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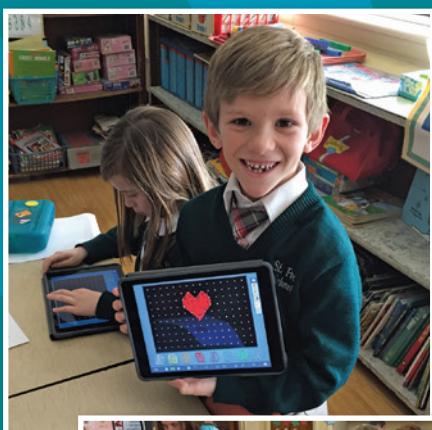
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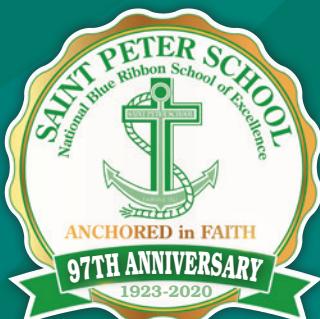
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In addition to our numerous guides, this issue's feature articles once again highlight many of the on-going themes that define this magazine—the unique people, places, history, and natural world that make up our lives at the Jersey Shore.

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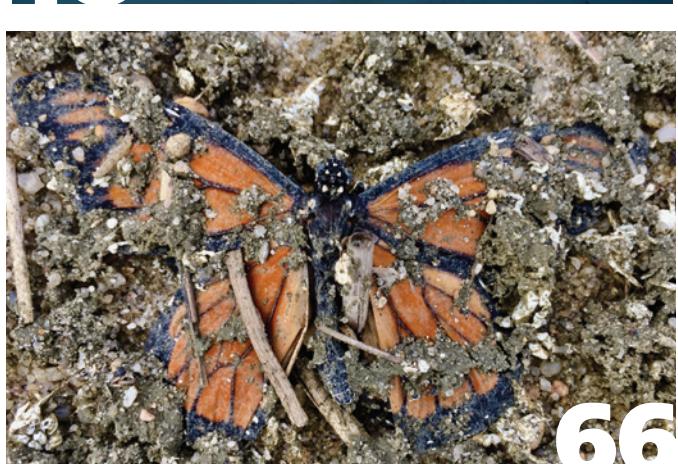
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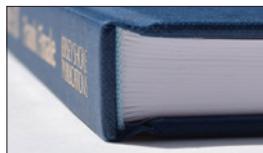
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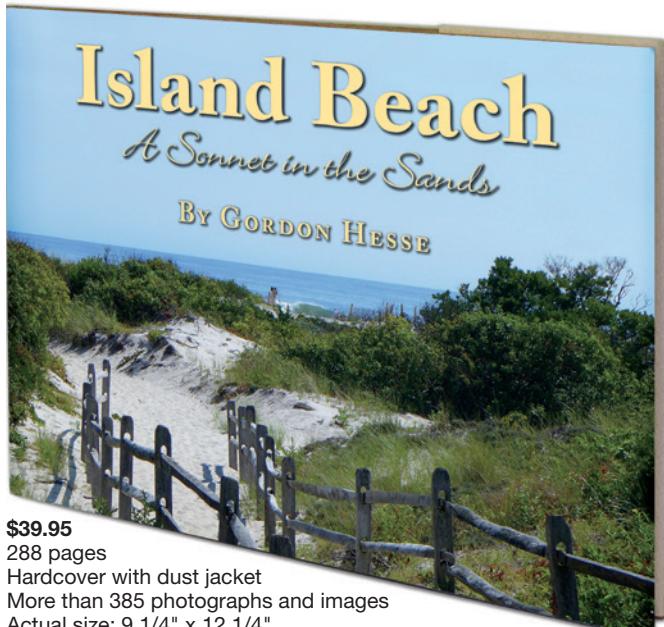
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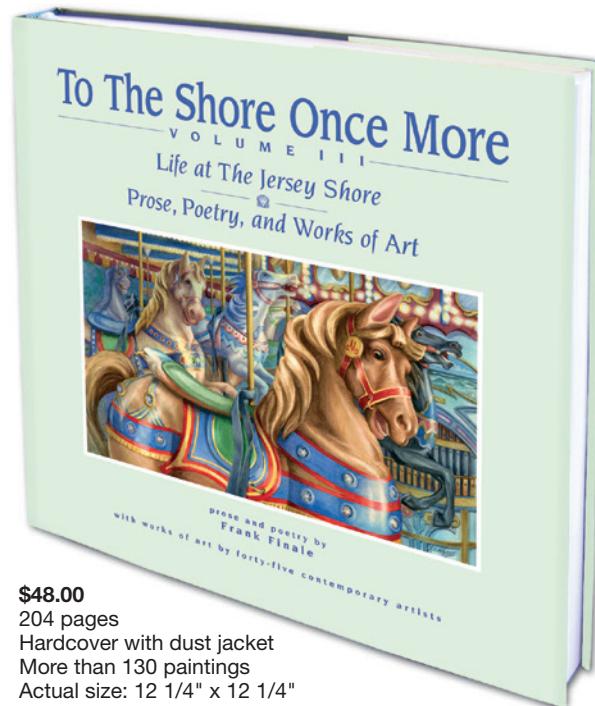
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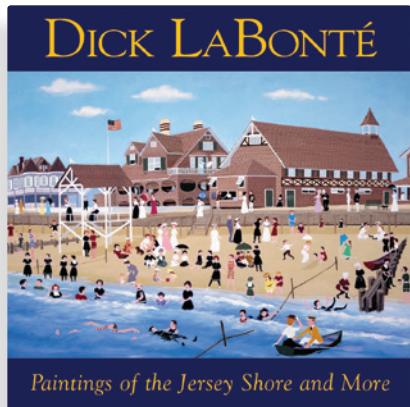
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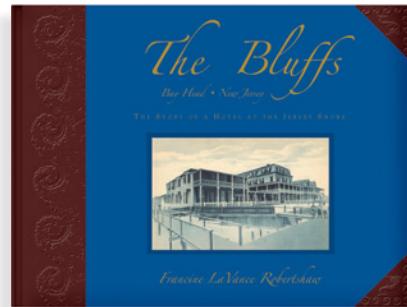
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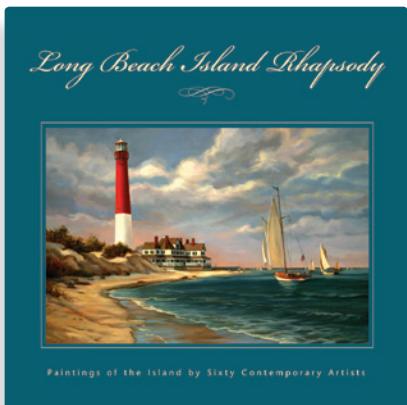
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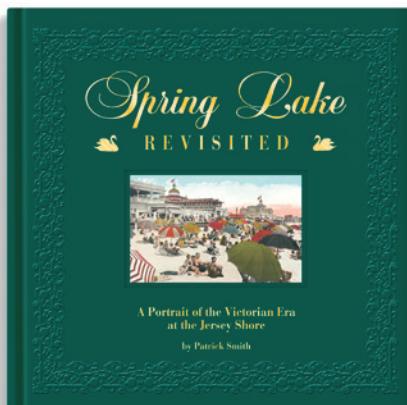
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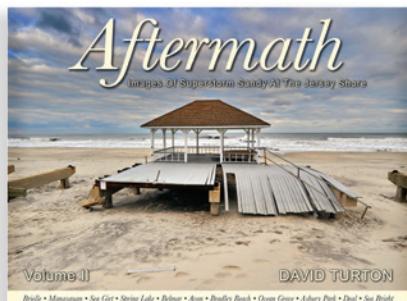
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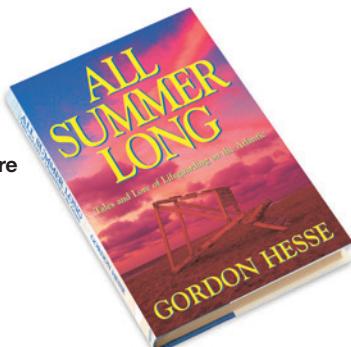


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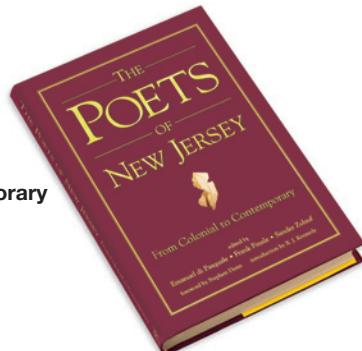
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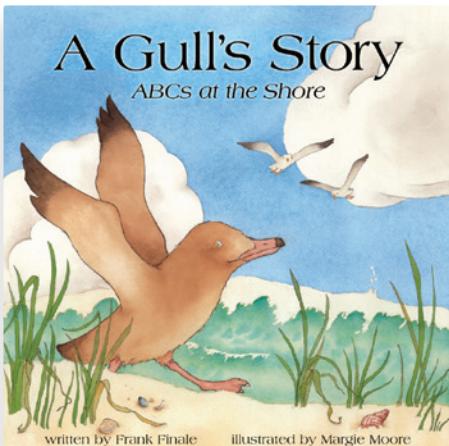


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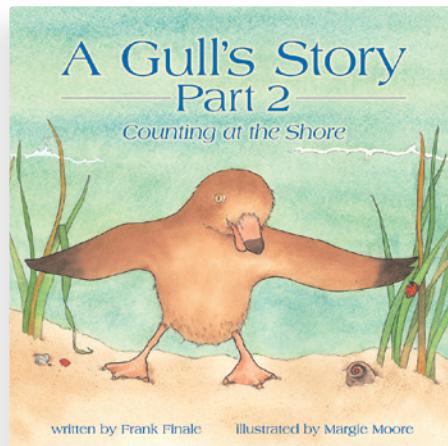


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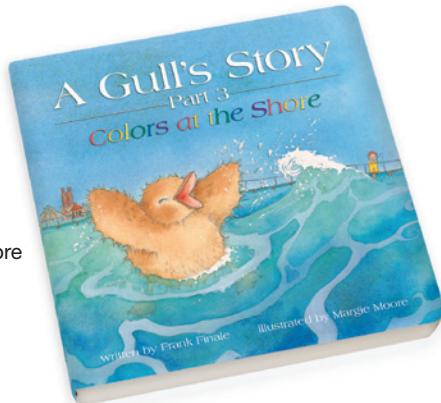
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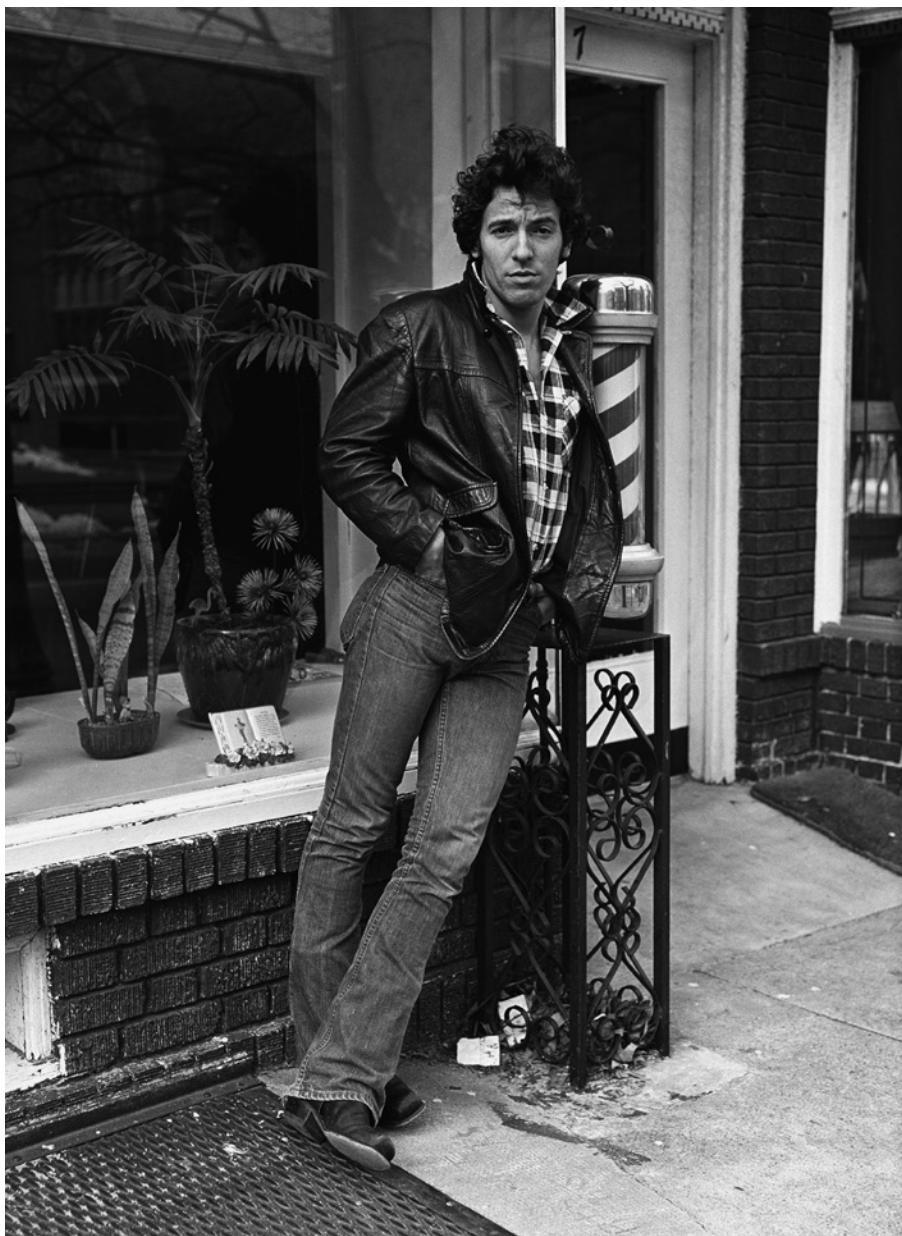
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Springsteen: His Hometown



Bruce Springsteen, 1978

The new, great exhibit at the Monmouth County Historical Association in Freehold

recent 2019 release of *Western Stars*," said Meg Sharp Walton, Executive Director of the MCHA. "There's going to be many pieces that the public has never seen before, including a scrapbook of Springsteen's career kept by his mother, Adele."

As Springsteen is the Jersey Shore's first son, the shore is prominently woven throughout the exhibit. "This is a Monmouth County story with songs about places everybody knows about. The world meets the Jersey Shore through the words of Springsteen, and people in Sweden and Spain sing about our Route 9 when they sing along with him," Sharp Walton said.

The **Springsteen: His Hometown** exhibit is presented by the MCHA in cooperation with the Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music at Monmouth University and the History and Anthropology department at Monmouth University. Exhibit curators are Melissa Ziobro, Monmouth University specialist professor of public history, and Bernadette Rogoff, director of collections for the MCHA. Eileen Chapman, director of the Springsteen Archives, and Robert Santelli, founding director of the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles, are exhibit advisors.

The idea for the exhibit stemmed from one of Ziobro's Museums and Archives classes at Monmouth University, which became home to the Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music in 2017 after housing the Bruce Springsteen Special Collection since 2011. "My class started with a small exhibition at the university library as they put what they learned about curating into play. My students wanted to put the exhibit in a more visible location, so I approached the Monmouth County Historical Association to see if they were interested, and they said yes," Ziobro explained.

One word.
Bruce.

Every Jersey Shore local and visitor knows exactly who that is. It's not Bruce the accountant, or Bruce the guy down the street, or even Bruce the Shark.

It's Bruce Springsteen, the Jersey Shore's most legendary music icon. The **Springsteen: His Hometown** exhibit at the Monmouth County Historical Association (MCHA) celebrates the life and story of The Boss right in his hometown of Freehold.

The exhibit officially opened on September 28 and runs through late Fall.

According to a release announcing the show, the exhibit provides a comprehensive look at how Monmouth County has been thematically woven into Bruce Springsteen's music and art throughout his career.

"Our whole museum will be filled with more than 150 items and artifacts from Bruce Springsteen's entire career, from his early days with The Castiles through his most

Frank Stefanko

And from there, the exhibit took on a life of its own.

The exhibit begins in the museum's first floor Washington Gallery. A chronological story with a timeline of Springsteen's life and career snakes through the room. A looping Springsteen playlist and concert footage complement the timeline, which includes segments on his international fame, his patriotism and politics, and of course, his fans. Other items on display include a host of album covers, including alternate covers with never-before-seen artwork, a number of guitars, and the four-track recorder he used while recording his album, *Nebraska*.

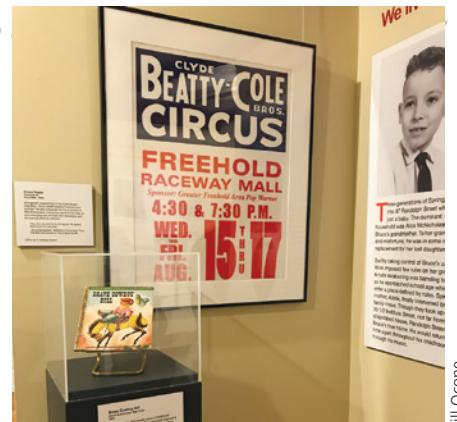
Fans have been such an integral part of Springsteen's success that part of the exhibit along the grand stairway to the second floor features fan art.

In addition to Springsteen memorabilia, Sharp Walton noted there are a number of Freehold artifacts also on exhibition, including an old sign from the Freehold train station and large photographs from a 1950s parade on Freehold's Main Street. "The Freehold Springsteen was born into, the Freehold that he would recognize, makes up part of the second-floor exhibit," she said.

Springsteen's genealogy and ancestry, which dates as far back as the

seventeenth century, is the theme of one of the second-floor rooms. Items on display from Springsteen's family line include a Civil War document that includes direct descendant Alexander Springsteen, a Medal of Honor, and a document signed in 1801 by Revolutionary War patriot and Springsteen direct descendant John Springsteen. Since the MCHA receives a large number of inquiries from people researching their own family histories, Sharp Walton said that a film about the process of researching Springsteen's genealogy will play on a loop at the exhibit. She said, "The film can be used as an example of how to research family history and how to avoid pitfalls and mistakes."

What impacted Springsteen as a child and a teenager influenced his artistry, and exhibit curators took great care to visually and aesthetically illustrate the connection. Fans who are familiar with Springsteen's lyrics will notice links to them threading throughout the displays. One such example is Springsteen's song, "Wild Billy's Circus Song," and the museum's inclusion of a Clyde Beatty-Cole Brother's Circus poster that came to town when Springsteen was a child. "That poster tells a small part of Springsteen's story," said Sharp Walton, "because he remembered it



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and wrote a song about it later in life."

Another example is a children's book about a cowboy that Adele Springsteen read to her son when he was a child. Years later, that same story inspired Springsteen's song, "Outlaw Pete." "So when you see the children's book about a cowboy, remember that it's so much more than a book," Sharp Walton said.

