicating all illness and deriving rich benefits for the wellbeing and healthy propagation of the progeny.”



Two girls smile before their dance.
Photo credit: Siddhivinayak Temple

Sept. 4 they will celebrate the Ganesh Chaturthi, or birthday of Lord Ganesha, with a giant party that lasts 10 days. It culminates in the idol being transported via rath, or chariot, to the river to be immersed in the water.

Celebration is an integral part of the Hindu life. “We don’t have sorrowful activities at all,” Suri explained. “We are constantly celebrating what’s going on in life. That seems to be the backdrop of a Hindu’s life.”

For people who believe or have an interest in Hindu religion, culture and philosophy, the temple provides a place of worship and promotes spiritual, cultural, civic, educational and social activities.

The 6-acre property was purchased in late 2012; groundbreaking was performed the following June; Phase 1 (the 3,300-square-foot interim temple and other site work, parking lot, landscaping, signage) was approved that same summer. The Murti, or idol of the Lord Ganesha, an exact replica of the one located in the Siddhivinayak Temple in Mumbai, arrived in July 2013. In August, the executive board met for the first time around a folding table on the dirt at the temple site. Construction began the following year, in November 2014; temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued in January 2016 and the final in May. Gupta said there were unforeseen expenses along the way but “with the Lord’s help, we never fell short of funds.”

Colorful Female Dancers.
Photo credit: Siddhivinayak Temple



Now transformed, the property at 1916 Lakewood Road is beautiful and inviting, complete with banana trees awaiting planting in the ground.

The total cost of the project so far is about \$1.3 million (\$675,000 for the land, \$400,000 for the building, \$250,000 in exterior improvements,

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including one-time costs such as utilities, parking, in support of Phase 2). The interim temple now stands in place of the former warehouse that was in grave disrepair; the ultimate goal, Gupta explained, is to establish a two-story (40,000-square-foot) structure on other portion of the property, with a community center/ cultural hall on the ground floor for weddings and other special events, and a temple on the second floor.



*Two girls dance at temple opening.
Photo credit: Siddhivinayak Temple*

The project is blessed by collaboration with another Siddhivinayak Temple in Mumbai, though the two are not affiliated in any way aside from a shared name.

Gupta explained, the cultural aspects of the temple include yoga classes, bhajan (singing/ prayer), children’s classes and senior activities. “And all this is open to all the people living here, not just Hindus,” Gupta said.

The temple’s fulltime priest, Pandit Arunachalam Viswanathan, joined the congregation in March. He has a special affinity for Lord Ganesha, according to Gupta, and he wanted to be part of a proper temple, so he relocated with his family to New Jersey (from San Diego, Calif., where he served as senior priest at the Shiva Vishnu Temple) to serve the approximately 850 families that make up the Siddhivinayak community. He speaks six languages – English, Tamil, Sanskrit, Hindi, Telugu and Malayalam – and is known for his remarkable voice, how it “pervades the temple and endows every mantra with divinity, awakening the holy atmosphere. His enthusiasm and friendliness always bring a bright smile to every devotee.”

Families come from as far as Philadelphia and D.C. for *aarti*, or daily prayer services held morning, noon and night.

The significance of this temple is huge in the Indian community, which is diverse and includes other faiths such as Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism. Dozens of families come daily to worship, thrilled to have a temple within close driving distance after so long having to drive an hour north or south. Differences aside, Viswanathan said, everyone who enters the temple is entitled to the gifts of “more happiness, health, wealth, growth, prosperity, and peace.”

While the Indian community may comprise different religious variations, the elephant-headed god, Lord Ganesha, is one figure that unites everyone and everything. He is known as the “first lord.” He has a big head for big thoughts; large ears to listen; a trunk to symbolize adaptability and efficiency but curled up to represent power kept under control; a big belly to digest the good and bad of life; one foot on the ground and one up on his throne, to strike a balance between worldly and spiritual activities.

“A prayer to Ganesha, remover of obstacles, is essentially saying, let’s start something,” Suri said.

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Photo credit: Siddhivinayak Temple.
Congregation in the new temple.



Inside the temple is the lovingly tended altar and simple open layout that allows devotees a proximity to the idol they can't experience elsewhere. "One comment people make is when they go to Bombay (now named Mumbai), they can't even get this close to him," Suri said. Also on display inside the temple is the *kalash* from

the top of the other Siddhivinayak Temple, a donation that creates continuity.

With a clamor of drums and bells in announcement, Viswanathan demonstrated the greeting and preparation for worship of Ganesha, ringing bells (for peace, joy) and singing an invocation, a form of praise, bestowing the mark of red ash to the heads of the others in attendance, representing the third eye and meaning from earth we originated, and to earth we will return – a simple reminder that flesh is temporary, so don't sweat the small stuff.

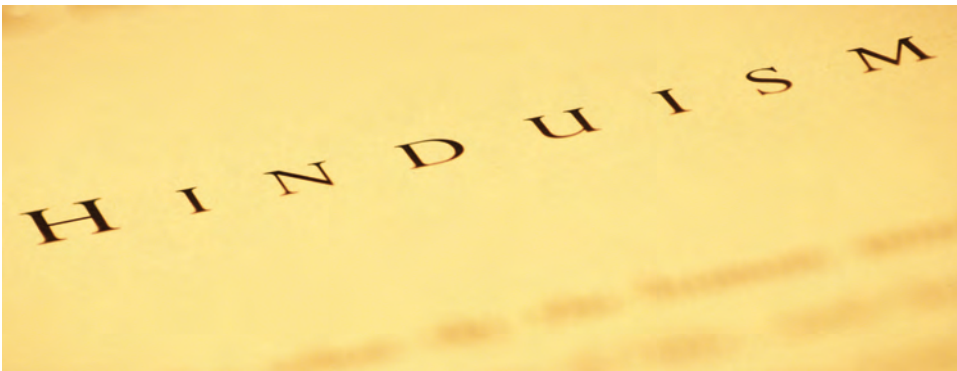
Ganesha was chosen as the Lord of Siddhivinayak Temple because leaders wanted to appeal to the biggest audience of Hindus, and Ganesha is the unifying god.

Hindus all believe in one God, but the individual chooses the form in which he or she wants to worship him – one God has many incarnations, or deities, that express different qualities a worshiper may want to bring into his or her life.

One distinguishing characteristic of Hinduism is the absence of a conversion mechanism. Becoming a Hindu is as simple as deciding to be and live as a Hindu, embracing two of the fundamental principles:

The world is a family.
Live and let live.

For information on the organization's progress and to stay up to date on current and upcoming events, visit www.siddhivinayakusa.org, which also contains spiritual learning, photo galleries, sponsorships and more.



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Albert Hall Country & Bluegrass Show

Every Saturday Night -

Year Round starting at 7:30 PM

Albert Music Hall

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. Air conditioned. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Music 7:30 pm to 11pm. Admission \$5 Tickets must be purchased at the door.

131 Wells Mills Rd.

Waretown

609-971-1593

<http://www.alberthall.org>

The "Orphan" Cars

Wednesday – Friday & Sunday, July 7 – September 30, Noon to 4:00 PM

Saturdays, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey

Kaiser, Crosley, Pontiac, Mercer etc. are among the many famous automobiles that are no longer being manufactured. Where have they gone Joe DiMaggio? The Vintage Auto Museum presents a collection of these "orphan" cars and others that are out-of-production. The display also includes a variety of antique motorcycles, automobilia, vintage automotive servicing equipment, children's toys, die-cast and model cars, and a host of period antiques.

Admission is free, however donations are welcome.

1800 Bay Ave. (Johnson Brothers Boat Yard)

Bldg. 13 (end of Meadow Lane) next to NJ Museum of Boating

Point Pleasant

(732) 899-0012

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

2016 Peto Biennial: International Juried Art Exhibition of Contemporary Still Life and Trompe l'Oeil

Saturday & Sunday, September 3 & 4

John F. Peto Studio Museum

In celebration of John F. Peto's enduring legacy, the 2016 Biennial: International Juried Art Exhibition of Contemporary Still Life and Trompe l'Oeil presents nearly 70 works from approximately 200 competition submissions, created by notable living artists from across the country.

Admission is \$10 adults, \$5 children,

12 and under FREE

102 Cedar Ave.

Island Heights

732-929-4949

<http://www.petomuseum.org>



SEPTEMBER

Downtown Art Stroll

Thursday, September 1

Downtown Toms River

The Art Stroll will consist of artist of all genres who will set up their show and sell their works on the sidewalks along the Main St. & Washington St. Washington St.

Toms River

732-341-8738

<http://www.downtowntomsriver.com>

Walking Tours through Historical Beach Haven

Friday, September 2

Long Beach Island Historical Association

Adults \$10, Children \$2

Engleside & Beach Ave.

Beach Haven

609-492-0700

<http://www.lbimuseum.com>

30th Annual Antiques & Collectibles Faire

Saturday, September 3, rain or shine,

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Ocean County Historical Society

Shop for antiques and collectibles, jewelry, art, plants, crafts, and delicious food & baked goods. Meet NJ authors, local craft persons, Civil War re-enactors, musicians from Toms River Music Academy. View vintage cars and engines. Tour Ocean County Historical Society museum.

No admission charge

Hadley and Madison Avenues

Toms River

732-341-1880

<http://www.oceancountyhistory.org>

FREE Guided Walking Tours of Historic Downtown Toms River

Saturdays, September 3 – October 8

Ocean County Historical Society

Most Saturday afternoons from April 30 - October 8, 4 different tours to choose from, reservations required.

Free

26 Hadley Ave.

Toms River

732-664-1318

<http://www.oceancountyhistory.org>

Lavallette Summer Concerts 2016

Sunday, September 4

Lavallette Business Association

Summer Outdoor Concerts 2016

Free

Bay & Philadelphia Ave.

Lavallette

732-793-7477

<http://www.lavallette.org>

Brian Hanlon - Sculpture

Friday, September 9, 7:00 PM

Laurelton Art Society

Brian will give a talk and slide show on the stages of work that go into the creation of a sculptured piece. He is known for many Ocean

County works, eg. "Angel in Anguish", "Family Heading to the Shore", & "Welcome to Ocean Co".

346 Chambers Bridge Rd

Brick

732-477-1805

Community Pride Day

Saturday, September 10, from

10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Berkeley Township Recreation

Community Pride Day features non-stop fun for all ages and includes: children's entertainment, rides, face painting, games, prizes, food vendors, arts & crafts and live bands. Opening Act-Sounds of the Street at 5:30 pm The Infernos Band at 7:15 pm Fireworks after the concert

Free to attend, cost for food

489 Forest Hills Pkwy

Bayville

732-269-4456

<http://www.BTRec.org>

Night of the Stars at Jakes Branch

Saturday, September 10

Ocean County Parks and Recreation

Spend the night under the stars with A.S.T.R.A., volunteer members on site to share out of this world knowledge and answer questions, view stars, planets and constellations through telescopes, feel free to bring your own telescope.

Free

1100 Double Trouble Rd.

Beachwood

732-281-2750

<http://www.oceancountyparks.org>

The 1916 New Jersey Shark Attacks - 100 Years Later

Saturday, September 10, 5:00 to 11:00 PM

New Jersey Maritime Museum

100th anniversary of the New Jersey shark attacks! Indoor-outdoor tented fundraiser 5pm to 11pm. Pig Roast, salads, desserts, assorted seafoods, pasta, vegetarian dishes. Live entertainment. Full service cash bar. Raffle, Chinese auction, silent auction. Ride the mechanical great white shark!

\$55 non-members. \$50 members

528 Dock Road

Beach Haven

609-492-0202

<http://www.NJMaritimeMuseum.org>

Ye Old Clamtown Antiques Flea Market

Saturday, September 10, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuckerton Historical Society

This marks its 42nd year. Appraiser Table. Approx. 70 antique dealers. Selected food vendors. RAIN DATES 11th or 17th. Dealers call 609-296-2584.

Free

Tuckerton

609-294-1547

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

Shades of Buble

Saturday, September 10, 8:00 PM

Ocean County College

A three-man tribute to Michael Buble with incredible songs like "Come Fly with Me," "Fever," and "Feeling Good." Shades of Buble brings the swinging standards and pop hits on this modern-day Sinatra to the stage.

\$25 - \$30

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

Ocean County Carousel of Music 2016

Saturday, September 10

Ocean County Parks and Recreation

Ocean County Carousel of Music 2016, bring a chair for comfortable seating.

Free

Forest Hills Parkway & Tilton Blvd.

Berkeley

732-506-9090

<http://www.oceancountyparks.org>

Fall Afternoon Tea

Saturday, September 10, 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Brick Township Historical Society

The Brick Township Historical Society will hold its Fall Afternoon Tea at its Havens Homestead Museum. Costumed society members will serve a variety of teas, fresh fruit, scones, finger sandwiches, cookies and cake. Folk musician Bonnie Leigh of Brick, who performs and teaches at festivals across the Northeast, will entertain the guests. For a reservation call 732-458-4788 starting June 20 from 11 am on.

\$20 for members, \$22 for non-members

521 Herbertsville Rd.

Brick

732-785-2500

<http://www.bricktwphistoricalsociety.com>

37th Annual Vintage Auto Club of Ocean County Classic Car Show

Sunday, September 11, 9:00 AM to 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, gift auction and goodie bags for first 300 vehicles. Proceeds benefit Ocean of Love, Ocean County Hunger Relief, and Shore Dreams for Kids. There is no rain date.

\$12 pre-registration / \$15 day of show.