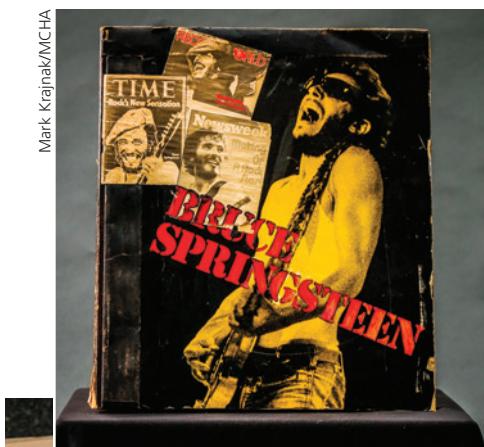
The rich music scene on the segregated west side of Asbury Park during the 1970s and 1980s also features prominently in the exhibit. "That scene included Count Basie and future E Street band members Clarence Clemons and Garry Tallent. Those after-hours jam sessions at The Upstage Club included musicians from the west side and the beach-front bands," said Sharp Walton.

According to Sharp Walton, the MCHA is planning programming to accompany the **Springsteen: His Hometown** exhibit. "We are planning walking tours of both Freehold and Asbury Park, as well as a poetry workshop about Springsteen's lyrics." She explained that future programming will be scheduled at both the museum and in and around Monmouth County as special events and pop-up exhibits. Sharp Walton hopes that the rights will be available next summer for this summer's film "Blinded by the Light," which was inspired by the life of journalist Sarfraz Manzoor and his love of Springsteen's music, so that it can be shown next summer as a part of Freehold's downtown summer movie series. "That would be



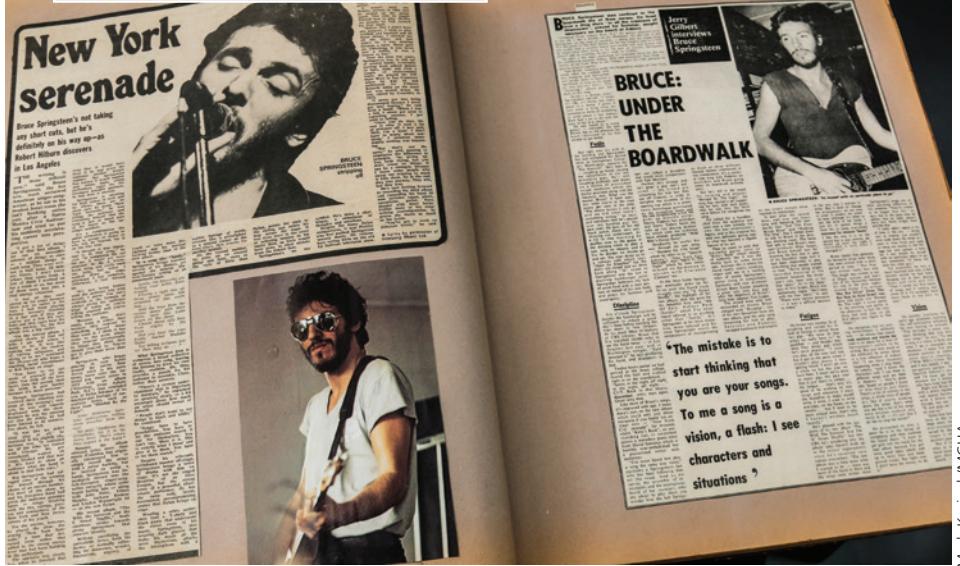
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gernails in order to put food on the table and the Jersey Shore's role in those stories, are what connects him to fans of all ages. "Bruce fans are multigenerational. I grew up listening to him because my parents loved him, and now my eight-year-old and my eleven-year-old love him too. It's amazing to see Springsteen's appeal span generations," Ziobro said.

A personal scrapbook made by Springsteen's mother, Adele, is on display.



The Boss celebrated his seventieth birthday a few days before the exhibit opened. As a poet, a surfer, an author, a motorcycle enthusiast, a humanitarian, a musician, and more over those seventy years, the Jersey Shore Renaissance man impacted history, culture, and lives so much that exhibit tickets, which have been purchased by people from all over the world, are already sold out on certain days.

"Art is a great way to tell a historical story, which Springsteen does well. He's a troubadour of American history. I hope people leave the exhibit with an understanding of where Springsteen lived and how it played a role throughout his entire life, even as we speak," Sharp Walton said. "Springsteen's story is more than a story about a musician. It's a story of American history."

Ziobro added, "Sometimes you forget just how important Springsteen is to so many people. We've been very conscientious of that. We wanted to get it [the exhibit] right, and I believe we did."

—Jill Ocone

perfect," she said.

The Springsteen story connects to more than just Jersey Shore locals and visitors, as it transcends zip codes, counties, and boundaries. "Springsteen's childhood was similar to so many others around the country in a time when community was tightly knit and culture was shifting regardless of location," Sharp Walton explained. Radical changes in society, the decline of factories and its effect on blue collar workers, and racial, counterculture, and generational conflicts occurred in every town, not just along the Jersey Shore. "What happened in Freehold and in Asbury Park during Springsteen's formative years, and what he sings about, happened all across the United States," she said.

Springsteen's devotion to his craft as a musician, combined with his creativity in writing honest lyrics about hard-working people living on the margins with dirt under their fin-

The Springsteen: His Hometown exhibit at the Monmouth County Historical Association at 70 Court Street in Freehold will run through Fall 2020. Hours are Wed., Fri., Sat., and Sun. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM and Thurs. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.monmouthhistory.org. (Adults: \$15.; Seniors/Students with ID: \$12.; MCHA Members, Freehold Borough residents with ID, and children up to 6 years old: free.) For more information, visit www.monmouthhistory.org or call (732) 462-1466.

The Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music at Monmouth University

Established in 2017, The Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music at Monmouth University in Long Branch serves as the official archival repository for Bruce Springsteen's written works, photographs, periodicals, and artifacts. The Center preserves and promotes the legacy of Bruce Springsteen and his role in American music, while honoring and celebrating icons of American music like Woody Guthrie, Robert Johnson, Hank Williams, Frank Sinatra, and others.

The original collection was started by Chris Phillips, editor of *Backstreets* magazine, in 2001. A group known as "The Friends of the Bruce Springsteen Special Collection, Inc." assisted with managing and growing what became the Bruce Springsteen Special Collection.

Since 2011, Monmouth University has served as home of the Bruce Springsteen Special Collection, which comprises nearly 50,000 items from forty-seven countries. These items include books, concert memorabilia, articles, and promotional materials. The collection serves the research and informational needs of music fans, scholars, authors, and others with a serious interest in the life and career of The Boss.

Eileen Chapman is the Director of The Bruce Springsteen Archives and Center for American Music. Bob Santelli, founding Director of the Grammy Museum, serves as Executive Director. To learn more, visit www.monmouth.edu/springsteen-archives-and-center-for-american-music.

History Was Made Here



InfoAge's Main Visitor's Center now inhabits the former Marconi Hotel.

There's a little known thirty-seven-acre tract of land along the picturesque Shark River in Wall Township that changed the course of history and the world, yet it might be one of the Jersey Shore's best kept secrets.

The inventions, research, and discoveries made on the Camp Evans campus since the early twentieth century had a colossal impact on both the nation and the world, and today, it is home to the InfoAge Science and History Center.

In fact, the U.S. Department of Interior designated it a *National Historic Landmark* in 2012, the Clinton and Bush administrations named it a *Save America's Treasures* site, and it is a *World War II Living Memorial* for the State of New Jersey.

But what exactly happened at this serene riverside location just minutes from the ocean beaches to earn such accolades and distinctions?

For starters, radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi chose it as one of the locations for the towers he built to receive trans-Atlantic wireless messages, and in 1914, it successfully received wireless messages from Europe. The top portion of one of the original, historic Marconi towers still stands tall along Marconi Road en route to the main campus of

Camp Evans.

The former military base, which was manned by the United States Navy during World War I and the United States Army in World War II, also played a major role in military secrecy as radar systems developed and perfected here solidified the Allied Force's WWII victory.

"It was a top-secret project, when radar was bounced off the moon and back to the Jersey Shore," said Jim Doran, docent and member of



The top portion of one of the original, historic Marconi towers.

The InfoAge Science and History Center at Historic Camp Evans in Wall Township

the InfoAge Education Committee. "Before World War II officially ended in France, it ended here in Wall/Belmar because of that innovation." The classified projects at the Camp Evans site drew the curiosity of both a German American named Mangus Wehrkamp, who was arrested for loitering near the property in 1917, and Senator Joseph McCarthy, who in 1954 demanded to know more about what was going on in Camp Evans' secret radar facility.

According to Doran, Marconi operators also helped initiate the rescue of *Titanic* survivors. "They heard the ship's S-O-S call in Morse code—they heard the signal and relayed the message for help," Doran said. "That incident led to the law that wireless stations had to be manned around the clock."

Today, the property is home to 50,000 square feet of exhibits in six buildings that house over a dozen individual museums. InfoAge's Main Visitor's Center now inhabits the former Marconi Hotel, which was built to house the operators and engineers on twenty-four-hour duty at the wireless station.

"The history of the cutting edge of communications technology developed here changed New Jersey and the world," said Chris Boylan, who works part-time at InfoAge through the National Council on Aging. "InfoAge is a wonderful place, and it would be great if more people knew about it."

InfoAge's mission is to preserve, teach, and honor scientific innovation and history while inspiring new generations of thinkers, dreamers, and visionaries. It is a hub for hands-on education in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Over one hundred years of history is on display at InfoAge's various

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museums and exhibits. In the one-of-a-kind center, visitors can learn about the creation of wireless technology, hear early radio programs, listen to their voices bounce off the moon, program historic computers, discover the history of electronic warfare, see full-size military vehicles as well as items salvaged from shipwrecks and so much more. Following is a summary of InfoAge's various museums and exhibits.

The InfoAge Space Exploration

Center (ISEC) tells the story of space exploration that led to the founding of NASA and the United States Space Program. The TIROS dish antenna on display at the center ushered in the inception of weather tracking by satellite in 1962. In fact, the antenna recorded the first image of a hurricane from space and created hurricane tracking systems that are still in use today. Also on display is the SCR271 antenna used by the former top-secret "Project Diana" in 1946 to send the first signal from the earth to the moon and back in 2.5 seconds. Other exhibits at the ISEC include models and displays about Project SCORE (Signal Communication by Orbiting Relay Equipment), which was established by President Eisenhower to develop rocket technology, and Saturn V and Apollo Program Guidance Computer Modules. ISEC hosts summer camps for children and teens and a number of lectures and public programs featuring NASA astronauts and other space dignitaries and scholars throughout the year.

The Radio Technology Museum is maintained by members of the New Jersey Antique Radio Club, who volunteer their time as guides and docents. Visitors will learn about the development of radio from before sparks through today's cell phones. The extensive exhibit of radio technology from the nineteenth century through today includes countless pieces of equipment still in working condition such as vintage radios, microphones, and even rotary and pay telephones.

The Radio Technology Museum is also home to the **National**

Broadcasters Hall of Fame, which takes visitors back to the Golden Age of Radio when a dial was the key to entertainment, information, and good old-fashioned stories. Full radio programs from the era can be heard in their entirety. The National Broadcasters Hall of Fame includes such legends as George Burns, Edward R. Morrow, Dinah Shore, Benny Goodman, Red Skelton, Milton Berle, Frank Sinatra, Ronald Reagan, Les Brown, Larry King, and Art Linkletter.



Inside the Radio Technology Museum.

times. Many of the computers on display are in operational condition, including 1940s-1960s mainframes, 1960s-1970s minicomputers, and 1970s-1990s microcomputers.

The World War II Tactical Communications Museum highlights army field radio, wire line, radio relay, and tactical message encryption equipment used in the Second World War. Visitors are encouraged to find the secret radio hidden in a canteen within the exhibit.

The Association of Old Crows' Exhibit focuses upon electronic warfare and demonstrates how devices can be used to prevent an enemy from utilizing their own electronics in an attack while educating about the importance of electronic warfare on the modern battlefield used to protect United States troops.

The Military Technology Museum of New Jersey is the largest exhibit at the InfoAge Science and History Center. It features a vast array of vintage, historic military artifacts, combat artwork, and memorabilia, many of which were donated by local residents. The museum also houses full-size jeeps, tanks, amphibious and other military vehicles, while detailed models and dioramas of equipment and battles, including miniature tanks, jeeps, and aircraft, almost come alive in the **World War II Miniatures Museum**.

The African-Americans and Camp Evans Exhibit, located inside the Marconi Hotel, celebrates the



Before there was wireless (radio) communications, the Morse telegraph, which used wires between locations, was common. On display at the Radio Technology Museum.

groundbreaking achievements of both military and civilian African American men and women who answered the call to serve their country during the World War II and Korean War eras in the laboratories of both Camp Evans and Fort Monmouth.

Also located within the Marconi Hotel is a detailed replica exhibit of Marconi's wireless jump across the Atlantic, which shows how wireless telegraph works along with Morse code.

The InfoAge Science and History Center offers school groups the opportunity to supplement what is being taught in today's classroom by visiting the campus and the museums. One of InfoAge's visions is a parking lot filled with yellow school buses brimming with students of the generation that's going to develop the next phase of technology. "The founders of the next Silicon Valley will hopefully have visited InfoAge and been inspired by what they saw," said Doran. A host of experts in a wide range of topics are available to present at events held by local groups, businesses, conferences, and community organizations through **InfoAge's Speakers Bureau**.

With plans for more museums, exhibits, and displays in the works, the InfoAge Science and History Center continues to evolve with the present while preserving the past for future generations.

—Jill Ocone

The InfoAge Science and History Center at Historic Camp Evans is located at 2201 Marconi Road in Wall Township. It is open Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Admission: \$7. (ages 13 and up); \$4. (ages 12 and younger). Visitors are encouraged to dress for weather as you will be outside as you travel to the various buildings. Parking is free. Special events and group/school tours are available by appointment.

In order to continue honoring veterans and providing a place of learning for all, InfoAge offers yearly memberships and accepts tax-deductible donations. To learn more, volunteer, or donate, visit www.infoage.org or call (732) 280-3000.

Jersey Shore BBQ

Smoking the Shore One Rack at a Time



Doug Walsh, owner of Jersey Shore BBQ in Belmar.

The intoxicating smell as you walk into Belmar's Jersey Shore BBQ (JSBBQ) is so full of smoky richness, you can almost taste your meal before you've even ordered it. That tantalizing aroma and the non-stop cycle of customers is evidence that owner Doug Walsh knows BBQ like nobody else.

Walsh spent a few years living in Texas, and after helping a buddy with a BBQ catering gig on a ranch, he fell in love with the process of preparing BBQ and began cooking it himself. "Texas BBQ has such a unique, smoky flavor. My passion is creating that taste, and after cooking for friends and family, I launched my own business called Jersey Shore BBQ Catering," Walsh said.

After catering out of his Point Pleasant home for three years, Walsh looked for a commercial kitchen to house the catering business. The Belmar location fell into his lap, and he opened the restaurant in 2010.

"We took a leap and my passion turned into a career," Walsh said. During JSBBQ's first four years, Walsh also worked full-time as an information technology consultant during the day until he decided to focus full-time

on the restaurant. JSBBQ is a family business, with Walsh's wife, Dana (who serves as their coordinator of donations and outreach), and his children, Grace (seventh grade) and Douglas (sixth grade) helping with catering events and in the store.

In March 2017, the Walsh family, along with Denis Barnao, opened a second location in East Brunswick.

JSBBQ promises a consistent, savory, slow-cooked, artisanal experience. Everything on the menu, except for the rolls and beverages, are made in-house from scratch, including the sauces. Their casual Belmar atmosphere combines a down-home Texas feel with a laid back beach vibe typical of the shore.

It takes JSBBQ between sixteen and forty-eight hours to prepare one meal, which is why top-selling items like the brisket and ribs often sell out quickly, especially on Fridays and Saturdays. Service Manager Dan Serpi said, "Our attention to traditional BBQ detail is what sets us apart from other places. If we run out of brisket, which we often do, we don't sacrifice quality by rushing another batch."

Walsh explained the process to create

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ate his award-winning, smoked meats. First, the meat is hand-seasoned with a custom blend of spices known as a dry rub. Then it is cooked in a smoker filled with local hardwoods where it bastes for hours. "This is what creates the distinctive and unique taste symbolic of Jersey Shore BBQ," he said. "We do not flash-create our meals, so we apologize if we have already sold out of something a customer wants to order."

While JSBBQ is known for its smoked brisket, other customer menu favorites include The Longhorn Sandwich (their signature sandwich—chopped brisket burnt ends topped with jalapenos, grilled onions, and pepper jack cheese), The "Steve" Sandwich (pulled pork topped with "Benny" sauce, collards, provolone, and garlic aioli), and the Monmouth Trifecta (choice of three meats including pulled pork, pulled chicken, sliced beef brisket, kielbasa, St. Louis Ribs, or smoked turkey breast). Also popular is their extensive choice of homemade sides: sweet potato fries, cole slaw, bacon potato salad, mac n' cheese, ranch beans, hand-cut fries, JSBBQ pickles, tomato cucumber salad, collard greens, corn bread, or small house salad.

Other JSBBQ signature menu items include a wide array of appetizers, nachos, quesadillas, burgers, and greens. There are also several vegan and gluten free options on the menu. "We have a server who cannot eat gluten, so she helps with our gluten free items and being careful about

cross-contamination of food. Believe it or not, our sauces are gluten free, and we offer salads in place of bread and vegetables," Walsh said.

JSBBQ's catering service is still as active as ever and grows every season. They work with customers to design a menu to fit the needs of every budget and event. "We can handle any event, small gatherings to large weddings. It's what we do best and the cornerstone of the business," Walsh said. Services offered by JSBBQ Catering include made-on-site entrees and desserts, and prices include set-up and delivery.

New this year is a line of custom sodas, which was Serpi's idea. "Island Girl Beverages in Hasbrouck Heights bottles them for us, and our flavors complement the taste of any type of BBQ," Serpi said. Current flavors include raspberry lime, root beer, diet root beer, birch beer, orange, and black cherry.

Serpi said that what he loves most about his job is that it is family friendly. "Here, you're not a number as an employee or a customer. You are part of Doug's family, and he's a really good guy."

Walsh is humble about his mastery of BBQ, but the countless awards he's received speak for themselves. "My favorite award is the 'NJ Magazine Readers Choice Award for Best BBQ in New Jersey.' We won that in 2013 and in 2017," Walsh said.

Behind the scenes of the restaurant and catering business, JSBBQ thrives upon giving back to the local

community. "We opened our kitchen as a soup kitchen during Superstorm Sandy to feed volunteers and victims," Walsh said. JSBBQ works hand in hand with other local businesses every year, including Point Pleasant Beach's Point Lobster Company and Atlantic Spear and Scuba, to benefit local children who are stricken with medical issues and out-of-pocket expenses related to those issues. JSBBQ also actively supports local youth sports teams, parent-teacher organizations, and the Valentine House in Point Pleasant Beach.

Last fall, the restaurant donated a lunch, in collaboration with the Gary Sinise Foundation, to the NBC TV show "George to the Rescue," which filmed an episode featuring Jersey Shore army veteran Tyler McGibbin, who was injured in Kuwait. McGibbin's home was rebuilt to better accommodate his injuries with help from other Jersey Shore locals, including Point Pleasant businesses Tracy Pearce Interior Design and Brian Cole Plumbing.

With his restaurant now a staple of the Jersey Shore, Walsh looks forward to what the future will bring. "The key to success for any business is to continue to evolve, and during the off-season, we will tweak our menu and continue to build our brand and become an even better restaurant and catering business."

—Jill Ocone

Jersey Shore BBQ has two locations. The Belmar location is at 811 Belmar Plaza and is open daily from 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM, although the hours vary seasonally. The phone is (732) 894-9009. The East Brunswick location is at 77 Tices Lane and is open Sun. - Thurs.: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM and Fri. - Sat.: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM. The phone is (732) 210-2521. Third party delivery is available at both locations through DoorDash.com.

For more information, visit www.jerseyshorebbq.com. You can also find them on Facebook and Twitter @ JSBBQ and Instagram @ jsbbq_belmar.

For more information about their catering services, call (732) 267-2268 or email catering@jerseyshorebbq.com. The catering office is separate from their Belmar and East Brunswick locations and is open from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM.



The Monmouth Trifecta platter with pulled pork, brisket, and ribs.

PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO DO



*“Spring Lake in Autumn”
by Theresa Troise Heidel
Ridgefield Park, NJ*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monmouth and Ocean Counties

Although every effort was made to provide accurate information, please call or check the website before attending.

October, November, and December 2019

ALL SEASON LONG

Events At The Historic Village At Allaire

Please refer to the listings on pages 26 and 29.
The historic buildings are open Wednesday - Sunday 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Please call for holiday and off-season hours.

Allaire State Park, 4263 Atlantic Avenue (Route 524), Farmingdale

Village: (732) 919-3500; Park: (732) 938-2371
www.allairevillage.org

10-18 - 10-19 and 10-25 - 10-26: Haunted Hayrides and Haunted Village

11-1 - 11-3: Allaire Auxiliary Stocking Stuffer Sale

11-2: Election Day in the 1830s

11-9: Late Fall Flea Market

11-16: Village Workshops - Woodcarving, Hearth Cooking, Blacksmithing

11-16: The Magic of Lionel

11-24: Early 19th Century Thanksgiving

12-7, 12-14, and 12-21: Christmas Lantern Tours

12-8, 12-15, 12-22: Christmas at Historic Allaire Village

Events At Tuckerton Seaport

Please refer to the listing on page 24.

Tuckerton Seaport, 120 West Main Street (Route 9), Tuckerton, (609) 296-8868
www.tuckertonseaport.org

First Sunday of each month: Pickin' On The Porch

Second Wednesday of each month: Lunch 'N Learn Programs

10-20 - 1-25: Classes at Tuckerton Seaport

10-17 - 10-20: 11th Annual Haunted Seaport

10-19 - 10-20: 16th Annual New Jersey Lighthouse Challenge

12-6 - 12-8: Annual Christkindlmarkt

Red Bank and Keyport Ghost Tours

Walking lantern tours of Red Bank on Friday nights and Keyport on Saturday nights in October and November. Tickets available at 8:00 PM; tour starts at 8:30 PM and run approximately one hour, rain or shine. Adults: \$12.; age 10 and under: \$10.

Red Bank: Fridays, 10-18, 10-25, 11-1, 11-8: meet in front of the Dublin House, 30 Monmouth Street, Red Bank, (732) 500-6262

Keyport: Saturdays, 10-19, 10-26, 11-2, 11-9: meet at the minipark across from

Espresso Joe's, West Front Street, Keyport, (732) 500-6262
www.facebook.com/jerseyshoreghosttours

65th Annual Long Beach Island Surf Fishing Classic

Prizes for tournament's largest striped bass and bluefish. Special categories and prizes for juveniles, ladies, and senior citizens. Daily and weekly winners. One of East Coast's longest running fishing contests. Entry fee.

Information and pre-registration: (609) 494-7211 ext. 100
www.lbift.com

Through 12-8



Fun and Food at Laurita Winery in New Egypt

35 Archertown Road, New Egypt, (609) 758-8000
www.lauritawinery.com

Wednesdays through 12-19: Ladies Night Out, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

10-19 - 10-20: Food Trucks and Fire Pits II, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

11-9 - 11-11: Veteran's Weekend with Food Trucks and Fire Pits, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

11-16 - 11-17: Final 2019 Food Truck Festival, 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

12-5: 7th Annual Walking the Line Johnny Cash Christmas Concert, 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM

12-6: Atlantic Brass Band Holiday Concert, 2:00 PM

12-15 and 12-22: Sunday Brunch with Santa. Check website for seating times and tickets.



Art Shows at Pine Shores Art Association in Manahawkin

94 Stafford Avenue, Manahawkin, (609) 597-3557
Open Sun. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM; Wed. 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM
www.pineshoresartassociation.org

Through 10-29: Fabulous Fakes Show

11-1 - 11-27: Art Harvest Show, opening reception 11-4-19, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

11-29 - 12-29: Deck the Walls Art Show

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EVENTS AT OCEAN COUNTY PARKS

OCEAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

1198 Bandon Road, Toms River, 1-877-OC PARKS; www.oceancountyparks.org

Please refer to the listing on page 27.

Pre-registration is required for most programs.

CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK AND COOPER ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER 1170 Cattus Island Boulevard (off Fischer Blvd.) Toms River, (732) 270-6960 or 1-877-OC PARKS

Scales and Tales: Saturdays and Sundays through 12-29 (except 12-14), 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Free.

Turtle, Tortoise, or Terrapin: Saturdays and Sundays through 12-29 (except 12-14), 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM. Free.

Nature Walks: Saturdays and Sundays through 12-29 (except 12-14), 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Free.

10-19: Reptiles as Pets (ages 9 and up), 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Fee.

10-23: Birds of Ocean County (ages 9 and up), 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Fee.

10-24: Make Your Own Terra Cotta Scarecrow (adults), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

11-15: Dog Pack Walk (adults), 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Fee.

11-20, 12-11: Small Wonders Preschool Session (ages 3-5), 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Fee.

12-14: Winter Solstice Celebration - games, crafts, live animal talks, campfire storytime, food, candy cane nature walk, visit from Santa, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Free.

12-3, 12-4, 12-6: Make Your Own Evergreen Holiday Wreath (ages 10 and up), 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Fee.

12-18: Make Your Own Wine Cork Christmas Tree (adults), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

12-27, 12-30: Drop In And Discover, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Free.

CLOVERDALE FARM COUNTY PARK

34 Cloverdale Road, Barnegat

1-877-OC PARKS

Children's Nature Hour (ages 5 - 12 with parent/guardian): 10-26: Nature Treasure Hunt;

11-16: Nature Time: Story and Walk; **11-24:** Cranberry Craft; **11-30:** Christmas Trees and Pinecones; 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Free.

Monthly Bird Walks (ages 9 and up), **11-16:** 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM; **12-21:** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Free.

10-26: Witch's Broom Walk (adults), 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM. Fee.

10-29: Make Your Own Indian Corn décor (adults), 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM. Fee plus additional \$42. materials fee.

11-9: Mushroom Walk (ages 12 and up), 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Fee.

11-17, 12-8, 12-29: Nature Walks (ages 9 and up), 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Free.

11-23: Fall Stroll (adult), 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Fee.

11-30: Family Walk, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Free.

12-3: Make Your Own Indian Corn Reindeer (adults), 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM. Fee plus additional \$28. materials fee.

12-7: Wheat Weaving: Candy Cane (ages 12 and up), 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Fee plus additional \$22. materials fee.

12-10: Make Your Own Snowman Basket (adults), 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM. Fee plus additional \$22 materials fee.

12-14: Craft and Nature Walk with Santa (ages 3-7), 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Fee.

12-28: Outrageous Owls! (ages 5 - 12 with parent/guardian), 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Fee.

JAKES BRANCH COUNTY PARK AND NATURE CENTER

1100 Double Trouble Road, Beachwood

(732) 281-2750 or 1-877-OC PARKS

Sundays through 12-29: Live Animal Talks, 1:00 PM. Free.

Sundays through 12-29: Discovery Nature Walks, 1:30 PM. Free.

10-21, 11-4, 11-18, 12-2, 12-16: Nature Time Together Drop Ins (ages 3 - 7), 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Free.

10-24, 11-14, 12-12: Fireside Storytelling and Craftmaking (ages 3 - 5), 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Fee.

10-28: Bear Swamp Nature Walk (ages 9 and up), 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM. Fee.

11-2: Awesome Autumn - candy in the hay, hayrides, hay maze, face painting, games, food truck, petting zoo, and more. No rain date. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Free.

11-15: Gameshow Greatness (ages 10-13), 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

11-30: Night of the Stars with the Astronomical Society of the Toms River Area, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Free.

12-13: Moonlight Meander (ages 7 and up), 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

12-13: Make Your Own Evergreen Holiday Wreath (ages 10 and up), 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Fee.

12-14 - 12-15: Christmas Camp In (ages 5 and up; children must be accompanied by adult), 5:00 PM - 9:00 AM. Fee.

OCEAN COUNTY PARK 659 Ocean Avenue (Route 88), Lakewood 1-877-OC PARKS

10-19 - 10-20: Family Campout, 5:00 PM - 10:00 AM. Fee.

10-26: Trunk or Treat - decorate your vehicle's trunk and bring treats for little ghouls and goblins. Prizes awarded. Advanced reservations required. 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Free.

12-10, 12-11: Make Your Own Evergreen Holiday Wreath (in the Beach Complex, ages 10 and up), 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Fee.

OCEAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

1198 Bandon Road, Toms River
1-877-OC PARKS

Mondays 10-21 - 11-4: Beginner Mosaics (ages 16 and up), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee plus \$90. materials fee.

10-23, 10-24, 10-29, 11-6, 11-12, 11-14, 11-19, 11-21, 12-10, 12-17: Preschool Drop-Off Programs (ages 3 - 5, must be potty-trained.) Each session has a unique theme/focus. Various times. Fee.

11-7: Tin Can Treasures (adults), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

11-13: Make Your Own Book Angel (adults), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

11-14: Make Your Own Pinecone Door Hanger (adults), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

11-21: Make Your Own Holiday Gnome (adults), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

12-5: Everyday Angels (adults), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

12-12: Make Your Bags, Tags, and Holiday Treasures (adults), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

12-19: Make Your Own Frosty's Magic Hat (adults), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALL SEASON LONG, continued from page 17

Tours of Navy Lakehurst

Tour includes The Navy Lakehurst Information Center, The Ready Room, The POW-MIA Room, Historic Hangar One, and The Hindenburg Crash Site Memorial Marker. Registration two weeks prior is mandatory. The tour is unable to accommodate unregistered walk-ins due to security regulations. Wednesdays are for military, DOD, and groups of ten or more. No foreign nationals are permitted on the tours due to security reasons. Navy Lakehurst, Route 547, Lakehurst, (732) 818-7520 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM www.nlhs.com

November - March: every Wednesday and the 2nd Saturday of each month

April - October: every Wednesday and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month

New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Tours in Holmdel

Tours last about an hour and reservations are not required. Free.

New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, GSP Exit 116, 1 Memorial Lane, Holmdel, (732) 335-0033 www.njvfm.org

Saturdays: 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM

OCTOBER



FrightFest at Six Flags

Great Adventure in Jackson

Before 5:30 PM, enjoy Halloween-themed shows for kids, but once the sun begins to set, the ghouls come out to haunt the midways. Evening hours feature bone-chilling walkthrough attractions, eerie shows, and teeth-chattering thrill rides.

Six Flags Great Adventure, Route 537, Jackson, (732) 928-1821 www.sixflags.com/GreatAdventure

Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through 11-3

Scarecrow Walk in Downtown Toms River

Main and Washington Streets, (732) 341-8738

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

www.downtowntomsriver.com

Through 10-31



Scarecrow Contest in Manasquan

Main Street, Manasquan, (732) 223-8303

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

www.manasquanchamber.org

Through 10-31

10-25: Ghost Hunt at the Ocean

County Artists Guild in Island Heights

Presented by NJ Paranormal Investigations. Limited to 18 people. \$35. Call for tickets. Ocean County Artists Guild, 22 Chestnut Avenue, Island Heights, (732) 270-3111.

7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

www.ocartistsguild.org

10-26: 34th Annual Fall Beach Sweeps

Beach clean ups throughout the state sponsored by Clean Ocean Action. Please check the website for further information, registration, and necessary preparation. Cleanups will be at the following sites: Monmouth County: Aberdeen, Allenhurst/Loch Arbour, Asbury Park, Atlantic Highlands, Avon, Belmar, Bradley

EVENTS AT MONMOUTH COUNTY PARKS

MONMOUTH COUNTY PARKS SYSTEM

805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, (732) 842-4000; www.monmouthcountyparks.com
Please refer to the listing on page 27.

Consult the online program guide for registration information and for additional events/classes in culinary arts, photography, performing arts, sports and recreation, arts and crafts, play groups, day trips, and more.

BAYSHORE WATERFRONT PARK

719 Port Monmouth Road, Port Monmouth

(732) 783-3033 or (732) 842-4000

Sundays through 10-27: Seabrook-Wilson House Tours, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

11-21: Nature Lecture Series - Skates and Rays of the Jersey Shore, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM



10-26: Bonfire and Storytelling in Barnegat Light

Join us for a relaxing evening of entertainment with storyteller Robin Moore. Watch the sun go down with beautiful Barnegat Lighthouse in the background. Bring a beach blanket and/or beach chair and remember to bring marshmallows and a stick so you can roast them over the fire! Climb the lighthouse. Sponsored by Ocean County Parks and the Borough of Barnegat Light.

Barnegat Lighthouse State Park, Broadway, Barnegat Light, (609) 494-9196

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

www.barnegatlight.org

www.oceancountyparks.org

10-26: Halloween Parade for Children in Bay Head

Line up on Mount Street at 11:30 AM.

Parade starts at 11:45 AM. Judging at 12:00 noon at the Firehouse on Bridge Avenue. In case of rain, the parade is at the Firehouse. (732) 892-0223



10-26: Haunts in the Park in Point Pleasant

Enter our haunted trail through the twisted, gnarled, old trees that are shelters for unsuspecting visitors. Squeeze past all of the ghosts, ghouls, and beasties who are just dying to greet you! May not be appropriate for young children. Admission: adults: \$4.; children under 10: \$2.

Community Park, Bridge Avenue, Point Pleasant, (732) 892-5813

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

www.pointpleasantchamber.com

10-26: Festival and Pooch Parade in Long Branch

Arts and crafts vendors, bouncy rides, touch a truck, costume parade, trick or treat. Rain date: 10-27-19.

Festival Plaza, Pier Village, Long Branch, (732) 222-0400

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

www.facebook.com/lbfallfestival



10-27: 39th Annual Point Pleasant Boro Halloween Parade and Costume Contest

An annual tradition open to all ages, March down Bridge Avenue in your best Halloween attire! Awards offered in many categories. Open to walkers, pets, bands, community organizations, motorized or pulled floats, and more. Parade step-off is at 1:00 PM at Cohocton Avenue. Meet at Community Park on Bridge Avenue for candy and fun after. Must register online or at the stores.

Bridge Avenue, Point Pleasant, (732) 295-8850

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

www.pointpleasantchamber.com

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HOLMDEL PARK AND HISTORIC LONGSTREET FARM

44 Longstreet Road, Holmdel

(732) 946-3758 or (732) 842-4000

10-26: 19th Century Woodworking Demonstration, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Free.

10-26, 11-9, 11-23: Cookstove Demonstration, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

10-28: Pumpkin Carving in the Park (Holmdel Park Shelter Building), 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Fee.

11-16: Accordion Melodies of the 1890s, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

HUBER WOODS

25 Brown's Dock Road, Locust section of Middletown, (732) 872-2670

or (732) 872-0336

Pre-registration required for all events.

10-27: Critters and Jitters, 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM; 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM; 1:00 PM - 2:15 PM. Fee.

10-18 - 10-19 and 10-25 - 10-26: Creatures of the Night Hayrides. Various times. Fee.

MANASQUAN RESERVOIR

Park and Visitor Center: 311 Windeler Road Howell, (732) 919-0996 or (732) 842-4000

Environmental Center: 331 Georgia Tavern Road, Howell, (732) 751-9453

Pre-registration required for all events.

10-24: Super Heroes and Super Animals! (ages 4 - 7), 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM. Fee.

10-29: Fall Foliage Walk, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Free.

10-31: The Casual Birder, 9:00 AM

11-7: Bluebird Presentation, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Fee.

SHARK RIVER PARK

1101 Schoolhouse Road, Wall

(732) 922-4080

10-22: Fall Foliage Walk, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. Free. Pre-registration required.

11-23: Snuggies, S'mores, and Science Experiments (ages 4 - 7 with adult), 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Fee. Pre-registration required.

THOMPSON PARK

805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft

(732) 842-4000

Pre-registration required for most events.

10-20: Thompson Park Day, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

10-27: Hootin' It for SPUR 5K and 1 Mile Costume Run/Walk. See www.SPURonline.org for details and to register.

10-27: Geocaching and Archery Ghost Hunt (ages 9 and up), 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM. Fee.

10-29: Howl-O'ween Hike (ages 10 and up), 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Fee.

11-3: Open Ceramics, 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM

11-13: Take a Shot: Intro to Archery (ages 10 and up), 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Fee.

11-16: Open Shoot Archery, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

12-7 - 12-8: Annual Student and Instructor Exhibit and Sale, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

TURKEY SWAMP PARK

200 Georgia Road, Freehold Township

(732) 462-7286 or (732) 842-4000

10-26 - 10-27: Family Halloween Camping, 12:00 PM - 12:00 PM. Fee. Pre-registration required.