Spectators are free

1000 Bay Blvd.

Seaside Heights

732-244-4984 or 732-269-4560

<http://www.vintageautoclubnj.org>

Vintage Automobile Club of Ocean County Car Show

Sunday, September 11, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Seaside Heights Business Improvement District

Sunday, 9AM to 3PM on Bay Boulevard.

Registration is between 8AM to 11AM. All cars that are at least 25 years old are welcome for judging. Over eighty trophies will be awarded! Proceeds benefit Ocean of Love and Seaside Heights Toys for Tots. Sponsored by the Vintage Automobile Club of Ocean County. Free admission for spectators! www.vintageautoclubnj.org

FREE

Bay Boulevard

Seaside Heights

732-830-3700

<http://www.exit82.com>

45th Ocean County Bluegrass Show

Sunday, September 11, Noon to 5:00 PM

Albert Music Hall

The program features a live stage concert of bluegrass music in the new Albert Music Hall building. Be prepared to be entertained Pinelands style while listening to leading regional bluegrass bands from the tri-state area.

Adults: \$10

131 Wells Mills Rd.

Waretown

609-971-1593

<http://www.alberthall.org>

19th Annual Beach Plum Festival

Sunday, September 11, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Friends of Island Beach State Park

Family fun at this annual event celebrating the native beach plum with beach plum jelly, ice cream and muffins, children's games, environmental and nonprofit exhibits, nature walks, beach plum picking with a naturalist, seining, food vendors, music, crafters, paddle board raffle. Rain or shine. Dogs welcome on leash. Suggested donation to nonprofit Friends of

Island Beach is \$8

PO Box 406

Seaside Park

848-333-1949

<http://friendsofibsp.org/>

Members' Juried Art Show

Sunday, September 11, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Attend the Ocean County Artists' Guild Member Show to see some of the finest art work in the Jersey shore area. The art work will be on display all month at the Guild but the opening reception and award ceremony will be on Sunday, September 11.

free

22 Chestnut Avenue

Island Heights

732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Sentimental Journey Big Band Concert

Wednesday, September 14, 7:00 PM

Township of Brick

This fabulous band recreates the sounds of the glory days of big band music of the 1930's & 1940's.

\$0 (No fee)

270 Chambers Bridge Road

Brick

732-262-4622

<http://www.parksandrecreation.bricktownship.net>

Cruisin' Downtown

Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 to 9:00 PM

Downtown Toms River

Join us in Downtown Toms River the second Wednesday of the month, June until Sept. from 6:00pm - 9:00pm for Cruisin' Downtown! The streets are lined with classic cars and live entertainment and a DJ will keep the street hoppin. Restaurants downtown will be open! So head downtown for a fun night with family and friends.

Free Admission

Washington St.

(Between Hooper Ave. & Main St.)

Toms River

732-341-8738

<http://www.downtowntomsriver.com>

Movies at the Lake

Friday, September 16 & Friday, October 14

Manchester Township Recreation

Free for everyone; bring a lawn chair or blanket, refreshment vendors available.

Free

Manchester

732-657-8121 ext. 5103

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

Romeo Delight - The Ultimate Van Halen Tribute Band!

Friday, September 16, 8:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

The Music of Van Halen performed by award winning, Romeo Delight with the same energy, timeless songs, flamboyant look, and exact sound that made Van Halen famous! Named 13th Top Tribute Band by Mashable.com A Top 10 Philadelphia noted event, profiled and interviewed on multiple satellite and radio stations, Even mentioned by Howar

Tickets \$35, \$25, \$15 (Plus \$5 fee per ticket).

Music : Genre: Classic Rock, Rock

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

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

The Voices of Legends starring Johnny T of the Mystics

Friday September 16, 7:30 PM

Stafford Township Arts Center

Come to the STAC summer concert series...The Voices of Legends starring Johnny T of the Mystics. Johnny T will be joined by special guests such as The Cameos and The Coasters.

To purchase tickets go to:

www.staffordschools.tix.com

call the box office at 609-489-8600

\$25/\$15

1000 McKinley Ave

Manahawkin

609-978-5700 x 2019

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

SHADOWS OF THE SIXTIES

Saturday, September 17, 8:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

A tribute to the tremendous legacy of The Four Tops, Temptations, Gladys Knight & The Pips & The Supremes. In this Tribute production show, SHADOWS OF THE 60'S perform the hits that span several decades. Great care is taken to reproduce the music, note for note and in the original keys and arrangements. Now, triple the memories and excitement with our Tribute to Motown's Super Groups. Stunning choreography & costumes! Three Super Groups on one stage with a grand finale featuring the music of Mot

Tickets \$49 Orchestra & Loge, \$39 Mezzanine, \$29 Tier (Plus \$5 fee per ticket).

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

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

33rd Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show

Saturday, September 17, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM,

Rain date: Sunday, September 18

Barneget Bay Chapter - Antique & Classic Boat Soc.

33rd Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show held by Barneget Bay. 50 - 60 boats expected, all types welcome - in-water or on-trailer. Free parking. Marine vendors, marine artists, flea market, antique and classic American and British cars, radio control boats, the NJ Boating Museum (Bldg. #13), with food available on site.

CONTACT: Stu Sherk 610-277-2121 or 732-899-6604; Ken Motz 908-910-3653.

free

1800 Bay Ave.

Point Pleasant

610-277-2121

Sousa-pa-looza

Sunday, September 18, 3:00 PM

Garden State Philharmonic

John Philip Sousa – America's Band Master travelled the US presenting concerts with great popular appeal. Borrowing a page from the Maestro's book, the Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra will present a Sunday afternoon concert worthy of the "Village Green". A wide variety of great music from the popular to the classic...something for everyone!

\$48/\$42 (Adults); \$42/\$38.40

(Seniors (60+); \$18/\$12 (Students (w/ID)

1 College Drive, Bldg. 12

Toms River

732-255-0460

<http://www.GardenStatePhilharmonic.org>

DETOURS - Movie Premiere!

Sunday, September 18, 7:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

A road trip comedy about starting over at any age, much of Detours was shot in South Jersey (&THE STRAND)! Synopsis: A newly-single New Yorker re-locates to Florida for her dream job. She drives south with her widowed dad, her mom's ashes in a coffee can, & a GPS with a mind of its own. Stars Tara Westwood & Carlo Fiorletta are joined by Richard Kind, Michael Cerveris, Phyllis Somerville, Deirdre O'Connell, Vanessa Aspillaga, Kim Director, and Paul Sorvino in a father/daughter story with an out \$10.00 (Plus \$5 Fee per Ticket.)

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

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

MidWeek Jazz Series: Bucky Pizzarelli - Bucky's Back!

Wednesday, September 21, 8:00 PM

Ocean County College

Bucky's Back! After a miraculous recovery, the 90-year-old legend will return to the Grunin Center backed by Ed Laub on guitar and vocal and son, Martin Pizzarelli, on bass. It's sure to be a heartwarming return for this jazz great!