10-27: Snuggies, S'mores and Halloween Hiking with Ghosts and Goblins (ages 4 - 7), 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Fee. Pre-registration required.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER, continued from page 19

10-30: Bradley Beach Halloween Parade

Registration at the Bradley Beach Firehouse at 5:00 PM. Rain date 10-31-19.
Downtown Bradley Beach at Riley Park, Main Street, (732) 776-2999
6:00 PM
www.bradleybeachnj.gov



10-31: 81st Annual Toms River Halloween Parade

The second largest Halloween Parade in the world! Over 100,000 spectators! Thousands of participants and floats! Sponsored by the Toms River Fire Company #1. Rain date: 11-1-19.
Main and Washington Streets, Toms River, (732) 349-0144
7:00 PM
www.trfc1.org/halloween.html

NOVEMBER

11-1 - 11-10: Jersey Shore Restaurant Week

Enjoy a three-course meal with your choice of an appetizer, entrée, and dessert for either \$22.19 or \$32.19 at participating Jersey Shore restaurants. Visit website for list of participating restaurants, hours, and menus.
www.jerseyshorerestaurantweek.com



11-2: Harvest Chili Cook Off, Biergarten, and Corn Hole Tournament in Long Branch

The Dream Factory Of The Jersey Shore and Rescue Ridge are sponsoring this fundraising event to benefit each of their 501c3 charities. Dream Factory is a charity organization for critically and chronically ill children. Rescue Ridge is animal shelter where you can adopt a pet. Enjoy this fabulous fall outing with competitive chili tasting, beer garden, and corn hole tournament as well as information on Rescue Ridge, vendors and crafts, live music, gift auction, roving photographer, refreshments, and snack bar. If you are a chili cook off participant, cook your chili with renowned Chef Joe Leone in his Point Pleasant Beach kitchen commissary on 11-1 from 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Only ten spots are available! Entrance fee: \$7.; \$5. for seniors and children under 12. Entry fee for chili cook off competition: \$35. Registration deadline: 10-19. West Long Branch Community Center, 116 Locust Avenue, West Long Branch
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
www.dreamsjerseyshore.com\chilicookoff
www.rescueridge.com



11-9: 42nd Annual St. Peter School Craft Festival in Point Pleasant Beach

Over 100 juried crafters, Santa, raffles, lunch, and bakery! Lots of fun and free admission. St. Peter School, 409 Forman Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, (732) 892-1260
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
www.stpschool.org



11-10: Spring Lake Christmas Celebration Kick-off

Hayrides, Santa's Workshop, and Clayton Livery Miniature Village Train Spectacular. Shops open until 8:00 PM. Sponsored by the Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce.
Spring Lake, (732) 449-0577
www.springlake.org

11-11: Armistice Day Centenary in Toms River

Join the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders in marking the Armistice Day Centenary. At 11:00 AM, bells will be tolled to mark the end of the first World War and Ocean County's new monument to The Great War will be officially dedicated. The free program is open to the public and will also include bagpipers and historical recollections. Front lawn of the Ocean County Courthouse, 118 Washington Street, Toms River (732) 929-4779
10:30 AM



11-11: Veterans Day Ceremony in Holmdel

New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, GSP Exit 116, 1 Memorial Lane, Holmdel, (732) 335-0033
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
www.njvwmf.org

11-14: Ladies Night Out in Point Pleasant Beach

Downtown will be bustling with in-store specials, discounts, raffles, and entertainment. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served at many locations. This event is free. Rain or shine! Sponsored by the Point Pleasant Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Arnold and Bay Avenues, Point Pleasant Beach, 1-888-772-3862
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
www.pointchamber.com



11-14: Ladies Night Out in Manasquan

Main Street and the business district, Manasquan, (732) 223-8303
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
www.manasquanchamber.org

11-16: Asbury Park Thanks-4-Giving Turkey Dash 5K and Turkey Splash Plunge

Dash like a turkey and run on the boardwalk through scenic Asbury Park, Ocean Grove, and Bradley Beach...or ready to go Cold Turkey? Take a chilly dip in the Atlantic Ocean while benefitting the 25,000 athletes that Special Olympics New Jersey serves. Grand Arcade on the Boardwalk, Asbury Park, (609) 896-8000
Check-in begins at 10:00 AM; plunge at 1:00 PM; post-plunge bash at 1:30 PM at The Wonder Bar.
www.thx4giving.org

11-17 - 1-1: Holiday in the Park at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson

Six Flag's annual holiday celebration returns as they deck the halls in a dazzling display of lights, sights, and sounds for the annual holiday extravaganza. It's the most magical time of the year filled with enchanting experiences that create those special family fun outings again and again. The winter wonderland features a variety of delightful and interactive activities to help capture the holiday spirit complete with special entertainment, attractions, menus, and more. Visit website for operating days and times.
Six Flags Great Adventure, Route 537, Jackson, (732) 928-1821
www.sixflags.com/GreatAdventure



11-23: Annual Manasquan Turkey Run

All participants receive a long sleeve, mock turtleneck t-shirt.
Manasquan Little League Baseball Field, 69 Second Avenue, Manasquan
10:00 AM
www.manasquan-nj.gov/home/events/20323

11-23 - 11-24: Sea Girt PTO Craft Market

Over fifty unique crafters and artists will be selling their works of art.
Sea Girt Elementary School, Route 71, Sea Girt, (732) 705-1517
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM; **Sunday:** 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
www.seagirt.k12.nj.us

11-23 - 11-24: Christmas Craft Show in Brant Beach

Highlights include jewelry, hand-painted clothing, silk flower arrangements, and many forms of art. There will be a Chance Auction on Saturday. \$2.
St. Francis Community Center, 4700 Long Beach Boulevard, Brant Beach, (609) 494-8861

11-23: 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM; **11-24:** 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
www.stfranciscenterlbi.com

11-29: Beach Bonfire in Bradley Beach

5th Avenue Beach by the oceanfront, (732) 776-2999
6:00 PM
www.bradleybeachnj.org



11-30: Thanks-4-Giving 5K Fundraiser in Beach Haven

Help support local food banks and run for a cause.
Veterans Bicentennial Park, Engleside at South Beach Avenue, Beach Haven, (609) 492-2739
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
www.beachhaven-nj.gov or www.visitbeachhaven.com

11-30: Santa Visits Historic Viking Village in Barnegat Light

Santa arrives by fire truck and will be available for pictures and visits. Bring your camera.
Viking Village, 19th Street and Bayview Avenue, Barnegat Light, (609) 361-7008
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
www.vikingvillage.net

11-30 - 12-22: Pictures with Santa in Red Bank

Santa is coming to Red Bank every weekend! Capture the perfect holiday picture with the jolliest man in town.
The Galleria Red Bank (main foyer), 2 Bridge Avenue, Red Bank
Saturdays and Sundays,
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM



DECEMBER

12-1 - 12-31: Victorian Open House at the Ocean County Artists Guild in Island Heights

Visit this beautiful Victorian site and enjoy a plethora of lovely, hand-made gifts, crafts, and paintings. Items will be for sale all month long.
Ocean County Artists Guild, Ocean and Chestnut Avenues, Island Heights,

Christmas Tree Lightings

(732) 270-3111
Tuesdays through Sundays, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
www.ocartistsguild.org

12-6: 46th Annual Holiday House Tour and Gift Boutique in Northern Monmouth County

The 46th Annual Holiday House Tour and Boutique to benefit the Visiting Nurse Association Health Group Hospice Program is a self-guided tour of private homes in the Two River area of Monmouth County. The Holiday Boutique is open to the public with free admission and will offer gifts, greens, and accessories. For locations and more information, call (732) 224-6780. Sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association of New Jersey.
vnahg.org/events/46th-annual-holiday-house-tour-and-gift-boutique

12-6 - 12-8: 38th Annual Christmas Walk in Bay Head

Three days of festivities sponsored by the Bay Head Business Association! For more information: (732) 892-0223 or www.bayhead.org.

Friday: Candlelit streets with open houses and festivities at all the businesses, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Musical program at 6:00 PM and tree lighting with Santa's arrival at 6:30 PM at at the Firehouse on Bridge Avenue. Don't miss the "Nutcracker in the Sky" where ballerinas grace the windows of the Bay Head Ballet studio on Mount Street.

Saturday: Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Firehouse, 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Proceeds benefit the Bay Head School.

Sunday: Trolley rides around town with Santa, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Stops at the Historical Society Museum where they'll be having their Victorian Christmas Open House with refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Plus "A Night In Bethlehem" at St. Paul's Church, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



12-7: 40th Annual Ship Bottom Christmas Parade

Homemade floats and antique cars. On Long Beach Boulevard from 5th to 25th Streets, (609) 494-2171 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
www.shipbottom.org

12-7: Point Pleasant Boro High School Band Boosters 42nd Annual Holiday Craft Show and Gift Auction

Crafters, food, music, gift auction, 50/50 raffle. Memorial Middle School, Laura Herbert Drive, Point Pleasant, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
www.pointpleasantborobandboosters.org

12-7: Historic Inns of Spring Lake Candlelight Christmas Inn and House Tour

Tour Spring Lake's famous inns and B&B's decorated in their holiday splendor. Sponsored by the Historic Inns of Spring Lake. Advance ticket purchase recommended. (732) 449-0577 or (732) 449-9090 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
www.historicinnsofspringlake.com



12-7: Arthritis Foundation Jingle Bell Run in Lake Como

Be part of the longest running, holiday-themed 5K race series anywhere—and help conquer arthritis! Put on your favorite holiday costume and tie jingle bells to your shoelaces with a team of friends, family, and co-workers to run or walk and spread smiles and cheer. One hundred percent of registration fees and fundraising efforts go to this great cause. Bar Anticipation, 703 16th Avenue, Lake Como, (856) 673-1362 9:30 AM
www.runsSignup.com/Race/NJ/LakeComoArthritisFoundationJingleBellRunMonmouthCounty



12-7: SantaCon Crawl in Asbury Park

Rejoice with hundreds of Santa's crawling the streets of Asbury Park to celebrate the season of giving. Explore the countless bars, cafes, and of course, drink specials that the town's businesses have to offer. The guided map will outline the best venues to visit throughout the day and where you'll be able to take advantage of the best bargains. Take a step back to truly reminisce about this joyous time of year and spread holiday cheer with family and friends! Ages 21 and up, advance ticket purchase required.

Asbury Alehouse, 531 Cookman Avenue, Asbury Park, (732) 455-3808 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/asbury-park-santa-crawl-2019-tickets-60469119765>

12-7 - 12-8: Ocean Grove Victorian Holiday Festival: House and Inn Tour

Step back in time at Historic Ocean Grove and enjoy this special two-day holiday event. Ocean Grove, (732) 774-1391
www.oceangrovenj.com



12-14 - 12-15: Open House Weekend in Manasquan

Throughout town. (732) 223-8303 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
www.manasquanchamber.org

12-15: 237th Anniversary of the Skirmish at Cedar Bridge in Barnegat

Experience the story of skirmish between John Bacon and local militia at Cedar Bridge Tavern with a re-enactment of the last documented land engagement of the Revolutionary War. A tour of the newly refurbished Cedar Bridge Tavern will also be available. Snow date: 1-5-20. Sponsored by the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Cedar Bridge Tavern, 200 Old Halfway Road, Barnegat, (732) 929-4779 2:00 PM
www.co.ocean.nj.us/ch

12-31: First Night Ocean County in Seaside Heights

A family celebration with local businesses along the boardwalk. Fireworks at 5:00 PM. Boardwalk, Seaside Heights, 1-800-732-7467 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
www.exit82.com

Compiled from and various local, county, and municipal websites.

11-29: Point Pleasant Beach

Tree lighting at 5:45 PM and Santa's arrival by fire truck at 6:00 PM! Live music and refreshments, take-your-own pictures with Santa, free fire truck rides, horse and carriage rides, games, clowns, karaoke, bicycle drawing, and lots more! A festive night of family fun. Rain date: 11-30-19. Arnold and Bay Avenues, (732) 899-2424 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
www.pointpleasantbeachchamber.com

11-29: Barnegat Light

Tree lighting, Santa greeting, and caroling. Boat Ramp, 10th Street, (609) 494-9196; 6:30 PM
www.barnegatlight.org

11-29: Red Bank

Take a train ride with Santa from Little Silver to Red Bank at 6:44 PM. Holiday Express concert, parade, and "town" lighting. Broad and Monmouth Streets, Red Bank, (732) 842-4244; 7:00 PM
www.redbank.org

11-30: Asbury Park

On the boardwalk in the Grand Arcade, (732) 775-7676; 5:00 PM
www.asburyparkchamber.com

12-1: Bradley Beach

Horse and wagon rides, entertainment, and refreshments. Santa will arrive by fire truck at 5:00 PM. Riley Park, Main Street (between LaReine and Brinley Avenues), (732) 776-2999; 4:00 PM
www.bradleybeachnj.org

12-4: Point Pleasant Boro

Christmas tree lighting and pop-up market. Carriage rides around Community Park start at 5:30 PM. Community Park, Bridge Avenue, Point Pleasant, (732) 892-5813; 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
www.pointpleasantchamber.com

12-6: Manasquan

Christmas tree lighting and candy cane hunt. Squan Plaza, Abe Voorhees Drive and Main Street and the Business District, (732) 223-0544 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
www.manasquanchamber.org

12-6: Belmar

Pyanoe Plaza, 9th Avenue and Main Street, (732) 681-3700 ext. 214; 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
www.visitbelmarnj.com

12-6: Toms River

Library and Town Hall Courtyard, Washington Street, Toms River, (732) 341-8738; 5:00 PM
www.downtowntomsriver.com.com

12-6: Bay Head

38th Annual Christmas Walk. Candlelit streets, tree lighting, and open house at all the businesses. Musical program at 6:00 PM. Tree lighting with Santa's arrival at 6:30 PM at the Firehouse on Bridge Avenue. Throughout town, (732) 892-0223; 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM
www.bayhead.org

12-7: Asbury Park

At town hall, (732) 775-7676; 5:30 PM
www.asburyparkchamber.com

12-14: Beach Haven

Veterans Memorial Park and LBI Historical Association Museum, (609) 618-3914; 6:00 PM

PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO DO

THEATER & CONCERTS

Monmouth and Ocean Counties

Although every effort was made to provide accurate information, please call or check the website before attending.

October 2019 - January 2020

ALGONQUIN ARTS THEATRE

173 Main Street, Manasquan
(732) 528-9211
www.algonquinarts.org

Algonquin Arts was founded in 1992 to provide cultural enrichment for the residents and visitors of Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Their programming includes dramatic and musical theatre, dance, musical concerts, film, and mixed media presentations. These presentations are offered to the public in the setting of the 540-seat Algonquin Arts Theatre, which reopened to the public in 1994 following an extensive renovation. Algonquin Arts also enhances the educational experiences of area students with diverse performances and artist-lead educational workshops. Call the box office or check the website for more information.

10-26: The Little Engine That Could Earns Her Whistle (Family Series), 11:00 AM

10-27: Father Alphonse Stephenson conducts The Music That Makes Me Dance (Orchestra Series), 3:00 PM

11-1: Beginnings: A Celebration of the Music of Chicago (Concert Series), 8:00 PM

11-9: Uncle Vinnie's Comedy Club presents Spend the Night with Jackie "The Joke Man" Martling, doors open 6:45 PM

11-13: Algonquin's Rising Stars (Education Series), 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

11-16: Folsom '68: A Tribute to Johnny Cash (Concert Series), 8:00 PM

11-17: James Langton's NY All-Star Big Band presents Those Swingin' Singers (Concert Series), 3:00 PM

11-30 - 12-15: Annie (Broadway Series 2019-2020), various days and times

12-18: A Christmas Carol (Education Series), 10:00 AM and 11:45 AM

12-21: Kids' Christmas Party with Yosi and The Superdads (Family Series), 11:00 AM

12-31: A Tribute to The King starring Travis LeDoyt (Concert Series), 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM

1-5: Father Alphonse's New Year With the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea (Orchestra Series), 3:00 PM

1-11: Peter and the Wolf (Family Series), 11:00 AM

1-12: Dan Levinson's Gotham SophistiCats presents Hot Nights in Harlem with Jeff Barnhart, Molly Ryan, and special guest Dandy Wellington, 3:00 PM

1-25 - 2-1: Neil Simon's Brighton Beach Memoirs (Broadway Series 2019-2020), various days and times

1-30: Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad (Education Series), 10:00 AM and 11:45 AM

CONVENTION HALL AND PARAMOUNT THEATRE

Ocean Avenue (between 5th and Sunset Avenues), Asbury Park, (732) 897-6500
www.apboardwalk.com

One of the most distinctive and majestic landmarks along the New Jersey Shore, Asbury Park's Convention Hall and Paramount Theatre is a multi-purpose venue of two separate buildings joined by a Grand Arcade. Convention Hall, located on the boardwalk and extending out over the beach, has a capacity of up to 3,600, depending upon the event. It features an impressive stage area and a spacious arena floor. The historic

Paramount Theatre, which opened in 1930, is a showcase for music and performing arts and offers a wide variety of entertainment. Call or check the website for current schedule.

10-25: In This Moment (Convention Hall), doors open 5:00 PM

10-26: Convention Hell Halloween Concert featuring Kung Fu and More (Convention Hall), doors open 7:00 PM

11-16: Get the Led Out (Paramount Theatre), 8:00 PM

11-30: The Wizards of Winter (Paramount Theatre), 7:30 PM

12-6: Del McCoury Band (Paramount Theatre), doors open 7:00 PM



Convention Hall and the Paramount Theatre in Asbury Park.

THE COUNT BASIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

99 Monmouth Street, Red Bank
(732) 842-9000
www.thebasie.org

Founded in 1926, this 1,400-seat theater is known for first class entertainment in an intimate setting. The Center's mission is to inspire, educate, and entertain through distinct and engaging cultural and artistic offerings that reflect the diversity of the region. Family shows, musical plays, comedians, and famous political commentators have all appeared here. The Basie's vision for the future is to evolve into a world-class center for arts education, culture, and the performing arts. This evolution includes an industrious expansion, potentially doubling the number of its performance, educational, and cultural offerings, while reaching a wider sector of the community through new partnerships and programs.

10-25: Astral Weeks and Beyond: Celebrating Van Morrison, 8:00 PM

10-26: Dead on Life 65-96, All the Years Combine, 8:00 PM

10-27: The Capitol Steps, 4:00 PM

11-1: Kreeps with Kids Comedy Tour with Robert Kelly, Ron Bennington, Rich Vos, Jim Florentine, 8:00 PM

11-2: Grieg's Piano Concerto, 8:00 PM

11-3: Disney Junior Holiday Party Tour, 6:00 PM

11-7: Marshall Tucker Band with The Outlaws, 7:30 PM

11-8 - 11-10: Frankie Valli, various times

11-11: Buddy Guy, 8:00 PM

11-15 - 11-24: Phoenix Productions presents: Mamma Mia!, various days and times

11-18: Boz Scaggs, 8:00 PM

11-19: The Brian Setzer Orchestra Christmas Rocks Tour, 7:30 PM

11-20: Scott Bradlee's Postmodern Jukebox: A Very Postmodern Christmas, 8:00 PM

11-29: Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer Musical, 4:00 PM and 7:30 PM

12-1: Celtic Woman: The Best of Christmas, 7:00 PM

12-3 - 12-4: Elf on the Shelf: A Christmas Musical, 7:00 PM

12-5 - 12-6: A Charlie Brown Christmas Live on Stage, 7:00 PM

12-7: Holiday Doo Wop, 7:00 PM

12-9: Michael Bolton: Greatest Hits and Holiday Favorites, 7:30 PM

12-16 - 12-17: Holiday Express Benefit Concert, 7:30 PM

12-18: Darlene Love's 'Souled' Out Christmas, 7:30 PM

12-22: Monmouth Civic Chorus: Messiah and More, 4:00 PM

12-31: Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes, 9:00 PM

1-4: Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet, 8:00 PM

1-13: Lula Washington Dance Theatre, 7:00 PM

1-14 - 1-15: A Bronx Tale, 7:30 PM

1-23: The Simon and Garfunkel Story, 8:00 PM

1-24: The Elvis Birthday Bash, 7:30 PM

1-25: Little River Band, 8:00 PM

1-31: Romeo and Juliet, 7:30 PM

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY

400 Cedar Avenue, West Long Branch
Box Office: (732) 263-6889
www.monmouth.edu/arts

POLLAK THEATRE: This recently renovated 700-seat theatre presents live music, theatre, and dance by national touring artists. The Pollak also screens HD broadcasts of the MET Opera, the National Theatre of London, and the Bolshoi Ballet, along with children's theater and other programming presented by the Center for the Arts.

10-26: The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents Manon, 1:00 PM

10-27: The Bolshoi Ballet: Raymonda, 1:00 PM

11-2: Performing Arts Series: William Close and the Earth Harp Collective, 8:00 PM

11-3: The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents Manon Encore, 1:00 PM

11-5: Tuesday Night Record Club presents: Marvin Gaye, What's Going On?, 7:30 PM

11-9: The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents Madama Butterfly, 1:00 PM

11-15: Performing Arts Series: Bridgman/Packer Dance, 8:00 PM

11-16: Performing Arts Series: On A Winter's Night with Christine Lavin, John Gorka, Patty Larkin, Cheryl Wheeler, and Cliff Eberhardt, 8:00 PM

11-18: Great Art on Screen: The Prado Museum: A Collection of Wonders, 7:30 PM

11-21: National Theatre: A Midsummer Night's Dream (broadcast in HD), 7:30 PM

11-22: Special Event: 42nd Street - The Musical, 7:30 PM

11-23: The Metropolitan Opera: Life in HD presents Akhnaten, 1:00 PM

11-24: The Bolshoi Ballet: Le Corsaire, 1:00 PM

12-3: Children's Theatre: Peter Pan, 10:00 AM

12-5: National Theatre: Hansard (broadcast in HD), 7:30 PM

12-6: Performing Arts Series: Father Alphonse Stephenson and the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, 8:00 PM

Kelly S. Andrews

12-8: The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents Madama Butterfly Encore, 1:00 PM

12-15: The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents Akhnaten Encore, 1:00 PM

1-11: The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents Wozzeck, 1:00 PM

1-26: The Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD presents Wozzeck, 1:00 PM

1-28: World Cinema Series: Lemon Tree, 7:30 PM

1-30: Live Theatre: All My Sons (broadcast in HD), 7:30 PM

WILSON HALL AUDITORIUM: Built in the 1930s, this theater space seats between 175 and 200 people and offers classical concerts and other types of presentations.

11-18: Visiting Writers Series: Taije Silverman, 4:30 PM

11-19: Jewish Cultural Studies presents George Eliot, Judaism, and Marry Anne Evans, Bicentennial, 7:30 PM

12-12: Department of Holiday and Theatre Arts Productions Annual Holiday Concert: Season's Greetings, 7:30 PM

1-28: Tuesday Night Record Club: Dave Brubeck, Time Out, 7:30 PM

LAUREN K. WOODS THEATRE: This 140-seat theater is used mainly for school productions during the school year. These can range from concerts to musicals to plays.

11-15 - 11-24: Department of Music and Theatre Arts Productions presents Company, various days and times

12-6: Department of Music and Theatre Arts Productions Winter Dance Concert, 7:00 PM

12-10: Tuesday Night Record Club: Frank Sinatra, In the Wee Small Hours, 7:30 PM

OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE JAY AND LINDA GRUNIN CENTER FOR THE ARTS

College Drive, Toms River, (732) 255-0500

www.grunincenter.org

The Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts, located on the campus of Ocean County College (OCC), is home to the OCC Theatre Company and the OCC Concert Band. Professional programs include: Living Legends, Singer/Songwriters, Classical Music, Musical/Theatre, Country/Folk, Jazz, Dance, and Family. In addition, the Garden State Philharmonic is the orchestra-in-residence. Mid-Week Jazz Series concerts and School of Performing Arts productions take place all season long.

10-25: Brooks Gibbs (Schools n Stage), 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM

10-25: Zee Zee, 3:00 PM



Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts at Ocean County College in Toms River.

10-27: Gerry Mulligan Tribute Band, 3:00 PM

11-1: Bette Davis Ain't for Sissies, 2:00 PM

11-6: Thomas L. Friedman (Blauvelt Speaker Series), 6:00 PM

11-7: An Evening with Cowboy Junkies, 7:30 PM

11-8 - 11-17: On Golden Pond, various days and times

11-22: Max Weinberg's Jukebox, 8:00 PM

11-23: Assisted Living: The Musical - Home for the Holidays, 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM

11-26: The TEN Tenors, 7:00 PM

12-1: Swingadelic presents: A Tribute to Fats Domino, 3:00 PM

12-2: Nyle DiMarco - Living Out Loud, 6:00 PM

12-5 - 12-15: Broadway for the Holidays: A Musical Revue, various days and times

12-6: Natalie MacMaster and Donnel Leahy present: A Celtic Family Christmas, 8:00 PM

12-7: A Christmas Carol, 1:00 PM

12-7: Home for the Holidays, 7:00 PM

12-11: Vienna Boys Choir, 7:00 PM

12-12: Irish Christmas in America, 7:00 PM

12-14: The Nutcracker, 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM

12-19: Cherish the Ladies; Celtic Christmas, 7:00 PM

12-22: Angelina Ballerina: The Very Merry Holiday Musical, 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM

1-15 - 1-16: Red Firecrackers - The Legend of the First Chinese New Year (Schools n Stage), 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM

SPRING LAKE THEATRE AT THE SPRING LAKE COMMUNITY HOUSE

300 Madison Avenue

Spring Lake, (732) 449-4530

www.springlaketheatre.com

Since 1978, the theatre has been the home of the Spring Lake Theatre Company. Renovated in 1986, the theater seats over 350 patrons. The Spring Lake Theatre Company produces Broadway-quality musicals, comedies, and dramas, with professionally talented casts and lavish sets and costumes. Each year, the company puts on six different shows, with the opening night ticket sales of each donated to different area charities.

12-6 - 12-22: Scrooge, various days and times

1-31 - 2-15: 1776 (all female cast), various days and times

THE STONE PONY 913 Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park (732) 502-0060 www.stoneponyonline.com

The legendary Stone Pony has been a driving force of the Jersey Shore music scene since it first opened its doors in 1974. From independent, local talent to internationally known headline acts,

music fans will never be disappointed with the Stone Pony's schedule of events. During the summer, enjoy open-air concerts at the Stone Pony Summer Stage. Advance ticket purchase recommended for both venues.

10-29: Melvin Seals and JGB featuring John Kadlecik, 7:00 PM

10-25: The Parlor Mob: Dark House Tour, 7:00 PM

10-27: Rock and Roll Playhouse plays Music of Phish for Kids Halloween Spectacular, 11:00 AM

11-1: North Mississippi Allstars, 7:00 PM

11-2: Keller Williams, 8:00 PM

11-10: Billy Strings, 7:00 PM

11-13: Ghostemane with Candy, Horus the Astroneer, Parv0, 6:00 PM

11-21: New Found Glory with Hawthorne Heights, Free Throw, Jetty Bones, 6:30 PM

12-5: Morgan Evans World Tour 2019, 7:00 PM

12-14: New Politics, Plain White T's and The Mowgli's, 6:00 PM

THE STRAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

400 Clifton Avenue, Lakewood

(732) 367-7789

www.strand.org

Built in 1919, The Strand is known as one of the best acoustical theatres in the nation. This fully restored theatre features a variety of musical, dramatic, and comedic events by some of the country's top performers, as well as the Garden State Philharmonic and fine ballet.

10-26: Las Vegas' Own Bee Gees Gold, 8:00 PM (doors open 6:30 PM)

10-27: Dracula, The Atlantic City Ballet, 4:00 PM

11-9: In The Mood, America's Favorite Big Band Musical, 8:00 PM (doors open 6:30 PM)

11-15: The Feeling of Soul-JT Bowen, Arlan Feiles, Bilsby Brothers, and The Sensational Soul Cruisers, 8:00 PM

11-23: The Machine Performs Pink Floyd, 8:00 PM (doors open 6:30 PM)

12-6 - 12-8: BCCT presents Disney Frozen Jr., various times

12-15: A Christmas Carol Dickens by Dickens!, 2:00 PM

12-21: The Nutcracker with The Atlantic City Ballet and The Garden State Philharmonic, 7:00 PM

SURFLIGHT THEATRE Engleside and Beach Avenues Beach Haven, (609) 492-9477 www.surflight.org

Producing large-scale musicals and plays with a resident company of professional actors, the Surflight has been performing live theater in a classic summer stock situation since 1950. In addition, Surflight offers Children's Theater from mid-June through September and a Celebrity Concert series. Please call or visit the website for shows, times, prices, and group pricing.

11-23: Center Stage Opera presents: Carmen, 7:30 PM

11-30: The Diamonds: Bandstand Boogie, 7:30 PM

12-5 - 12-15: 'Tis The Season, various days and times

12-31: The Rave-Ons: Rockin' Eve, 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM

TWO RIVER THEATER CO. 21 Bridge Avenue, Red Bank (732) 345-1400 www.tworivertheater.org

11-9 - 12-1: Love in Hate Nation, various days and times

1-11 - 2-2: Twelfth Night, various days and times ♦

TOURISM INFORMATION



Chambers Of Commerce

JERSEY SHORE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 1305, Wall, (732) 280-8800
www.JSCCnj.com

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517A Arnold Avenue
Point Pleasant Beach
(732) 899-2424 or 1-888-772-3862
Email: info@pointpleasantbeachnj.com
www.pointchamber.com

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The Jersey Shore's premier family vacation resort town! From our mile-long white sand beaches and landmark boardwalk to incredible shopping, dining, and special events, Point Pleasant Beach has it all! Visit our historic downtown shopping district, with numerous retail stores, antique shops, restaurants, and eateries. Fabulous dining and entertainment can be found all over town with dozens of choices, from fine to fun to waterfront and oceanfront dining. Our landmark boardwalk features arcades, rides, Jenkinson's Aquarium, miniature golf, dining, entertainment, and more! Free beach events all summer long including Jenkinson's Music Festival on Wednesdays and Fireworks every Thursday night. For the best in deep-sea fishing, our party and charter boat fleet offers a variety of choices for every angler, from novice to experienced. Contact us for a complimentary Point Pleasant Beach Guidebook or visit us online!

UPCOMING EVENTS: 10-12: Annual Tug O' War Across The Inlet; **11-14:** Ladies Night Out; **11-29:** Annual Tree Lighting & Santa's Arrival.

PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO DO

ATTRACTIOnS

and Activities in Monmouth and Ocean Counties

Amusement Parks, Rides, & Boardwalks

ASBURY PARK

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www.CityofAsburyPark.com

One of NJ's top ten beaches, unique shops and restaurants on the boardwalk plus Convention Hall and the Paramount Theatre.

POINT PLEASANT BEACH BOARDWALK

Point Pleasant Beach Chamber

Of Commerce, (732) 899-2424

www.pointchamber.com

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Mile-long white sand beach, boardwalk, aquarium, arcades, restaurants, stores, and rides. Beach admission fee in season. GSP Exit 98.

SEASIDE HEIGHTS BOARDWALK

Borough of Seaside Heights

George E. Tompkins Municipal Complex

901 Boulevard, Seaside Heights

(732) 793-9100

www.seaside-heightsnj.org

Seaside Heights Business Improvement

District/Tourism, P.O. Box 43

Seaside Heights, 833-4SEASIDE

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Three-mile-long beachfront that has white sandy beaches and a mile-long boardwalk in Seaside Heights overflowing with games, rides, waterpark, restaurants, and shops.

Antiquing

POINT PLEASANT BEACH ANTIQUE DISTRICT

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Point Pleasant Beach, (732) 899-2424

www.pointchamber.com

RED BANK ANTIQUE DISTRICT

West Front Street and Bridge Avenue

Red Bank, (732) 842-4244 or (888) Hip-Town

www.redbankrivercenter.org

Aquarium

JENKINSON'S AQUARIUM

Ocean Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach

(732) 899-1659

www.jenkinsonsons.com/aquarium

Located on the boardwalk in Point Pleasant Beach, the whole family will love our exotic exhibits such as Atlantic sharks, Pacific sharks, coral reefs, African penguins, Harbor seals, and more. Take the kids to the touch tank for a hands on experience with live animals ranging from a sea star to a stingray. The Aquarium offers day camps, educational workshops, birthday parties, and rentals.

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www.vikingvillage.net

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THE HISTORIC VILLAGE AT ALLAIRE

Allaire State Park, Route 524, Wall

(732) 919-3500

www.allairevillage.org

Please refer to our listings under "Parks" and "Historic Sites & Museums."

TUCKERTON SEAPORT

120 West Main Street, Tuckerton

(609) 296-8868

www.TuckertonSeaport.org

Tuckerton Seaport, a working maritime village, is located along the Tuckerton Creek. This one-of-a-kind attraction, in the heart of historic Tuckerton, brings the Jersey Shore's maritime traditions of the past and present to life through people, exhibits, and hands-on activities. Discover the Jersey Shore's unique maritime heritage and the interaction between culture and nature on the Barnegat Bay. Experience the rich traditions of the Jersey Shore and its Baymen through the Seaport's recreated and historic buildings, demonstrations, interpretive exhibits, events, festivals, live aquatic displays, and more. Decoy carvers, boat builders, basket makers, and baymen entertain, educate, and delight visitors of all ages. Stroll the 3/4 mile boardwalk and experience life on the Tuckerton "Crik." Identify birds and plants on our 1/4 mile nature trail. Tour our site and view garveys, sneakboxes, cruising yachts, and party boats displayed on land and water. Open daily from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.



Tuckerton Seaport.

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www.oceanhockey.com

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Forked River, (609) 693-1900
www.ahscares.org

Located in the heart of the Pine Barrens and originally established in 1977 as a refuge for wildlife which could no longer survive on their own in the wilderness, Popcorn Park Zoo now has over two hundred domestic and exotic animals living in large surroundings. Each animal has its own story. Perfect for children and adults alike.

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730 Airport Road, (off GSP Exit 89C in the
Lakewood Industrial Park), Lakewood
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PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO DO

PARKS

and Recreation Areas in Monmouth and Ocean Counties

ALLAIRE STATE PARK

THE HISTORIC VILLAGE AT ALLAIRE
4263 Atlantic Avenue (Route 524)
Farmingdale, Park: (732) 938-2371
Village: (732) 919-3500
www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/allaire.html
www.allairevillage.org

This park boasts a restored early-nineteenth-century bog iron mining community. You'll find picnicking, playgrounds, campsites, walking and riding trails, a Nature Center, general store, living history, and the Pine Creek Railroad steam trains. See also "The Historic Village At Allaire" under "Historic Sites & Museums."

BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE STATE PARK

Route 72, Long Beach Island, (732) 494-2016
www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/barnlig.html

A one time hideout of Captain Kidd and his pirates, this panoramic beach now offers fishing, swimming, trails, birding, and picnicking. Historic "Old Barney" lighthouse is here, too, and you can learn the story behind the lighthouse at the Interpretive Center. Park open daily 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM. Lighthouse open daily Memorial Day - Labor Day, 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Lighthouse admission: ages 12 and older: \$3.; children 6 to 11: \$1.

BAYSHORE WATERFRONT PARK

719 Port Monmouth Road, Port Monmouth (732) 783-3033 or (732) 842-4000
www.monmouthcountyparks.com

At 228 acres, this scenic park is home to a 495-foot fishing pier, the historic Bayshore Waterfront Park Activity Center (the Seabrook-Wilson House), and beautiful views of the Raritan Bay and the NYC skyline. Beach access, salt marshes, boating, fishing, birding, picnicking.

CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK AND COOPER ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

**1170 Cattus Island Boulevard
(off Fischer Blvd.), Toms River (732) 270-6960 or 1-877-OC PARKS**
www.oceancountyparks.org

The unspoiled beauty of nature is the main attraction at Cattus Island County Park. For nature lovers, this 500-acre park offers panoramic bay views, hiking trails, a boardwalk through the wetlands, a conservation area, bird watching, crabbing and fishing, picnic areas, a playground, a beautiful Butterfly Garden, and cross-country skiing in the winter. This environmentally sensitive park boasts miles of trails, many offering lovely vistas of the adjacent Silver Bay. Cattus Island is home to the Cooper Environmental Center, where visitors of all ages can enjoy the many displays and collections of snakes and reptiles, as well as numerous programs and presentations.

CLOVERDALE FARM COUNTY PARK

34 Cloverdale Road, Barnegat 1-877-OC PARKS
www.oceancountyparks.org

Get acquainted with this tucked away, 90-acre jewel, the newest park in the Ocean County system. A former cranberry bog and tree farm, the natural beauty of the park lends itself to a unique 1.4 mile self-guided nature trail which meanders through the farm and into undisturbed woodlands, offering an escape from every day life. Also on the grounds are original buildings from the Collins' family farm, dating back to the early 1900s. The Nature Center, opened in May 2015, contains exhibits that high-

light the natural beauty and historical significance of the park and is open on Fri., Sat., Sun., and by chance during the rest of the week.

DEEP CUT GARDENS

152 Red Hill Road, Middletown (732) 671-6050 or (732) 842-4000
www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Deep Cut Gardens is dedicated to the home gardener. The 54 acres of gardens and greenhouses are planned as a living catalog of cultivated and native plant materials to be observed through the seasons. Whether identifying the specimens in the gardens, questioning the horticultural staff, or perusing the books and magazines in the horticultural reference library, you will discover ways to improve your home garden. While there, visit the Home Compost Demonstration Area. Views of the surrounding countryside, shade, seating, and picnic tables.



Holmdel Park.

group cabin camping (by reservation), cross country ski trails, fishing in the Navesink River, and trails for walking, hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Adventure, exercise, and relaxation await you on the nineteen-mile trail system of this 787-acre park. It's the perfect place to escape the sounds of suburbia. A historic World War II naval gun from the Battleship New Jersey is now on permanent display as a part of the Battery Lewis restoration.

HENRY HUDSON TRAIL

Aberdeen/Keyport border to Atlantic Highlands, and Matawan to Freehold Activity Center: 945 Route 36, Leonardo (732) 842-4000
www.monmouthcountyparks.com

This paved, ten-foot wide, 22-mile long trail is a former railroad right-of-way. It is relatively flat, traveling through both man-made and natural environments. Much of the trail is tree-lined, though some parts have views of surrounding wetlands, streams, and fields. The northern trail section runs ten miles (just north of and parallel to Route 36) from the Aberdeen/Keyport border at the intersection of Lloyd Road and Clark Street to the Leonardo section of Middletown/Atlantic Highlands border at Avenue D. Work is underway to extend the Henry Hudson Trail another twelve miles to Freehold Borough. Currently, the trail runs four miles from Route 537 in Freehold to Stevenson Drive in Marlboro. The trail then resumes at Station Road in Marlboro and continues for five miles to Church Street in Matawan. Future plans for the Trail include linking these two sections of trail and providing a connection to the original northern section of the Henry Hudson Trail. The park totals 100 acres. Note: Trail conditions are primitive and users should expect wet and muddy patches, with no alternate route around.

HOLMDEL PARK

AND HISTORIC LONGSTREET FARM
44 Longstreet Road, Holmdel (732) 946-3758 or (732) 842-4000
www.monmouthcountyparks.com

This 572-acre park features hiking and fitness trails, fishing and skating ponds, tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic areas, a sledding hill, and more. Historic Longstreet Farm, located in the park, is a living history farm that maintains life as it was during the 1890s. Costumed interpreters work the farm as it was over a hundred years ago. Come see the 14-room farmhouse, live animals, agricultural fields, and barnyard! The park is also home to the David C. Shaw Arboretum, a 22-acre educational and horticultural display devoted to trees, shrubs, and other woody plants that grow in Monmouth County. Activities, guided tours, and children's programs are available. Open everyday except Christmas. The farmhouse is open only on weekends.

HUBER WOODS PARK

25 Brown's Dock Road
Locust section of Middletown (732) 872-2670 or (732) 842-4000
www.monmouthcountyparks.com

Enjoy a fabulous view of the Navesink River and relax as you get away from it all on one of the trails. This park features 366 acres of forest and meadows. Other attractions include eight miles of multi-use trails, and the Environmental Center with hands-on nature displays. A visit to Huber Woods Park is the perfect opportunity to appreciate facets of nature that are often taken for granted. Take time amid the scenic beauty and panoramic views to observe the small things—the sounds, smells, lights and shadows, and subtle hints of seasonal changes. Relax in a meadow or take a walk along a wooded trail. Each experience will enhance your appreciation of the fascinating natural world around you.



Kelly S. Andrews

Snowy Egret at Island Beach State Park.

ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK Shore Road, Island Beach, (732) 793-0506 www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/island.html

One of the few remaining undeveloped barrier beaches on the North Atlantic, Island Beach State Park stretches for ten miles between the Atlantic Ocean and the historic Barnegat Bay. Over 3,000 acres of pure beauty offer habitat to maritime plants and diverse wildlife, including New Jersey's largest osprey colony. Bathing areas, food, botanical preserve, trails, natural areas, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, picnicking, the Sedge Island Conservation Zone, and the Emily DeCamp Interpretive Center. Open Mon. - Fri. 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM; Sat., Sun., and holidays 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM. Access to fishing in the park is 24 hours-a-day. Mobile sportfishing vehicle permits are available through the Park's Visitor Contact Station at the entrance gate. Please check the website for current entrance fees (charged by vehicle).