Adult \$24, Senior \$20, Student \$12

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

Comedy Night - BACKSTAGE PASS

Thursday, September 22, 7:45PM

Strand Center For the Arts

Comedy Night is BACK! It's a BACKSTAGE PASS brought to you by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce! Featuring: Moody McCarthy, Eric Haft and Robin Fox! Laugh, Have Fun & Network! Tickets are only \$40 (Plus \$5 fee per ticket.) Doors open at 6PM Light Food (Kosher on Request) will be served in GALLERY and is included in your ticket! Contact staff@mylake-woodchamber.com for further information and sponsorship opportunities.

Tickets are only \$40 (Plus \$5 fee per ticket.)

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

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

Back to the Garden: The songs of Joni Mitchell, Carole King, and Laura Nyro

Friday, September 23, 8:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

BACK TO THE GARDEN celebrates folk-rock trailblazers Joni Mitchell, Carole King, and Laura Nyro. Challenged by the traditional images of women in the music industry, they bravely explored territory outside the accepted confines of popular music. These prolific singer-songwriters paved the way for women in music, art and

life. We pay tribute to these women, their influence and inspiration. Starring Melissa Hammans (Company, Smokey Joe's Cafe), Shaleah Adkisson (Hair, Rent), and Maddy Wyatt (Band General Admission \$20 (Plus \$5 fee per ticket.)

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

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

Chris Collins and Boulder Canyon

Saturday, September 24, 8:00pm

Ocean County College

Chris Collins and Boulder Canyon is an outstanding tribute to John Denver featuring the singer-songwriter's most well-known hits accompanied by many of the same instruments used by John Denver. Sing along and enjoy exceptional harmonies from this talented group of musicians.

\$30 - \$23

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2328

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

34th Annual Ocean County Decoy & Gunning Show

Saturday & Sunday, September 24 & 25,
7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Wells Mills County Park

Time to celebrate the rich history and traditions of the Barnegat Bay area with the 34th Annual Ocean County Decoy and Gunning Show. Over 200 exhibitors ranging from duck hunting supplies & boats, decoys (new and antique), retrieving dogs, guide services and wildlife art and photos as well as retrieving and carving demonstrations. Enter one of the many contests, including decoy carving, boat building, art & photo, retrieving, calling and skeetshooting. For contest rules call (609) 971-3085

Free

120 Lakeside Dr, Tuckerton, NJ

Tip Seaman County Park & The Tuckerton Seaport

Tuckerton

609-971-3085

<http://www.oceancountyparks.org>

Everyday Heroes Concert

Saturday, September 24, 11:00 AM to Dusk

Seaside Heights Business Improvement District

This FREE event is to say Thank You to all Military and Emergency Service Personnel. It's a family friendly event with live music throughout the day, free bounce houses on the beach for the kids and much more! See the American Flag fly over the beach as our National Anthem is sung, and bagpipers play down the Boardwalk.

Free

Seaside Heights South Beach

Seaside Heights

732-830-3700

<http://www.exit82.com>

The Nazi Spy Pastor in New Jersey

Sunday, September 25, 2:00 PM

Ocean County Historical Society

Hear Rev. Frank Watson, Christ Lutheran Church of Whiting, tell of his discovery in 2002 of papers that detailed the arrest of Pastor Carl Krepper, a naturalized citizen of the U.S., who served four parishes in northern NJ while working as a Nazi spy.

No admission charge, donations accepted

26 Hadley Ave.

Toms River

732-341-1880

<http://www.oceancountyhistory.org>

New Jersey Migrant Workers

Monday, September 19, 2:00 PM

Ocean County Library

Dory Dickson, Director of (NJ based) Migrant Worker Outreach will share stories and insights into the lives of migrant workers. Did you know that 6,000 migrant workers travel to South Jersey every summer to help harvest the blueberry crop? Learn more about a vulnerable, sometimes invisible population working in our midst, who contributes to our economy and to our quality of life. Presenters will include migrant workers, agency representatives and volunteers who serve migrant workers.

Free

Toms River Branch

301 Washington Street

Toms River

732-477-4513 x 3412

<http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org>

Fall Victorian Tea

Tuesday, September 27, 12:30 PM or 3:30 PM

Ocean County Historical Society

Meet your friends in the elegant surroundings of 600 Main and enjoy fine teas, scones, finger sandwiches & desserts as you are pampered by owner Susan Notte and her attentive staff. Reservations accepted on AUGUST 22nd by calling Cheryl at 732-890-3200.

\$25 members; \$27 non-members

600 Main Street

Toms River

732-341-1880

<http://www.oceancountyhistory.org>



OCTOBER

Classic & Antique Car & Truck Show

Saturday, October 1, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM,

Rain date: Sunday, October 2

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Over 100 classic and antique cars. Presented in conjunction with the Vintage Auto Museum of NJ. Judging and awards ceremony. To enter a vehicle, contact: David:

ddieugenio@comcast.net.

\$5 Admission. Seaport Members Free.

120 W Main St

Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

Antique Car and Truck Show

Saturday, October 1, 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Car registration ends at 11 am

Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey

Antique car show featuring trophies, special awards, door prizes and club participation award. Food and drinks available. Rain date is Oct. 2. Event is co-sponsored by the Tuckerton Seaport Museum.

Car pre-registration: \$17

Day of show: \$20 Spectators are free

Tuckerton Seaport Museum

Rt. 9

Tuckerton

732-600-5103

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

Patti LuPone: Far Away Places

Saturday, October 1, 8:00 PM

Ocean County College

In her new, critically-acclaimed concert Far Away Places, two-time Tony Award winner (Gypsy, Evita) Patti LuPone shares her penchant for wanderlust by taking us on a musical journey with thrilling renditions of songs by an eclectic list of songwriters which include Stephen Sondheim, Cole Porter, Willie Nelson, Kurt Weill, Edith Piaf, Frederick Hollander, and, even the BeeGees! Conceived and directed by Scott Wittman with Musical arrangements by Joseph Thalken.

Dinner Show Ticket \$109 - \$99, Orchestra

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

28th Annual Chowderfest Weekend

Sunday, October 2, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Southern Ocean County Chamber of Commerce

Chowderfest begins with the annual (free admission) Merchant's Mart on October 1 and gets right into the famed festival of unlimited chowder tasting, live music, beverage, and food court, on October 2, both at the Taylor Avenue Waterfront in Beach Haven. This 28th annual event will have special meaning this fall, as a nasty nor'easter sunk Chowderfest in 2015, causing it to be cancelled. The triumphant return of Chowderfest this year promises to be a great one with Long Beach Island's fav

General Admission \$25; Kids \$10; VIP \$50
830 N Bay Ave.
Beach Haven
609-494-7211

<http://Chowderfest.com>

Annual Scarecrow Contest at OCAG

Friday, October 7, 3:00 to 5:00 PM or Saturday, October 8, 10:00 AM to Noon

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Submit your original handmade creative scarecrow to our annual contest/display. All ages welcome. Scarecrows will on display on the Guild grounds for the month of October. Prizes will be awarded. Call the Guild for Information, 732-207-3111.