JAKES BRANCH COUNTY PARK AND NATURE CENTER 1100 Double Trouble Road, Beachwood (732) 281-2750 or 1-877-OC PARKS www.oceancountyparks.org

Known as "The Gateway to the Pines," the 400-acre Jakes Branch County Park offers a balance of active and passive recreation opportunities. The Nature Center in the park highlights the beauty, history, and natural surroundings of the Pine Barrens. Breathtaking views of the seemingly endless pine forest can be taken in from the observation deck atop the Nature Center. Jakes Branch also offers soccer, baseball/softball, tennis, and basketball in addition to miles of nature trails. The tot lot, picnic grove, and open playing fields appeal to children of all ages.

LAKE SHENANDOAH COUNTY PARK AND SPORTS FIELD COMPLEX 660 Ocean Avenue (Route 88) and 300 New Hampshire Avenue Lakewood, 1-877-OC PARKS www.oceancountyparks.org

Tall oaks and pines surround gorgeous Lake Shenandoah, which is the focal point of this 143-acre park. Trout-stocked waters, accessible fishing piers, and an on-site bait-and-tackle shop with boat rentals make this spot perfect for freshwater fishing, from land or water. There is a small boat launch (electric motors only), a conservation area, picnic area, playground, and bike trail. At the 84-acre sports field complex area, there are basketball courts, six soccer fields, and two softball fields, which are also available for use. (Pre-registration is required.) In the spring and fall, the fields are busy with local teams and excited onlookers.

MANASQUAN RESERVOIR Park and Visitor Center: 311 Windeler Road, Howell, (732) 919-0996 or (732) 842-4000 Environmental Center: 331 Georgia Tavern Road, Howell, (732) 751-9453 www.monmouthcountyparks.com Please refer to the listing under "Attractions & Activities, Boat Rides."

County operated public recreation area on 1,203-acre reservoir. Hike, picnic, or put in your own canoe, kayak, or electric powered boat and pay a daily or seasonal ramp fee. Rent boats too! Or tour the reservoir on a thirty-six foot pontoon boat with a guide who will introduce you to the area's plants and wildlife. Forty minute weekend tours from Memorial Day to the end of September. \$6. for adults and \$4. for twelve and under. In the winter, the reservoir is open for ice skating, ice boating, and ice fishing (depending upon weather conditions). Be sure to visit the Environmental Center on 331 Georgia Tavern Road. Dedicated to providing experiences of learning and discovery of wetland ecology and wildlife and habitat protection, the Environmental Center is open daily 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Free!

MILL CREEK COUNTY PARK AND FLORENCE T. ALLEN CONSERVATION AREA 110 and 111 Chelsea Avenue Berkeley Township, 1-877-OC PARKS www.oceancountyparks.org

Mill Creek County Park is located in Berkeley Township between Pine Beach and Ocean Gate. Cedar chip trails, the Mill Creek, the Toms River, and three playgrounds make this a scenic and inviting park. The park's 14 acres offer the perfect spot for a family picnic under the pavilion or at one of several secluded picnic tables. Basketball, conservation area, trails, grills, restrooms, handicapped accessible. This park is also the future site of the Ocean County Sailing Center. The Florence T. Allen Conservation Area consists of 45 acres of cedar swamp and uplands bordering Mill Creek. These wetlands protect Mill Creek as it flows into the Toms River.

MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD AND MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK 16 Business Route 33, Manalapan (732) 462-9616 www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/monbat.html

This is where Molly Pitcher became famous during a Revolutionary battle. It was on the Monmouth Battlefield that General Washington and General Sir Henry Clinton faced each other. This victory convinced the British that the revolutionaries were a force to contend with and not just a ragtag rabble. This is also the setting for the historic Craig House. Learn more about the rich history of Monmouth Battlefield through wayside exhibits located on Perrine Hill, Combs Hill, and the Hedgerow. Visitors Center, birding, picnic areas, trails, and playgrounds. Sledding and cross-country skiing in winter.

MOUNT MITCHILL SCENIC OVERLOOK 460 Ocean Boulevard, Atlantic Highlands (732) 842-4000 www.monmouthcountyparks.com

This is the Jersey Shore's highest point—266 feet above sea level—and is the second highest point on the Atlantic seaboard (after Maine's Cadillac Mountain at Acadia National Park). The overlook's 12 acres offer spectacular views of Sandy Hook, Raritan Bay, and the NYC skyline and features picnic tables and a playground. Mount Mitchell is home to Monmouth County's 9/11 Memorial. The memorial is a tribute to the 147 men and women born, raised, or residing in Monmouth County who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

OCEAN COUNTY PARK 659 Ocean Avenue (Route 88), Lakewood 1-877-OC PARKS www.oceancountyparks.org

This magnificent 323-acre facility in Lakewood has a rich and fascinating history. Ocean County Park was originally part of Financier John D. Rockefeller's vacation estate. White pine, hemlock, and other unique specimen trees, now mature, were imported by Rockefeller from all over the country. Fitness and bike trails, tennis courts, open playing fields, beach volleyball, canoeing, fishing, and even a driving range, all free of charge, appeal to adults of all ages. Children will delight in using the playgrounds or swimming in the large, clean swimming lake on hot summer days. Ocean County Park has a large, accessible picnic facility. Reservations are available for a nominal fee for up to 700 persons. Warm weather isn't the only time to enjoy this park. Transformed into a lovely and silent winter wonderland after a snowfall, it's a great site for cross-country skiing. Of course, there is no charge for casual use of the park, the beach, or its many facilities. An off-leash dog park area is also available. Yearly fee applies. Visit website for details.

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MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM 805 Newman Springs Road Lincroft (732) 842-4000 www.monmouthcountyparks.com Please refer to page 19.

Over 16,175 acres of preserved open spaces are available for your fitness and relaxing pleasure at more than thirty county parks. From hiking trails and campsites to golf courses and historic sites, there are opportunities for all. Visit us on-line or call for brochures and directions.

OCEAN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION 1198 Bandon Road, Toms River, 1-877-OC PARKS www.oceancountyparks.org Please refer to page 18.

On more than 4,000 acres in twenty-seven facilities, The Ocean County Department of Parks & Recreation offers programs for adults and children including classes, sports events, trips, festivals, and more! All of the parks have at least a few picnic tables, and some parks are able to accommodate large groups. Three parks offer swimming facilities: Ocean County Park in Lakewood, A. Paul King County Park in Stafford Township, and Berkeley Island County Park in Berkeley Township. Ocean County Park and A. Paul King County Park have beautiful, freshwater lakes and sandy beaches, playgrounds, restrooms, picnic facilities, and are staffed with lifeguards from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM daily from mid-June until Labor Day (conditions permitting). There is no charge to use any of the county facilities. Call or visit the website above for brochures and directions.

FISHING LICENSE INFORMATION

Before heading out to fish, make sure you have the proper documentation.

SALTWATER registration (free):

www.nj.gov/dep/saltwaterregistry/index.html

FRESHWATER license information and registration (fee applies): www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/fishneed.htm



Golf Courses

Ocean County

PUBLIC GOLF COURSES

BEY LEA GOLF COURSE

1536 North Bay Avenue, Toms River, (732) 349-0566

CEDAR CREEK AT BERKELEY

Tilton Boulevard, Bayville, (732) 269-4460

EAGLE RIDGE GOLF CLUB

2 Augusta Boulevard, Lakewood, (732) 901-4900

www.EagleRidgeGolf.com**LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**

145 County Club Drive, Lakewood, (732) 363-8124

OCEAN ACRES COUNTRY CLUB

925 Buccaneer Lane, Manahawkin, (609) 597-9393

OCEAN COUNTY GOLF COURSE AT ATLANTIS

Cuisine On The Green Restaurant

261 Country Club Boulevard, Little Egg Harbor Twp. (609) 294-2444

www.oceancountyparks.org**OCEAN COUNTY GOLF COURSE AT FORGE POND**

301 Chambers Bridge Road, Brick, (732) 920-8899

www.oceancountyparks.org**SEA OAKS COUNTRY CLUB**

99 Gold View Drive, Little Egg Harbor, (609) 296-2656

PRIVATE GOLF COURSE

PINE BARRENS GOLF CLUB

540 South Hope Chapel Road, (Highway #547), Jackson (877) 511 Barrens (877-746-3227)

www.pinebarrensgolf.com

Monmouth County

PUBLIC GOLF COURSES

BEL-AIRE GOLF CLUB

3120 Allaire Road at Route 34, Wall, (732) 449-6024

www.monmouthcountyparks.com**CHARLESTON SPRINGS GOLF COURSE**

101 Woodville Road, Millstone, (732) 409-7227

www.monmouthcountyparks.com**COLONIAL TERRACE GOLF COURSE**

1003 Wickapecko Drive, Ocean Twp., (732) 775-3636

www.ColonialTerraceGolf.com**COLTS NECK GOLF CLUB**

50 Flock Road, Colts Neck, (732) 303-9330

CREAM RIDGE GOLF CLUB

181 Route 539, Cream Ridge, (609) 259-2849

CRUZ FARM COUNTRY CLUB

55 Birdsall Road, Farmingdale, (732) 938-3378

GAMBLER RIDGE GOLF CLUB

Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge, (609) 758-3588

HOMINY HILL GOLF COURSE

92 Mercer Road, Colts Neck, (732) 462-9222

www.monmouthcountyparks.com**HOWELL PARK GOLF COURSE**

Preventorium Road, Howell, (732) 938-4771

www.monmouthcountyparks.com**JUMPING BROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

210 Jumping Brook Road, Neptune, (732) 922-6140

KNOB HILL GOLF CLUB

Highway 33 West, Manalapan, (732) 792-8118

OLD ORCHARD COUNTRY CLUB

54 Monmouth Road, Eatontown, (732) 542-7666

PEBBLE CREEK GOLF COURSE

40 Route 537 East, Colts Neck, (732) 303-9090

PINE BROOK GOLF COURSE

1 Covered Bridge Blvd., Manalapan, (732) 536-7272

www.monmouthcountyparks.com**SHARK RIVER GOLF COURSE**

320 Old Corlies Avenue, Neptune, (732) 992-4141

www.monmouthcountyparks.com**SPRING MEADOW GOLF COURSE**

Atlantic Avenue (Route 524), Wall, (732) 449-0806

TWIN BROOK GOLF CENTER

1251 Jumping Brook Road, Tinton Falls, (732) 922-1600

PARKS & RECREATION AREAS

*continued from page 27***SANDY HOOK:
GATEWAY NATIONAL RECREATION AREA,
SANDY HOOK UNIT
SANDY HOOK LIGHTHOUSE
FORT HANCOCK HISTORIC DISTRICT
SANDY HOOK VISITOR'S CENTER
Off Route 36, Highlands, (732) 872-5970
www.nps.gov/gate**

The Sandy Hook region of the Gateway National Recreation Area features seven miles of beaches (with lifeguards in summer), evening beach concerts, hiking trails, salt marshes, and over three hundred species of birds. Ranger (and self-guided) tours are available year-round. The park is open daily, sunrise to sunset. Located near the tip of this seven-mile barrier peninsula, is the historic **Sandy Hook Lighthouse**. Built at the request of New York merchants wanting to protect their ships entering the harbor, it was lighted for the first time on June 11, 1764. The octagonal tower was the fifth lighthouse in the colonies and remains the oldest operating lighthouse in the U.S. today. The Lighthouse was occupied by British soldiers during the American Revolution and was bombarded by cannons served by Patriot troops. It was also the sanctuary to local refugees who were sympathizers of the King. The grounds around the Lighthouse are open daily, and a video program can also be viewed. The Lighthouse itself is open daily for tours and climbs that are guided by National Park Service Rangers and Volunteers-in-the-Park from 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM. While there, also visit the **Fort Hancock Historic District**. Built in 1898, Fort Hancock includes gun batteries and over one hundred buildings. Start your visit at the Fort Hancock Museum; then visit History House, an 1890s officers' home. History House is open weekends 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Special use fees for beach parking are charged, while entry to the historic district is free. The **Sandy Hook Visitor's Center** is located at the Lighthouse Keepers Quarters in Fort Hancock. It features exhibits on the peninsula's natural environment and is open daily 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. An 1894 **U.S. Life-Saving Station** at Spermaceti Cove was closed after Superstorm Sandy and is currently not open to the public.

**SEVEN PRESIDENTS OCEANFRONT PARK
221 Ocean Avenue North, Long Branch
(732) 229-7025 or (732) 842-4000
www.monmouthcountyparks.com**

This 38-acre park was named to honor seven presidents who vacationed in the immediate area. In the summer, its guarded beach is a great place to swim, sun, and surf. During the off-season, it is a nice place for a quiet walk. Park features include an activity center, access to launch personal watercraft, fishing, a playground, swimming, sand volleyball, pavilion with snack bar, and restrooms. New improvements include a regulation in-line skating rink, a skate park, a shelter, and parking area. The park is open every day from 8:00 AM to dusk.

**SHARK RIVER PARK
1101 Schoolhouse Road, Wall Township
(732) 922-4080 or (732) 842-4000
www.monmouthcountyparks.com**

Established in 1960 with surplus land from construction of the Garden State Parkway, Shark River Park is the first and oldest Monmouth County Park. There are more than 985 acres along either side of the Shark River in Neptune and Wall Township. A variety of picnic facilities host thousands of park visitors each year. Children can enjoy the playground year-round. The park's waterways, trails, hills, forests, and ponds attract birders, anglers, hikers, and nature lovers, and in the winter, cross-country skiers and ice skaters.

**THOMPSON PARK
805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft
(732) 842-4000 ext. 4312
www.monmouthcountyparks.com**

Established in 1968 when Geraldine Thompson bequeathed the famed 19th century horse estate "Brookdale Farm" to the citizens of Monmouth County, Thompson Park's 667 acres now serve as headquarters for the Monmouth County Park System. The preserved historic buildings offer a rich glimpse into the area's past, while the surrounding fields, trails, and lake provide a beautiful location for outdoor activities. Visitors can enjoy the playground, Craft Center, Visitor Center, off-leash dog area, fishing and boating on Marl Lake (car-top vessels only), tennis courts, athletic fields, and a large picnic area.

**TURKEY SWAMP PARK
200 Georgia Road, Freehold Township
(732) 462-7286 or (732) 842-4000
www.monmouthcountyparks.com**

Turkey Swamp features 2,111 acres including a 17-acre lake for fishing, boating, and skating. Fish for bass, catfish, or bluegills either from the shore or from canoes and paddleboats that you can rent in summer. Nine miles of multi-use and fitness trails traverse the park. There is also an archery range and playgrounds. Get back to nature by spending the night at the family campground or reserve a picnic shelter for your next big group picnic. The family campground offers campsites, electrical service, water service (April 1 - November 15), drinking water, modern restroom with hot showers and laundry, a self-serve sanitary dump station for campers with holding tanks, fire rings for charcoal cooking and campfires, picnic tables, and a children's playground.

**Wells Mills County Park in Waretown.****WELLS MILLS COUNTY PARK
AND NATURE CENTER****905 Wells Mills Road (Route 532), Waretown
(609) 971-3085 or 1-877-OC PARKS
www.oceancountyparks.org**

Wells Mills has the distinction of being the largest park in the Ocean County Park System, with over 900 acres of pine and oak forest within southern New Jersey's environmental marvel, the Pine Barrens. Miles of hiking trails, with varying degrees of difficulty, can be found here, including a visually impaired persons trail. The three-story Nature Center offers a great display floor, a library, and the third floor Elizabeth Meirs Morgan Observation Deck. Environmental programs and classes, with experienced naturalists, are held regularly. The monthly "Full Moon Hikes" are but one of the popular events taking place here. The annual "Pine Barrens Jamboree" held each October is an event not to be missed. Beautiful Wells Mills Lake has trails meandering around it, and is perfect for a leisurely stroll through the Pine Barrens. Bike trails, canoe rentals (seasonal), conservation area, fishing, Nature Center, open playing fields, picnic area, playground, restrooms. ♦

PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO DO

HISTORIC SITES

and Museums in Monmouth and Ocean Counties

THE BAILEY-REED HOUSE MUSEUM SQUAN VILLAGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY 105 South Street, Manasquan (732) 223-6770

The original section of this home was built in the late 1700s, with additions to the building over the next several decades. The museum contains a circa 1850 parlor, a circa 1900 dining room, and the original part of the home is furnished in the 1700 period. The second floor has a circa 1850s furnished bedroom, a research room, a Manasquan room, a Nautical room, a "theme" room, and a general store where purchases are available. Behind the museum is the Carriage House/Barn. Currently being renovated, the beams in this out-building are the spars from the shipwreck *The Thistle* from the early 1800s. Open on the second Sunday of each month 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Tours by appointment.

BARNEGAT LIGHT MUSEUM 501 Central Avenue, Barnegat Light (609) 494-8578 www.BL-HS.org

Considered one of the best maritime museums on the East Coast. Featuring artifacts, replicas, and photographs depicting the history of Barnegat Light and Long Beach Island and the fishing industry. The museum, once a one-room schoolhouse for Barnegat Light, is now on the National Register of Historical Places. Open daily in July and August from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Open weekends in June and September 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Tours are available by appointment. The beautiful Museum Gardens are open all year.

BAY HEAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM 1643 Bay Avenue (corner of Bay and Bridge Avenues), Point Pleasant (732) 892-0223 www.bayheadhistoricalsociety.com

The Bay Head Historical Society Museum is open to the public seasonally from May to October. This 1867 farm home with outstanding interior wood-work has been restored to its former glory. The museum is home to memorabilia and history of life in this part of the Jersey Shore. An exhibit of turn-of-the-century photographs of the area plus artifacts and heirlooms donated by local residents are on permanent display during the season. The front salon is a gallery for changing displays of local art and special area exhibits. The Victorian garden, the sea grass garden, and the lilac memorial garden are outstanding. Completing the complex is the Dale Cottage, which celebrates the maritime heritage of the area. Open Fri. - Mon. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Groups by appointment.

THE CHURCH OF THE PRESIDENTS 1260 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch www.churchofthepresidents.org

In the late 1800s, Long Branch prospered and grew from the nation's first seashore resort to the "summer capital of the nation." Seven U.S. Presidents (Grant, Hayes, Wilson, Garfield, Arthur, Harrison, and McKinley) all chose to summer here and worship. In 1881, the St. James Episcopal Chapel was built and consecrated. Constructed in the traditional shape of a cross, its architecture resembles a cottage of the pseudo-Tudor design which was popular in the 1880s. Now the home of the Long Branch Historical Museum, it contains artifacts and memorabilia relating to Long Branch's national historical role, the original altar, transepts, and part of the nave are preserved. While there, visit Seven

Presidents Oceanfront Park on the corner of Ocean and Joline Avenues (732-842-4000). This 38-acre park was named to honor the seven presidents who vacationed in the immediate area.

HAVENS HOMESTEAD MUSEUM 521 Herbertsville Road, Brick (732) 785-2500 www.bricktwphistoricalsociety.com

Restored 1827 homestead of farmer and fish peddler Josiah Curtis Havens. See original 14' x 15' single room home plus 1846 addition created as tavern and inn for stagecoach passengers. The homestead contains many historic items from our area. Open April through October, Sat. 10:00 AM - noon; Sun.: noon - 2:00 PM. Closed holidays.