\$5.00 entry fee
22 Chestnut Avenue
Island Heights
732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Classic Car Show

Sunday, October 2, Noon to 4:00 PM

Point Pleasant Beach Chamber of Commerce

Antique and Collectible cars, hot rods, trucks, motorcycles. Music by D.J. Tommy Lynch
Sponsored by: Stewart's, Point Pleasant Beach Chamber of Commerce and Raceway Park.

63 Broadway
Point Pleasant Beach
732-899-2424

<http://www.pointchamber.com>

Tony & Donna Concert

Wednesday, October 5, 7:00 PM

Township of Brick

This "dynamic duo" has appeared all over the world performing Broadway & contemporary music.

\$0 (No fee)
270 Chambers Bridge Road
Brick
732-262-4622

<http://www.parksandrecreation.bricktownship.net>

The Yardbirds

Friday, October 7, 8:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

The Yardbirds an institution which, from '63 to '68, made an indelible mark on the "Shapes of

Things" to come. Known as the band of Eric Clapton, Jeff Beck & Jimmy Page. Hits "For Your Love", "Heart Full of Soul", "I'm A Man". Led by Jim McCarty (drums), Chris Dreja (rhythm guitar/bass) & the late Keith Relf (vocals/harmonica). <http://www.frainc.org/>

\$65 Orch/Loge \$45 Mezz \$35 Tier \$25
(\$5 fee per ticket.)

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

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

Italian Street Festival

Friday – Sunday, October 7 - 9

Seaside Heights Business Improvement District

Friday through Sunday, featuring performances from Italy. Friday, from 4 to 10 pm, Saturday, 10 am to 10 pm, Sunday, from 10 am to 8 pm. Savor a weekend of delicious Italian specialties, arts and crafts, outstanding entertainment and a parade that is bound to delight young and old alike. 25th Annual Columbus Day Parade at 1:00 pm, Sunday on the Boulevard.

www.columbusnj.org

FREE

Seaside Heights

732-830-3700

<http://www.exit82.com>

"Truck"erton Food Truck & Cider Fest

Saturday, October 8, 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Celebrate fall with over a dozen food trucks serving up food, fun and live music. Vendors, family activities, decoy carving, boat building. Craft beer garden featuring hard cider - a perfect complement to fall.

\$8 Admission. Seaport Members & Children under 5 Free. Food and drink prices set by individual vendors.

120 W Main St

Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

22nd Annual Pine Barrens Jamboree

Saturday, October 8, 10:00 AM to 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>

Gypsy Music: A Dazzling Journey

Saturday, October 8, 2:00 PM

Ocean County Library

"Gypsy Music: A Dazzling Journey" Join Acclaimed International Concert Violinist Dr. David Podles on a pulsating musical tour through gypsy camp grounds. Showcasing gypsy music from Romania, Russia, Poland, Latvia, India, Spain, and former Yugoslavia. David's violin will delight you in bringing you this mystical culture of the world famous nomads whose music remains rich in mystery and ancient traditions. Gypsy dancer Lada will delight you with her performance of the exotic art of Gypsy Dance.

Free. Advanced registration is required to attend. Call 732-928-4400 to register.

2 Jackson Drive, Jackson, NJ 08527

Jackson

732-928-4400

<http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org>

New Jersey Tap Ensemble

Sunday, October 9, 2:00 PM

Ocean County College

New Jersey Tap Ensemble presents THE TAP ACT, a celebration of the dynamic trios and duets that were a cornerstone of the art form. With infectious and brilliant footwork, the dancers perform musical numbers reminiscent of the great performances from the stage and the golden age of Hollywood on the silver screen.

\$25- \$20

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

Columbus Day Parade

Sunday, October 9, 1:00 PM

Seaside Heights Business Improvement District

Columbus Day Festival on the Boulevard

FREE

Boulevard

Seaside Heights

732-830-3700

<http://www.exit82.com>

Emel Mathlouthi

Thursday, October 13, 7:30 PM

Ocean County College

Firebrand Tunisian singer, songwriter, guitarist, and composer Emel Mathlouthi, inheritor of the legacy of American and Arabic protest singers of the 1960's, stands with the great divas of the Arab World. Mathlouthi gained world attention when her 2007 song "Kelmti Horra (My Word is Free)" was adopted by the Arab Spring revolutionaries on the streets of Tunis and by yearning youth around the Arab world, earning her the nickname "the voice of Tunisian Revolution."

\$25- \$20

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey

Saturday, October 15, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM &

Sunday, October 16, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Lighthouse enthusiasts can visit every lighthouse in New Jersey over this exciting two day event. Night climbs are offered at Absecon, Cape May, Tinicum and Tuckerton Seaport. Visit www.lighthousechallengenj.org for more information. Lighthouse climb participants \$3.

120 W Main St

Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

Jersey Shore Makerfest 2016

Saturday, October 15, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Toms River Regional School District

JSMF 2015 brought over 100 participants and 4000 guests from the tri-state area to experience a mixture of technology & nature, art & science, ideas & materials. 2016 promises to be bigger and better! The event isn't about selling or showing, but doing. It's free, thanks to partners that include schools, colleges, community organizations, museums, tech companies, local artists, the NJDOE and NJ School Boards. For details and to register as a participant, attendee or sponsor, visit our website.

Free with preregistration on our site

1245 Old Freehold Road

Toms River

732-818-8532

<http://jerseyshoremakerfest.org>

Love for Lillie Benefit Concert Featuring Joey Evans

Saturday, October 15, 7:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

Joey Evans Band has been out & about on the local Ocean & Monmouth County Club Concert Circuit. His T.M.G. Release, "Blue Skies Ahead" in 2013 features a video on YouTube, along with 2 other tracks from the record. See it on YouTube – Joey Evans "Strange" & "Torn Apart". Joey's Genre is American Heart Land Rock! Come Celebrate The New Release, Joey Evans "Nashville", featuring Track #1, "Kinky Today" as it pays homage to the legendary British Invasion band Ray Davies & The Kinks.

Ticket Pricing Starting at just \$10, \$15 & \$20.

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

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

Brick Township Fall Fest

Saturday, October 15,

Rain Date: Sunday, October 16

Brick Township Recreation

Fun for the whole family with Free Admission, 15 Food Trucks, Fireworks, a Beer and Wine Garden, Fire Pits, Bounce Castles and Pumpkin Painting. Call 732-262-4713 with any questions. FREE

265 Princeton Ave.

Brick

732-262-4713

<http://parksandrecreation.bricktownship.net/>

Harvest Arts Festival

Saturday, October 15, 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Downtown Toms River

Please join the Downtown Toms River Business Improvement District for their Annual Harvest Arts Festival on Saturday, Oct. 15th from 11:30am - 5pm. The streets will be lined with artists displaying their work as part of a juried art show. Food vendors, handcraft & merchandise vendors and a beer and wine garden will fill the streets for a fabulous fall day full of fun! Live entertainment all day long. Free kids activities and games including free pumpkin painting in our pumpkin patch!

Free Admission

Washington Street

(between Hooper Ave. & Main St.)

Toms River

732-341-8738

<http://www.downtowntomsriver.com>

Pinelands Overview

Saturday, October 15, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Tuckerton Historical Society

Joel Mott. This lively presentation includes sights and sounds while taking the audience on an insightful walk in the woods familiarizing them with the Pinelands. The talk will focus on the importance of water to the area while highlighting the cultural, historic, and natural resources. The goal of this program is to raise awareness, appreciation and further stewardship of the Pinelands by revealing this unique but fragile treasure.

Free

35 Leitz Blvd.

Little Egg Harbor

609-294-1547

<http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org>

Straighten Up and Fly Right featuring Ramsey Lewis and John Pizzarelli

Sunday, October 16, 7:30 PM

Ocean County College

Ramsey Lewis and John Pizzarelli have tailored a tribute to the titan of fifties vocal pop, Nat King Cole, from his hits along with those singular tracks of sophisticated cool jazz that have influenced their own.

Dinner Show Ticket \$75, Orchestra and Mezzanine \$49-\$45

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

Blackmore's Night

Sunday, October 16, 8:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

Blackmore's Night is an English-American traditional folk rock group featuring Ritchie Blackmore, Candice Night, Earl Grey of Chimay, Bard David of Larchmont, The Scarlett Fiddler, Lady Lynn, and Troubadour of Aberdeen. Their debut album "Shadow of the Moon" was a musi-

cal success. Overtime, Night has increasingly participated instrumentally as well as singing the vocals, and is competent in a wide variety of Renaissance instruments.

Tickets: \$59.99 Orchestra/Loge, \$49.99 Mezzanine, \$39.99 Tier

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

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

Guest Speaker: Vishavjit Singh of Sikhtoons

Monday, October 17, 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Ocean County Library

A fun and entertaining introduction to a group of Americans amongst us whose appearance at times can lead to misperceptions. Vishavjit Singh is a cartoonist, writer, performance artist and creator of Sikhtoons.com based in New York City. He will share his story via cartoons and a short film, leaving you with images to take-away of what makes America this amazing diverse, dynamic family with global roots. This program is sponsored by OCL Cultural Awareness Team.

Free

Point Pleasant Beach Branch

834 Beaver Dam Rd.

Point Pleasant

(732) 295-1555

<http://www.theoceancountylibrary.org>

La Bruja - English/Spanish Poetry

Wednesday, October 19, 10:30 AM & Noon

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Musical Renditions, Urban Poetry, Comedic Tales, and Storytelling

None

1 College Drive

Toms River

732-929-4779

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

MidWeek Jazz Series: Bria Skonberg

Wednesday, October 19

Ocean County College

Trumpeter/vocalist, Bria Skonberg, has turned into a budding superstar since her MidWeek Jazz appearance, performing regularly at Jazz at Lincoln Center and sweeping the Hot House Jazz Magazine Awards in the Best Jazz Artist, Best Trumpet, Best Female Vocalist and Best Group categories. She'll bring her regular group to celebrate her first major-label recording on Sony! This should be a memorable evening with an artist whose career continues to ascend.

Adult \$24, Senior \$20, Student \$12

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

Haunted Seaport

Thursday - Saturday, October 20, 21, & 22,
6:00 to 9:00 PM

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

Three Scary Nights! Pirates and sea captains long lost at sea stroll the boardwalk for a night of scary screams. Haunted Tucker's Island Lighthouse, hayrides, maze, blacklight mini-golf, haunted graveyard, non-scary pumpkin patch activities for the little ones. Food available. Admission, \$8. Hayrides \$5.

Hayrides free for members with admission.

120 W Main St.

Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead

Friday - Sunday, October 20 - 23 &

Friday & Saturday, October 28 - 29

Ocean County College

OCC Repertory Theatre Company Presents: When CB's dog dies from rabies, CB begins to question the existence of an afterlife. But a chance meeting with an artistic kid, the target of this group's bullying, offers CB a peace of mind and sets in motion a friendship that will push teen angst to the very limits.

Adult/Senior \$15, OCC Student \$5

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

Ethel's Blue Dress

Friday, October 21

Ocean County College

Ethel, the post-modern, indie-classical quartet, pays special homage to the brilliant, gorgeous and masterful women who are making their musical mark on the 21st century. Sometimes fierce, sometimes seductive, always full of creativity, composers like Anna Clyne, Missy Mazzoli, and Pulitzer Prizewinner Julia Wolfe, are, through their own voices, warriors and champions of music today. \$25- \$20

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

Crystal Bowersox

Saturday, October 22, 8:00 PM

Ocean County College

Crystal Bowersox has made it her mission to live life and her music to the fullest. With a gentle warmth and wisdom well beyond her years, the consummate artist has an uncompromising vision of herself and her music that is refreshing and rare. All That For This, Crystal Bowersox's sophomore release, is a powerful testament to her talents as both a singer and songwriter, as well as her unerring musical vision.

VIP Meet and Greet Ticket \$75, Dinner Show Ticket \$50, Orchestra and Mezzanine \$25 - \$20

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

THE BOOGIE WONDER BAND

Saturday, October 22, 8:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

James D'Amico Productions & Tommy's House Present: THE BOOGIE WONDER BAND. Voted the number one Funkiest, most Disco loving band in the world. THE MUSIC, THE LIGHTS, THE ENERGY, Two and a half hours of non-stop music will drive you to the limit. Only area appearance, Don't miss it.

Tickets \$45 Orchestra & Loge \$35 Mezzanine, \$25 Tier (Plus \$5 fee per ticket).

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

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

Stafford Fall Wine Festival

Saturday & Sunday, October 22 & 23,

Noon to 5:00 PM

Greitz Communications & Events

Sample dozens of wines from some of New Jersey's leading wineries at the 5th Annual Stafford Fall Wine Festival at Manahawkin Lake Park, Manahawkin. Enjoy the beautiful lake-front setting while sampling an array of wines, browsing crafters, vendors and enjoying food. Guests are encouraged to bring chairs or blankets to sit and enjoy live music. The festival part of the Stafford Township Recreation Fall Festival, which features hayrides, a Halloween parade, scarecrow making station, and more.