Photo Booth Photography

The Historic Village of Allaire in Farmingdale.

THE HISTORIC VILLAGE AT ALLAIRE ALLAIRE STATE PARK 4263 Atlantic Avenue (Route 524) Farmingdale, Village: (732) 919-3500 Park: (732) 938-2371 www.allairevillage.org www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/allaire.html *Please refer to page 25.*

The Historic Village at Allaire is a non-profit, educational institution and outdoor history museum. Through collections, exhibits, and daily programs, the village presents events in the everyday lives of the inhabitants of Howell Works, an industrial community established between 1822 and 1850 when bog ore was smelted. The purpose is to create an understanding of the lives and times of the men, women, and children who lived and worked at the Howell Works. Grounds open year round. Buildings open Memorial Day - Labor Day, Wed. - Sun. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM; weekends in May, Sept., Oct., Nov. 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. See also "Allaire State Park" under "Parks & Recreation Areas."

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OCEAN GROVE 50 Pitman Avenue, Ocean Grove (732) 774-1869 www.ocean grovehistory.org

Founded by Methodists as a camp meeting ground back in 1869, Ocean Grove, which is a National Historic District featuring Victorian charm, is still flourishing today for its original purpose. The Historical Society offers guided tours inside the quaint tent colony, visits to Centennial Cottage (open July and August, Mon. - Sat. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM weather permitting) and the Great Auditorium, built to standards set forth in the Book of Genesis.

INFOAGE SCIENCE AND HISTORY CENTER 2201 Marconi Road, Wall, (732) 280-3000 www.infoage.org www.CampEvans.org

InfoAge's home is a World War II historical site located in Wall Township at the site of the former Camp Evans. Part of the InfoAge's mission is the stewardship of Camp Evans, preserving the heritage of the site including the historic Marconi station and major WWII radar laboratory buildings, and developing an 'Information Age Learning Center' in the historic buildings. Visit the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame and the NJARC Museum in the Marconi Cottage. Enjoy an escorted tour of the Marconi Hotel, and see the WWII Living Memorial. They have ten rooms filled with computer, radar, radio, and shipwreck exhibits. Open Wed., Sat., and Sun. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM. Admission: \$7. (ages 13 and up); \$4. (ages 12 and younger). The Museum is appropriate for ages six to adult.

JOHN F. PETO STUDIO MUSEUM 102 Cedar Avenue, Island Heights (732) 929-4949 www.petomuseum.org

The mission of this museum is the preservation of the John F. Peto legacy by maintaining his 115-year-old house and studio as a working museum, by fostering educational opportunities in the arts, and by serving as a community partner. Guests will see the original studio, artifacts, and furnishings used by Peto, who lived and worked in Island Heights from 1890 to 1907. Today, Peto is recognized as one of America's most important still life painters. His works are found in the world's finest museums, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC. His artwork is dominated by rich colors and enhanced lighting. He often used the "fool the eye" technique known as *trompe l'oeil*. Open Sat. and Sun. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM; Mon. - Fri. by appointment. Admission: adults: \$10.; children twelve and under: \$5.

LONG BEACH ISLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION MUSEUM Engleside and Beach Avenues Beach Haven, (609) 492-0700 www.lbimuseum.com

This museum reveals life on Long Beach Island during the Victorian era. Come view their collection of early photographs ranging from the big hotel era to hurricanes that tore through the Island. The Museum also displays an extensive collection of recovered shipwreck artifacts and documents the lives of the early Barnegat Baymen and seafarers. Admission: \$3 per adult; children with adults are free. Open Memorial Day weekend - late June, Sat. and Sun. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Late June - Labor Day, seven days a week 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Sept. 10 - early October, Sat. and Sun. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

LONGSTREET FARM AND HOLMDEL PARK 44 Longstreet Road, Holmdel Park Holmdel, (732) 946-3758 or (732) 842-4000 www.monmouthcountyparks.com

A living history farm located in Holmdel Park that maintains life as it was during the 1890s. Costumed interpreters work the farm as it was over a hundred years ago. Come see the 14-room farmhouse, live animals, agricultural fields, and barnyard! Activities, guided tours, and children's programs are available. Open everyday except Christmas. The farmhouse is open only on weekends. Holmdel Park's 572 acres features hiking and fitness trails, fishing and skating ponds, tennis courts, playgrounds, picnic areas, a sledding hill, and more.

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AREA LIGHTHOUSES

BARNEGAT LIGHTHOUSE

Broadway and the Bay, Barnegat Light (609) 494-2016
www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/barnlig.html

More commonly known as "Old Barney," the lighthouse is the New Jersey Shore's most familiar landmark. The 172-foot tower, marking the entrance to Barnegat Inlet, was built in 1858. Climb the 217 steps to the top for amazing, breathtaking views from every angle. The park offers facilities for picnicking and fishing. Open: Memorial Day - Labor Day, daily 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM. Admission: ages 12 and older: \$3.; 6 to 11: \$1.; 5 and under: free. Labor Day - Memorial Day, Wed. - Sun. 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM. Admission is free in the off-season.

ROMER SHOAL LIGHTHOUSE

Off Sandy Hook
www.romershoal.org

The shoal and lighthouse are named for the *William J. Romer*, a vessel which sank here in 1863. Both are located in the approach to the Verrazano Narrows of New York Harbor on the east side of what is known as Ambrose Channel. It is visible from Sandy Hook and the eastern Bayshore region. The maroon and white harbor beacon dates back to 1898. The light was significantly damaged by Hurricane Sandy and remediation, recovery, and renovation work is currently underway. Maintained by the Coast Guard. Closed to the public.

SANDY HOOK LIGHTHOUSE

Off Route 36, Sandy Hook, (732) 872-5970
www.nps.gov/gate/planyourvisit/sandy-hook-hours.htm

Located near the tip of this seven-mile barrier peninsula is the historic Sandy Hook Lighthouse. Lighted for the first time on June 11, 1764, the octagonal tower was the fifth lighthouse in the colonies and remains the oldest operating lighthouse in the U.S. today. The Lighthouse was occupied by British soldiers during the American Revolution and was bombarded by cannons served by Patriot troops. It was also the sanctuary to local refugees who were sympathizers of the King. The grounds around the Lighthouse are open daily, and a video program can also be viewed. The Lighthouse itself is open daily for tours and climbs that are guided by National Park Service Rangers and Volunteers-in-the-Park from 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM. Lighthouse Keepers Quarters/Visitor Center open daily 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Children must be at least 48 inches tall to climb the lighthouse. Seasonal park admission fees may apply; please check website for park fees and hours.

SEA GIRT LIGHTHOUSE

9 Ocean Avenue, Sea Girt, (732) 974-0514
www.seagirtlighthouse.com

In March 1889, Congress approved funds for the establishment of a lighthouse to bridge the forty-mile gap between the Twin Lights Of Navesink and Barnegat Light. In July 1895, a site was chosen: Sea Girt at Wreck Pond, overlooking the Atlantic. One year later, on

December 10, 1896, its beacon was illuminated. It would become the last live-in lighthouse to be built on the Atlantic Coast. Five station keepers manned the light from 1896 to 1940. A protector of those at sea, its original Fresnel lens focused the light from a kerosene lamp that could be seen for fifteen miles. During World War II, the Coast Guard patrolled the beaches and used the lighthouse to monitor the U-boat menace off the coast. Today, organizations use this preserved historic site as a meeting place, and schools visit for class trips. Inside are period furnishings, paintings, historic maps, local photographs, and lighthouse memorabilia. Open from the week after Easter through the week of Thanksgiving on Sundays, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; closed on major holidays. Donations welcome.

TUCKER'S ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Tuckerton Seaport, 120 West Main Street (Route 9), Tuckerton, (609) 296-8868
www.TuckertonSeaport.org

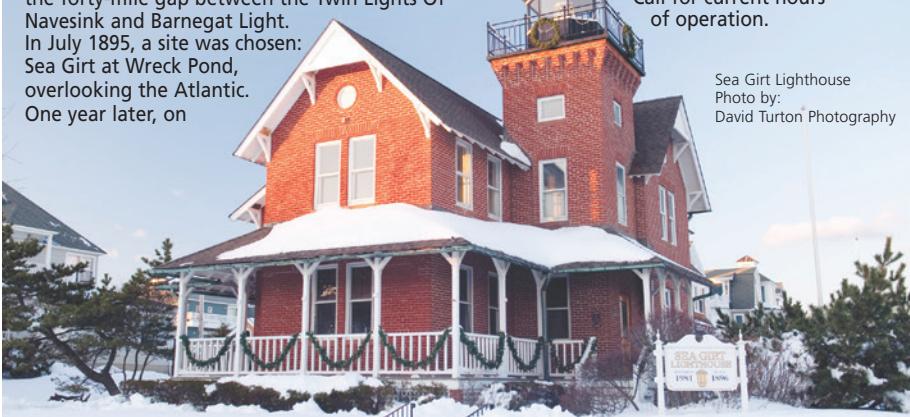
Tucker's Island Lighthouse is a reproduction of the light that was built in 1868 on Tucker's Island, a five-mile island off Long Beach Island that slowly disappeared into the sea between the mid-1920s and 1952. The island had residents, a school, two hotels, and a Coast Guard station. When you enter the building, look for photos of the original lighthouse as it collapsed into the sea on October 12, 1927. The lighthouse contains exhibits on New Jersey maritime history and the people who lived it, including the stories of shipwrecks, lighthouse keepers, and the U.S. Lifesaving Service. From the second floor, you can climb the forty-two steps to the top of the tower for a beautiful view of Tuckerton Seaport and Lake Pohatcong. Open daily 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Closed major holidays. Admission: adults: \$8.; seniors (62 and older): \$6.; children 6 -12: \$5.; children 5 and under are free. *Please refer to the listing for "Tuckerton Seaport" under "Attractions & Activities."*

TWIN LIGHTS OF NAVESINK

Lighthouse Road (off Route 36), Highlands (732) 872-1814
www.twinlightslighthouse.com

Twin Lights Of Navesink is a brownstone double lighthouse. This two-beacon light marked the western entrance to New York Harbor. The south tower became the first electrically operated lighthouse in the United States. The present towers, rising 250 feet above the Sandy Hook Bay, were constructed in 1862. Though decommissioned in 1952, local organizations had a 500-watt blinder light installed in 1962 as a reminder of the Light's heritage. Marconi conducted the first ship-to-shore broadcast here. The museum's exhibit centers around the history of the Twin Lights, marine history, and the U.S. Life-Saving Service. Park and building hours change seasonally and are affected by inclement weather. Call for current hours of operation.

Sea Girt Lighthouse
Photo by:
David Turton Photography



HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS

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MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD

**AND MONMOUTH BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK
16 Business Route 33, Manalapan
(732) 462-9616**

www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/parks/monbat.html

This is where Molly Pitcher became famous during a Revolutionary battle. It was on the Monmouth Battlefield that General Washington and General Sir Henry Clinton faced each other. This victory convinced the British that the revolutionaries were a force to contend with and not just a ragtag rabble. This is also the setting for the historic Craig House. Learn more about the rich history of Monmouth Battlefield through wayside exhibits located on Perrine Hill, Combs Hill, and the Hedgerow. Visitors center, birding, picnic areas, trails, and playgrounds. Sledding and cross-country skiing in winter.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

70 Court Street, Freehold, (732) 462-1466
www.monmouthhistory.org

Please refer to the feature on pages 10 - 12.

Five 18th century historic houses have been preserved by the association. Its headquarters in Freehold offer a fine library and museum featuring changing and permanent exhibitions. Museum hours: Tues. - Sat. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Library hours: Wed. - Sat. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The historical houses are located in various towns throughout the county and are open seasonally May - September. Please call or visit their website for locations and times.

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New Jersey Museum of Boating in Point Pleasant.

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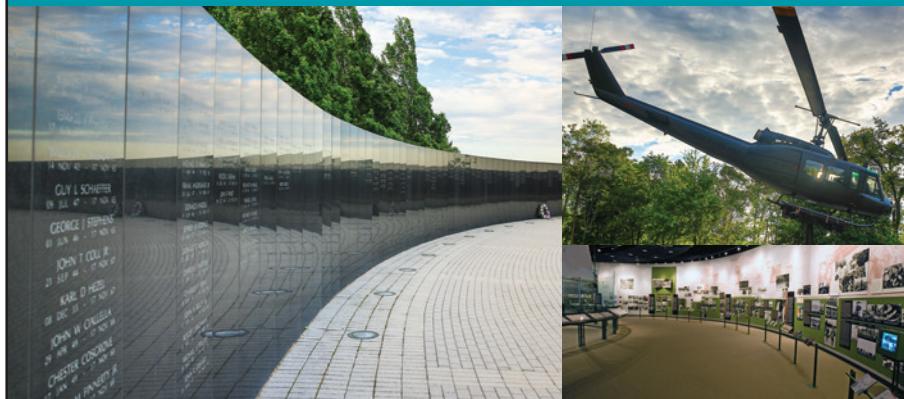
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Britta Wenzel

The Caretaker of Barnegat Bay

by Jill Ocone

When you combine a formidable Norwegian ancestry with a lifetime of living along Jersey Shore waters, the result is a passionate Jersey Girl with an unparalleled appreciation for the local ecosystem.

Meet Britta [Forsberg] Wenzel, the Executive Director of Save Barnegat Bay.

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Above: Britta Wenzel, Executive Director of Save Barnegat Bay.

Opposite page: Sunset on Barnegat Bay from Island Beach State Park.

Wenzel was born in 1970 and raised along the northern bay, where it bends westward along Point Pleasant, past her namesake, Forsberg's Boat Works, becoming Beaver Dam Creek. The bay has provided the Forsberg family with a livelihood from the early twentieth century to today. With the bay at the core of Wenzel's heart and soul, she's been actively advocating for its protection since she was young.

After graduating Point Pleasant Boro High School in 1989, and while attending Ocean County College, Wenzel became very active with a student environmental group called the Environmental Education Network (EEN). One of her first projects with EEN was instituting a textbook recycling program. "Instead of putting old textbooks that were no longer being used into a landfill, we made them available to prisons and lesser advantaged schools," she said. She was also instrumental in bringing Woodstock icon Richie Havens to perform at an early 1990s Earth Day Celebration at Ocean County College.

It should come as no surprise that Wenzel was named Ocean County's "Environmentalist of the Year" at only eighteen years old. At the time, she assisted with writing the New Jersey School Source Separation and Recycling Act, which was sponsored by local legislators including Marlene Lynch Ford.

After attending an environmental conference at Stockton College (now Stockton University), she transferred there and became involved with campus, state, and national environmental groups. "I helped to perform energy and waste audits on campus and advocated for wetlands protection and open space preservation. That was the way to solve problems for people. Environmental and social justice issues needed action, and I couldn't understand why humanity couldn't work on the solutions," said Wenzel.

In an unexpected twist, Wenzel ended up challenging Stockton over their plan to develop a parking lot in the buffer of an Atlantic White



Wenzel welcoming volunteers at the Barnegat Municipal Dock during the 2018 "Barnegat Bay Blitz," an annual clean up event.

Cedar Bog and won her case, but she had to leave college to help care for her ailing father. Shortly after, while working at Red's Lobster Pot in Point Pleasant Beach, she met her future husband, Brick. "When you grow up and live in a coastal community, almost everyone you know is involved in that economy...they cook at a restaurant, bartend, fish or work at the dock, retail, and of course, tourism," said Wenzel. "My husband was in the commercial fishing industry, and with my family's boatyard, we ended up knowing a lot of the same people," she said.

After marrying in 1997 and settling near Brick's family in Lavallette, the Wenzels operated Salty's, an ice cream parlor, eatery, and gift shop. Unfortunately, Salty's was heavily damaged by Superstorm Sandy, but by that time, Wenzel was already at the helm as Save Barnegat Bay's Executive Director. "We tried to reopen the store, but it was just too much," Wenzel said.

Before the Wenzels survived Sandy, they survived running against each other for Lavallette Town Council, with sitting Councilman Brick on the Republican ticket and Britta on the Democratic ticket. "We showed everyone that we can get along as husband and wife despite our differ-

ent party affiliations," Wenzel said. "The first time I ran against him I lost, but then, I eventually won with less than two hundred registered Democrats in town which was a little unusual."

As a Lavallette Councilwoman from 2004 through 2009, Wenzel believed that local politics shouldn't necessarily be about party lines but about what's best for the community. "The police, public works, schools... you want them to do a good job with the best value regardless of party affiliations," Wenzel explained.

While a Councilwoman, Wenzel worked hard to improve Lavallette's recycling rates and garbage schedule, and her efforts led to the rebuilding of the Lavallette boardwalk, which unfortunately, also fell victim to Sandy. She stated, "I loved my time in local public service. I enjoyed helping people and solving problems because it made us serve each other better."

Despite an unsuccessful bid for Lavallette Mayor, Wenzel's passion for social justice continued to burn. "I always want to fight for better outcomes when I see something unjust," she said. She was already on the Board of Directors of Save Barnegat Bay, and instead of running for public office again, she chose the

Katie Ribas

bay. "I'm a local person who grew up on the bay at a boatyard. I love the sound of the bay, the feel and beauty of the bay, and the life it gave me. I wanted to fight for that full time," she said.

What is now known as Save Barnegat Bay was founded in 1971 as a non-profit organization and originally called the Ocean County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America. The group was started at a kitchen table by Charles Hudlund and neighbors who were concerned about plans to develop what are known today as the F-Cove and Traders Cove at the northern end of the bay. In 1985, the group's name was changed to Save Barnegat Bay, and it has kept its non-profit status since inception. In April 2012, after spending thirteen years as a board member, Wenzel was named executive director.

"The public thinks Save Barnegat Bay has been around for the last thirty years or so, but the health of Barnegat Bay has been in decline for more than fifty years," Wenzel explained.

An adverse effect of Ocean County's rapid growth and constant development over the last half century has been polluted runoff into the watershed, which has been a major contributing factor to the bay's deterioration. As the bay's health became threatened, the group refocused its attention from preservation of open space to the numerous factors that affect the bay and its ecosystem.

Barnegat Bay's brackish water runs deep through Wenzel's veins. "I grew up on the bay. I remember when there were so many more crabs and fish because the water was cleaner. Maybe folks can't perceive something is wrong because they haven't lived here all of their lives, but I have. I've been called an 'environmentalist', but I think everyone wants clean water, clean air, and clean food," Wenzel said.

Since 2002, invasive stinging sea nettles have made swimming in Barnegat Bay nearly impossible. The sea nettles are a result of development and runoff into the bay.

Wenzel explained that the small creatures pack a giant sting that has sent many a swimmer seeking medical attention. "As development increased, the sea nettles have more places such as floating docks, pilings, and bulkheads to cling to and reproduce," she said. Other problematic jellies such as box and clinging jellyfish have also arrived in the bay during recent years.

As executive director, Wenzel works directly with local and state officials, policy makers, legislators, and residents. By combining her background in politics, her experience from running local businesses, and her wisdom gleaned from her environmental activism, Wenzel recognizes her expertise strengthens the impact made by the non-profit organization. "It's unusual for a director to have all of those backgrounds and connections, and it's a privilege to serve in this position because I am able to bring all of that together in our effort to restore Barnegat Bay," she said.

Save Barnegat Bay is unique in that it both advocates for the bay by being a strong and independent voice while educating the Jersey Shore community about the bay's natural, economic, and recreational resources that can be enjoyed by everyone. Wenzel said, "Whether you are politically on the far left, the far right, or in the middle, it doesn't matter how you come to us if you are in it for the bay."