\$12 in advance, \$15 at the gate

Route 9 and North Lake Shore Drive

Manahawkin

732-991-1672

<http://twp.stafford.nj.us/departments/recreation>

Pop up beading projects

Wednesday, October 26 -

Saturday, December 31, Any day, any time

Just Bead It

Come join the beading craze! Not an experienced beader or cannot decide what to make. Our Beadnik staff has picked out beads for you to choose from. Your project will be as unique as you are. \$20

1305 Long Beach Blvd

Beach Haven

609-492-2323

<http://www.justbeadit.net>

Urban Bush Women

Thursday, October 27, 7:30 PM

Ocean County College

Urban Bush Women has made an indelible mark on the field of dance with bold, innovative and demanding works that challenge long-held assumptions about women, people of color, body types and styles of movement. Walking with 'Trane, choreographed by Jawole Willa Jo Zollar, Samantha Speis, and Dramaturg Talvin Wilks in collaboration with The Company, offers two unique experiences, inspired by the musical life and spiritual journey of John Coltrane, a composer at the forefront of jazz innovation.

\$35 - \$30

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

Dracula - The Atlantic City Ballet

Friday, October 28, 7:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

Based on Bram Stoker's 1897 classic gothic horror story, The Atlantic City Ballet's choreographer Phyllis Papa's Dracula mixes romance and passion with horror and pain. Taking place in 15th century Europe, this original ballet, complete with sensuous costumes, theatrical sets and a gripping score, has become one of the biggest hits.

\$35 Orch/Loge, \$25 Mezz, \$20 Seniors, \$15 Students (Plus \$5 fee per ticket).

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

<http://www.strand.org/>**Pinkalicious: The Musical**

Saturday, October 29, 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Ocean County College

Pinkalicious can't stop eating pink cupcakes despite warnings from her parents. Her pink indulgence lands her at the doctor's office with Pinkitis, an affliction that turns her pink from head to toe - a dream come true for this pink-loving enthusiast. But when her hue goes too far, only Pinkalicious can figure out a way to get out of this predicament.

Adult \$22, Child \$18

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2466

<http://www.grunincenter.org>**VOYAGE FEATURING HUGO THE #1****JOURNEY TRIBUTE BAND IN THE WORLD**

Saturday, October 29, 8:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

Singer Hugo, is an absolute dead ringer for Steve Perry, both visually and vocally. He continues to stun fans with his miraculous resemblance, exact mannerisms and identical voice to Steve. Fans agree that VOYAGE delivers the closest experience to the original Steve Perry fronted lineup.

Tickets \$50 Orch/Loge \$40 Mezz \$30 Tier

(Plus \$5 fee per ticket)

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

<http://www.strand.org/>**Fright Night at the Phil**

Saturday, October 29, 7:30 PM

Garden State Philharmonic

The Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra will get you ready for haunting season with the music that sets the stage for all things that go bump in the night. The program will draw from the classic and contemporary works of Chadwick, Williams, Grieg, and Berlioz, among others.

\$48/\$42 (Adults); \$42/\$38.40 (Seniors (60+);

\$18/\$12 (Students (w/ID)

1 College Drive, Bldg. 12

Toms River

732-255-0460

<http://www.GardenStatePhilharmonic.org>**Point Pleasant's 36th Annual Halloween Parade**

Sunday, October 30, 1:00 PM

Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce

Marching down Bridge Avenue to Point Pleasant's Community Park since 1980 - this fun filled day has been a tradition among families of all ages. Featuring Live Bands, 10 + Motorized and Pull Floats, Category Marching, Judged Costume Contest. Parade rallies around 11:00 AM. Step-off is at 1:00 PM. Trophies Awarded at Community Park immediately following the parade. Ice Cream for sale, White Caps Pre-Registration is Required to Participate.

Free

Bridge Avenue

Point Pleasant

732-295-8850

<http://www.pointpleasantchamber.com>**NOVEMBER****A Play: "It's Only a Play"**

Friday - Sunday, November 4 - 6 &

Friday - Sunday, November 11 - 13

Township of Brick

Cultural Art Series presented by Guild Theatreworks

\$5

515 Herbertsville Rd.

Brick

732-262-1006

<http://www.guildtheatreworks.com/home.html>**Legend of the Jersey Devil Show**

Saturday, November 5

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

Adults \$5 Children \$1

131 Wells Mills Rd.

Waretown

609-971-1593

<http://www.alberthall.org>

Annual Print Show

Sunday, November 6, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Love prints? Linoleum blocks? Wood cuts? Lithographs? Experimental? The Ocean County Artists' Guild presents its annual print show with a wide variety of work.

free

22 Chestnut Avenue

Island Heights

732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

GET THE LED OUT

Saturday, November 12, 8:00 PM

Strand Center For the Arts

From the bombastic and epic, to the folky and mystical, Get The Led Out (GTLO) have captured the essence of the recorded music of Led Zeppelin and brought it to the concert stage. The Philadelphia-based group consists of six veteran musicians intent on delivering Led Zeppelin live, like you've never heard before. Utilizing the multi-instrumentalists at their disposal, GTLO recreate the songs in all their depth and glory with the studio overdubs that Zeppelin themselves never performed.

Tickets \$50 Orch/Loge \$40 Mezz \$30 Tier

(Plus \$5 fee per ticket)

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

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

My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy - Steve Solomo

Thursday, November 17 & Friday, November 18

Strand Center For the Arts

"My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy", one of the longest-running one-man comedy shows in history comes to the Strand in November, starring the original Broadway star, Steve Solomon! The show just celebrated its four thousandth performance, but this will be the international hit's first time at our historic theater. Variety says "Steve is Alan King, Billy Crystal, a smidgen of Don Rickles and George Carlin all thrown in."

Tickets \$45 Orchestra/Loge \$40 Mezzanine

\$35 Tier (Plus \$5 fee per ticket.)

400 Clifton Ave.

Lakewood

732-367-7789

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

Phyllis Rakow - Visual Abnormalities of Famous Artists

Friday, November 18, 7:00 PM

Laurelton Art Society

Phyllis, a licensed Ophthalmologist will discuss the visual abnormalities of impressionist artists such as Monet and Van Gogh and the effect on their paintings.

346 Chambers Bridge Rd.

Brick

732-477-1805

Homeplace Festival

Saturday, November 19, 7:00 PM to 11:30 PM

Albert Music Hall

Come to the Homeplace Festival and help us to celebrate the Anniversary of Albert Hall. This show will feature musicians and music from our original homeplace.....the Albert brothers' cabin. Join the singing, laughing, and socializing. You will be among friends both old and new. It will be just like way back when. Come and enjoy good food and good fun.

\$5

131 Wells Mills Rd.

Waretown

609-971-1593

<http://www.alberthall.org>

InfoAge Museum: Tuckerton Wireless and Camp Evans in WWI

Saturday, November 19, 2:00 to 4:00 PM

Tuckerton Historical Society

InfoAge Museum: Tuckerton Wireless and Camp Evans in WWI. Fred Carl.

Free

35 Leitz Blvd.

Little Egg Harbor

(609) 294-1547

<http://www.tuckertonhistoricalsociety.org>

Christmas Craft Show

Saturday, November 19, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM &

Sunday, November 20, 9:30 AM to 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.

\$2.00 Adults

4700 Long Beach Blvd.

Brant Beach

609-494-8861

<http://www.stfranciscenterlbi.org>

Home Free

Sunday, November 20, 7:30 PM

Ocean County College

Back by popular demand! Since being crowned NBC's "The Sing-Off" victors, Home Free has made their mark on the music scene selling more than 200,000 albums, racking up more than 50-million YouTube views, and entertaining more than 100,000 people live in concert. The country vocal quintet brings their high-energy and quick-witted performance peppering Nashville standards with country-dipped pop hits to town.

VIP Meet & Greet Ticket \$139, Dinner Show Ticket \$79, Orchestra and Mezzanine \$49 - \$45.

College Drive

Toms River

732-255-0400, ext. 2328

<http://www.grunincenter.org>

Ocean County Cultural Summit

Wednesday, November 30, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM,
Snow date: December 2

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Meeting to help shape Ocean County policy for an Ocean County Cultural Plan 2017-2026. With facilitator, Brian C. Crockett. Wanted: Individual Artists and Historians Art, Dance and Cultural Studios Teachers, Professors and Mentors Concerned Citizens Representatives of Non-Profit Art, Culture & History organizations (Snowdate December 2, 2016)

None - includes refreshments

101 Washington Street

Toms River

732-929-4779

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



DECEMBER

Victorian Open House at the Ocean County Artists' Guild

Saturday, December 3, 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Ocean County Artists' Guild

Visit our beautiful Victorian site and enjoy a plethora of lovely hand-made gifts, crafts and paintings. This is a popular annual pre-Christmas event on December 3, Items will be for sale all month at the Guild, Tuesday- Sunday, 1-4 PM

free

22 Chestnut Avenue

Island Heights

732-270-3111

<http://www.ocartistsguild.org>

Christkindlmarkt

Friday, December 2, 4:00 to 8 PM, Saturday & Sunday, December 3 & 4, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Tuckerton Seaport & Baymen's Museum

A true Christmas Village atmosphere! European style holiday market outdoors and under a huge heated tent. Craft and gift vendors, fabulous food court, hot Gluhwein, kiddie rides, meet Santa, horse and wagon rides, demonstrations, great entertainment and holiday fun!

Admission \$5. Seaport Members Free.

120 W Main St

Tuckerton

609-296-8868

<http://www.tuckertonseaport.org>

37th Annual Ship Bottom Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3, 1:00 PM

Ship Bottom Borough

Christmas Parade

No charge

5th to 25th Streets along Long Beach Blvd.

Ship Bottom

609-494-2171 X116

<http://www.shipbottom.org>

Christmas at the Museum 2016

Friday, December 9, 3:00 - 7:00 PM & Sunday

December, 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Brick Township Historical Society

The Brick Township Historical Society has sponsored this annual event for 19 years. It features the Havens Homestead Museum and two other buildings on the property decked in its festive best with guides dressed in period costumes. This year's theme is "A Vintage Christmas." Guests will enjoy homemade refreshments and musical entertainment as they tour the rooms of this 1827 Homestead.

\$5.00 per adult, children under 12 are free

521 Herbertsville Rd.

Brick

732-785-2500

<http://www.bricktwphistoricalsociety.com>

5th Annual Christmas on the Island & Parade

Saturday, December 10, Noon to 5:00 PM

Seaside Heights Business Improvement District

Saturday, 12 noon to 5 PM. A Christmas Parade along the Boulevard in Seaside Heights. Event is open to all Ocean County, NJ residents with gifts, giveaways, Santa's Workshop, and a special Santa's send-off with live entertainment as we light Santa's way back home to the North Pole.

FREE

Boulevard

Seaside Heights

732-830-3700

<http://www.exit82.com>

Christmas Party at Little Borough Hall

Saturday, December 10, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Tuckerton Historical Society

Christmas in Tuckerton is something to look forward to as part of our holidays. Clam Chowder, punch and cookies after 6:00 PM. Big Raffle Drawing at 7:30 PM.

Free

220 South Green Street

Tuckerton

(609) 294-1547

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

Garden State Philharmonic Chorus performs Messiah & More!

Sunday, December 11

Garden State Philharmonic

The tradition continues! Herald the season with the harmonized voices of the GSP Chorus performing one of the best-known choral works in Western music, Handel's Messiah, and other seasonal selections. Accompaniment provided by members of the Garden State Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra and special guest soloists. \$25 (Adults); \$20 (Seniors 60+); \$15 (Students w/ID)

415 Washington St.

Toms River

732-255-0460

<http://www.gardenstatephilharmonic.org>

Holiday Show

Saturday, December 17

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. For more info visit our web: www.alberthall.org

Adults: \$5 Children: free

131 Wells Mills Rd.

Waretown

609-971-1593

<http://www.alberthall.org>

Cedar Bridge Ceremony

Sunday, December 18, 2:00 PM,

Snow date: January 8, 2017

Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission

Annual ceremony commemorating the last documented land engagement of the American Revolutionary War (December 27, 1782). Soldiers, musicians, singers etc.

None

200 Old Halfway Road

Barneget

732-929-4779

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

**First Night Ocean County...
in Seaside Heights**

Saturday, December 31, Noon to 5:00 PM

Seaside Heights Business Improvement District

Saturday, 12PM to 5PM. Mark your calendar for New Year's Eve and a family celebration with local businesses along the Boardwalk. Fun and games for the entire family! Fireworks at 5:00 pm.

Bracelet Admission

Seaside Heights

732-830-3700

<http://www.exit82.com>



22nd ANNUAL PINE BARRENS JAMBOREE

Down Home Melodies and Memories

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2016

Wells Mills County Park

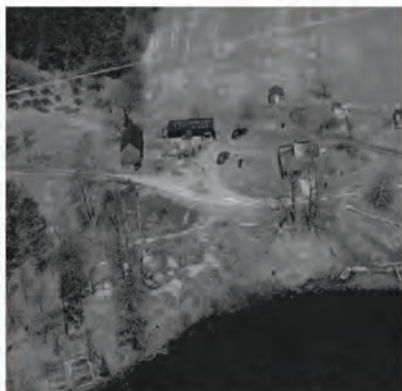
905 Wells Mills Road (Route 532), Waretown, New Jersey

Parking and Admission: FREE

10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.



**Celebrating 25 years:
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- Traditional Crafts & Crafters ▸ Kids Crafts & Games
- Nature & History Programs
- Food ▸ Free Shuttle Buses ▸ and much more...

Rain or Shine

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Concert Ride

This program provides bus service from select Ocean County senior residences to the Garden State Philharmonic concerts.

Call **(732) 255-0460** for reservations and more info

Supported by the Garden State Philharmonic, Ocean County Senior and Disabled Transportation Committee, Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the NJ State Council on the Arts




*Service is for ticket-holding passengers. A minimum of 6 patrons per stop is required.



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to list and view cultural events.

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