It's not always easy when the

organization tries to resolve issues with development, runoff, and water quality. In fact, it can get downright messy. "It's okay if people disagree with me, but they have to remember we are fighting for our quality of life and the local economy along the Barnegat Bay Watershed. That involves thirty-seven municipalities with mayors, councilmembers, green teams, environmentalists, politicians, business people, and residents. Maybe we won't always win, but we are there for the bay, no matter what," she said.

Wenzel works hand in hand with Save Barnegat Bay's Board of Directors and president, William deCamp, Jr. "That shows the stability of our organization," she said. "He's been president for over thirty years."

Superstorm Sandy devastated Save Barnegat Bay's Lavallette office in 2012. Three relocations later, they moved to their current location in 2017—a forty-acre site that is owned by Toms River Township and was purchased with the support of Green Acres Funds. The new location is more than just an office. It ushered in the dawn of the EcoCenter. "The EcoCenter is a wonderful home base for education, advocacy, and engagement," said Wenzel.

Under Wenzel's leadership, Save Barnegat Bay's focus on education and community engagement led to

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Save Barnegat Bay's EcoCenter in Toms River.

Save Barnegat Bay's EcoCenter



Save Barnegat Bay's EcoCenter is located where the bay meets the land in Toms River and is also home to the mouth of the Long Swamp Creek, which feeds the bay with fresh water. The property is open to the public and loved by the surrounding community. It is used regularly by the public for dog walking and enjoyment as it has extensive foot trails and a white, sandy beach.

Their Mission

The EcoCenter's Mission is to increase science literacy about Barnegat Bay, to model bay-friendly practices and behaviors, to create a community gathering place while maintaining the property, to provide a key opportunity to expand partnerships and increase volunteerism, and to expand programs responsive to the needs of the community.

Environmental Education Programs

The EcoCenter offers a wide range of environmental education programs focused on the restoration and protection of the bay. The center is a gathering place for meetings, talks, exhibits, and public educational programs, and it further strengthens Save Barnegat Bay's commitment to education, conservation, and environmental stewardship in the community.

Activities

Activities at the EcoCenter include guided nature walks

and talks, bird counts, outdoor classroom areas, strategically located educational kiosks, workshops, seminars, hands-on activities, demonstration gardens and low-impact landscaping, kayaking and boat-based educational programming, clean-ups, environmental inventory, water quality testing, and research. Additionally, there is opportunity for restoration in targeted areas on the property including removal of invasive plant species and the replanting of native plants.

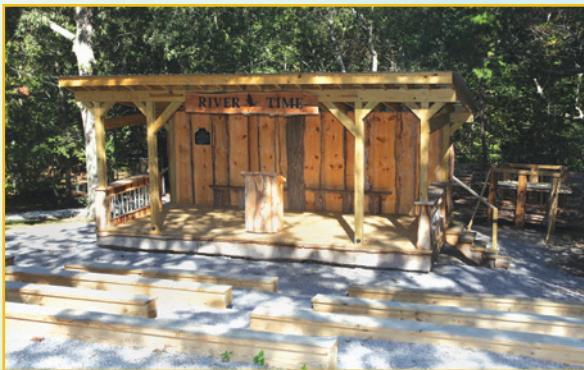
The EcoCenter is in need of the following items: tools (shovels, rakes, screw drivers, a Dremel tool, etc.), waders (kid and adult sizes), craft supplies, paper towels, snacks for volunteers (granola bars, fresh fruit, chips), office supplies, a bike rack, and an outdoor grill. The EcoCenter is located at 117 Haines Road in Toms River.

For more information, visit www.savebarnegatbay.org. You can also find them on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook @SaveBarnegatBay. To contact Save Barnegat Bay, call (732) 830-3600 or email: info@savebarnegatbay.org.



Honeybee apiaries

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Outdoor classroom

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piloting a number of free programs for the public both at the EcoCenter and throughout the Barnegat Bay Watershed. This October, Save Barnegat Bay will host its inaugural, three-day conference titled "Charting a Course for Barnegat Bay," which is open to the public. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact directly with representatives from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection while learning about the bay's next chapter as a natural resource for the Jersey Shore and plans for further improving its water quality.

Wenzel recommends that all Jersey Shore residents, especially those who are newer to the watershed area, learn the area's history so that they can fully appreciate their connection to the local environment. "People miss the fundamentals of observation," she said. "Being local is about opening your eyes and ears, knowing your neighbors, and paying attention. Find an old-time local, perhaps the guy down the street with the overgrown yard. These folks know more about your neighborhood and the bay than anyone else."

Wenzel's passion for advocacy, devotion to the ecosystem, and leadership as executive director has undoubtedly been one of the driving forces behind the EcoCenter's substantial growth and the organization's commitment to charting a course for a cleaner Barnegat Bay.

"I don't walk away when I see something I can fix. A healthy bay is what every single person living at or visiting the Jersey Shore deserves," she said. ♦

Save Barnegat Bay is a registered, community-based nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with a record of accomplishment. Many members and donors generously support the work of the organization with their time, and the group provides flexibility and a strong foundation from which to grow. Volunteers and interns are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering, visit www.savebarnegatbay.org/participate.

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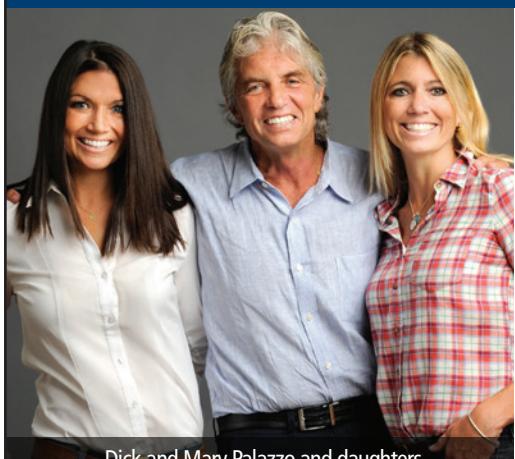


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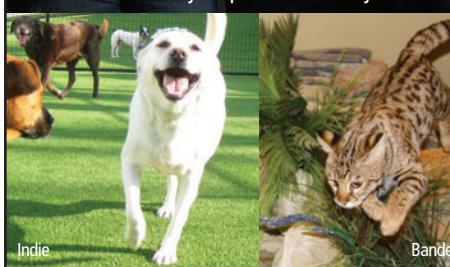
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Flight or Plight?

Super Monarchs, Migration, and Milkweed

by Christine Menapace

Butterflies have a unique ability to capture our imaginations. Adorned with bright colors in stunning patterns, with paper-thin wings and a gentle fluttering motion, they are seemingly touched by the divine. But their delicate appearance can belie their strength, particularly in the case of monarchs, which make the farthest migratory journey of any known insect.

Super Monarchs

While western monarchs travel down the coast of California, the eastern monarchs we encounter in late summer and fall (peak migration for our area is September 14 - 26) migrate all the way from southern Canada down to the oyamel fir forests of the Sierra Madre mountains in central Mexico. Dubbed "super monarchs," they may fly as much as fifty to one hundred miles per day, with a total journey of up to three thousand miles at completion.

Super monarchs are distinct from the generations of monarchs that come before and after them. They are born in late summer, travel south, overwinter in Mexico, and then travel to the southern U.S. where they mate and lay eggs, in a lifecycle spanning roughly eight months. By contrast, the monarchs born in the south travel northward in much smaller distances and live much shorter lives, only about a month or so. They lay eggs a few days

after emerging from their cocoon and it can take as many as four or even five generations to reach Canada and for another super monarch to be born. Clearly, the monarchs we encounter heading south in early fall are very special creatures.

With such an immense journey in front of them, super monarchs are very reliant on finding the right food and shelter along the way. To complicate matters, monarchs will only lay their eggs on one type of plant—milkweed. As open spaces and wild meadows give way to building development, and pesticide use becomes widespread, monarch populations are at risk. According to the Center for Biological Diversity, monarchs have lost an estimated 165 million acres of breeding habitat in the U.S. due to herbicide use and development. While other factors, like weather in any given year, can affect numbers, in the past two decades eastern monarchs have declined by more than

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Raymond Hallgreen



Island Beach State Park provides a flyway for monarch butterflies as they travel from Canada to Mexico, usually in September and October.

80%, according to the Xerces Society (www.xerces.org).

But there is good news. With awareness spreading in the last few years, eastern monarchs actually showed an increase of 144% over last year's count, its highest in over a decade. Preliminary reports for this year also seem favorable. Yet experts are only cautiously optimistic. "This reprieve from bad news on monarchs is a thank-you from the butterflies to all the people who planted native milkweeds and switched to organic corn and soy products," comments Tierra Curry, a senior scientist at the Center for Biological Diversity. "But one good weather year won't save the monarch in the long run, and more protections are needed for this

migratory wonder..." And unfortunately, news on the other coast is dire for western monarchs whose populations have declined 99.5% in coastal California since the 1980s, reports Xerces.

Growing Nectar Plants

One of the best things residents can do to help protect monarch populations is grow pesticide-free, butterfly-friendly pollinator plants in their yard. (When buying an established plant from a nursery, ensure that the grower has not treated it with systemic insecticides.)

According to the New Jersey Chapter of the North American Butterfly Association (NJJNABA), the following native plants will



Christine Menapace

Monarch caterpillar on milkweed.

provide life sustaining food to butterflies of all types: Asters, Black-eyed Susan, Blue Flag Iris, Blazing- Star, Blue Giant Hyssop, Boneset, Cup Plant, Eastern Blue Stars, Goldenrods, Indian-Hemp, Joe-Pye Weed, Milkweeds, Mistflower, Mountainmint, NY Ironweed, Oxeye, Fall Phlox, Pickerelweed, Giant Hyssop, Spreading Dogbane, Sunflowers, Thistle, Wild Bergamot, and Wild Geranium.

Recommended native shrubs and trees are: Blackberry, Bottlebrush Buckeye, Buttonbush, NJ Tea, Shrub Dogwoods, Coastal Sweetpepperbush, Eastern Redbud, and Sourwood.

Non-native nectar plants listed by the NJNABA include: Catmint, Purpletop Verbena, French Marigold, Lavender, Lily, Mexican Sunflower, Purple Coneflower, Salvia, Scabiosa (Pincushion), Sedum, Zinnia, Tropical Milkweed, and Lantana.

Non-native shrubs include Butter- fly Bush, Caryopteris, and Lilac.

Keep in mind that just because a plant provides nectar for butterflies, doesn't mean it will be a good choice for your yard. Black-eyed Susans, for example, can spread like crazy, and butterfly bush is considered an invasive. Talk to your local garden center about the best choices for you.

Additional elements that can be



Ki Knutson Photography

A group of traveling monarchs stop to roost on a cool, late summer morning, grouping together for warmth amongst the cedars along the Jersey Coast.

added to the garden for butterflies include: places that provide shelter from wind and rain; dark stones or tiles for warming up; and wet, sandy, or muddy spots to imbibe salts and other nutrients.

Milkweed: The Only Monarch Host Plant

Besides the many attractive annuals and perennials that provide nectar to fuel the monarch's long journey, milkweed is an absolute necessity for egg laying and considered a "host" plant, as mentioned previously. There's actually over one hundred different types of milkweed, so be sure to plant one native to New Jersey for best results. Unfortunately, besides Butterfly weed, which is increasingly available at garden centers, it can be difficult to find the other varieties for sale. And while many grow in the wild, digging plants or taking seeds from local parks is not allowed, and transplanting established milkweed is notoriously difficult.

Luckily, RareFind Nursery in Jackson is a knowledgeable, local source for milkweed, although they are currently sold out this autumn. "We restocked three times this season," comments Kerian Scott, nursery manager. When asked if that's an indication of growing awareness, Scott replies, "Yes and no. The average person still doesn't have a clue. But we're at a turning point in our trade. With not only the monarchs, but all pollinators, like bees, the concern is up and coming. People are asking about true natives and pesticide spraying. Those into gardening understand it and we've seen Eagle Scout and Girl Scout projects emphasizing rebuilding habitats."

These are the native varieties of milkweed Scott recommends:

- **Common (*Asclepias syriaca*).**

Likes sunny areas and meadows. Grows easily but spreads by rhizomes and can be invasive. Forms colonies of tall, single stems up to five feet and has pinkish purple flowers.

- **Swamp (*Asclepias incarnata*).**

Likes sun to part shade and



Monarchs at Island Beach resting atop Seaside Goldenrod during their annual migration.

Richard A. King

moist soils. Grows about three to six feet tall and has light pink flowers varying from near white (called Ice Ballet) to purple.

• **Butterfly (*Asclepias tuberosa*).** Likes sun and well-drained, sandy soils, and can tolerate drought. Has attractive bright orange or yellow (look for Hello Yellow or Blonde Bombshell varieties) flowers on branching stems that are about one and a half feet tall. It has clear rather than milky sap like the others.

"We'll definitely have Common, Swamp, and Butterfly next spring," says Scott. They may also have Horsetail (*Asclepias verticillata*) with whitish flowers and wispier, thin leaves. "But it's best to start with Common or Swamp," com-

ments Scott, who recommends ideally planting between tax day and Mother's day.

For those who want to get started right away, another way to plant milkweed is by spreading seeds in mulch this fall. Fall seeding allows the milkweed seeds to naturally go through cold stratification, a necessary process some seeds require to break dormancy and germinate in the spring. "Don't get discouraged, it can take a few times before seeding works," comments Scott.

If you're having difficulty finding seeds, check out the Milkweed Market at Monarch Watch (www.monarchwatch.org/milkweed/market). They will only ship plants to the ecoregion from which the seeds

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originated. It's expensive and a current search for our area showed all varieties were sold out, but there's also a helpful list of Milkweed Market Vendors throughout the country. Additionally, free milkweed is available for large-scale restoration projects or for schools or non-profits. There's even recommendations on indoor seed starting.

Waystations and Tagging

Besides the Milkweed Market, Monarch Watch (www.monarch-watch.org) has other programs for monarch education, research, and advocacy. One is the Monarch Waystation certification, where a garden that meets the requirements,

such as ten or more milkweed plants, can be officially recognized. As of August 2019, 26,058 Waystations have been registered with Monarch Watch.

Another is the Tagging Program, whereby everyday people become "citizen scientists" who capture migrating monarchs, record the tag code, tag date, gender of the butterfly, and geographic location, then tag and release them. Akin to lightweight stickers, the tags help answer questions about the origin of monarchs that reach Mexico, the timing and pace of the migration, and changes in geographic distribution. A kit of twenty-five tags can be obtained from Monarch Watch for \$15. Also, free

tagging demonstrations are held each year at the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center in Howell (in September) and New Jersey Audubon holds them at the East Shelter at Cape May Point State Park (in September and early October).

Tagging by "citizen scientists" was first used by Dr. Fred Urquhart as early as the 1940s. A Canadian professor, he was fascinated with monarchs and wanted to know how far they traveled and where they headed every winter. Long before the Internet and GPS, he put ads in local newspapers and magazines asking for tagging help. While much was learned about the monarchs' flight paths, their destination remained a mystery until thirty-five years later. In 1975, an American visiting Mexico knew about Urquhart's program and noticed the abundance of monarchs. He was then hired by Urquhart and spent two years searching the countryside until he finally discovered a forest laden with millions of monarchs clustered in colonies. When butterflies bearing Urquhart's tags were found, they knew they had discovered the destination of the migrating monarchs. In 1986, the Mexican government, recognizing the importance of the oyamel forests, created the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve.

Creating the Reserve in Mexico was an important step in saving monarchs, but so too is saving habitats in our own area. In 2013, members of the NJNABA, in collaboration with Kingwood Township officials and a local naturalist, developed a Habitat Management Plan to promote the conservation of butterflies, other pollinators, and grassland birds on Horseshoe Bend Preserve in Hunterdon County. According to the NJNABA, anyone is welcome to use the plan as a basis to develop management for other areas. Find it at: www.naba.org/chapters/nabanj/habitats/HBP_Management_Plan_2013.pdf. ♦



Monarch butterflies on Purple Aster at the Monarch Waystation and Native Plant Garden at 13th and South Bayview Avenues in Seaside Park.

Ann Hayes

Coming in the spring 2020 edition of JERSEY SHORE: "How to Attract Caterpillars and Raise Butterflies."

Choose & Cut Your Own Christmas Tree Guide

For many families, cutting their own Christmas tree is a tradition that becomes one of their fondest memories of the holiday season. Listed are farms in Monmouth and Ocean counties where families can choose and cut their own tree—or purchase one freshly cut by the workers on the farm. No axes or chain saws are permitted. Customers can either bring their own saw or the farm will provide one. Please call ahead to make sure trees are still available and to ask questions that will help make your visit more enjoyable.

Monmouth County

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2,500 trees. Species: Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine, Douglas Fir, and Fraser Fir. Trees cut by grower for retail at farm. Customer saws provided and allowed. Drilling for pin type stands. Decorations, ornaments, stands, grave blankets, Christmas shop, meals. Open daily Nov. 17 - Dec. 23, 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

ANTONIO CASOLA FARMS, NURSERY & GREENHOUSES 178 Highway 34, Holmdel (732) 332-1533 www.acasolafarms.com

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COLLIGAN FARM 1092 Lakewood/Farmingdale Road (Route 547), Howell, (732) 546-5881

200 trees. Species: Norway Spruce, White Pine, Concolor Fir, and Canaan Fir. Balled trees available. Customer saws provided. Open daily Dec. 1 - 24, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

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Canaan Fir, and Holly. Trees cut by grower for retail at farm. Tagging permitted. Customer saws provided. Drilling for pin type stands. Decorations, ornaments, stands, grave blankets, Christmas shop, outdoor classroom field tours. Open daily Nov. 17 - Dec. 24, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

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PATTERSON GREENHOUSES & FARM 636 Adelphia Road, Freehold (732) 431-5271 www.pattersongreenhouses.com

1,000 trees. Species: Colorado Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, and Norway Spruce. Tagging permitted. Wreaths, boughs, garlands, decorations. Tree shaking and free tree trimmings provided. Open the Fri. after Thanksgiving to Dec. 23, Mon. - Sat. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM; Sun. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

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Ocean County

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Species: Douglas Fir, Norway Spruce, Blue Spruce, Cannan Fir, and Frasier Fir. Trees cut by customer or grower. Holly, greens, pine roping, wreaths, kissing balls, grave blankets. Open the weekend after Thanksgiving to Christmas, Sat., and Sun. 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

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200 trees. Species: Norway Spruce, White Spruce, White Pine, and Douglas Fir. Customer saws provided. Decorations, ornaments, stands, grave blankets. Open the Fri. after Thanksgiving to Dec. 19, Mon. - Fri. 11:00 AM - dark; Sat. and Sun. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

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Species: Douglas Fir and Norway Spruce. Christmas Shop. Cash or checks only. Open the Fri. after Thanksgiving then Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 23, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

YULETIDE CHRISTMAS TREE FARM

138 Evergreen Road, New Egypt
(732) 349-2705
www.yuletidefarmnj.com

1,500 trees. Species: Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, White Pine, and Douglas Fir. Customer saws provided. Open daily the Sat. after Thanksgiving to Dec. 23, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Information compiled from the New Jersey Christmas Tree Growers' Association (www.njchristmastrees.org), the National Christmas Tree Association (www.christmastree.org), www.pickyourchristmastree.org, and www.findjerseyfresh.com.

Seeking to Balance Reality

The Photography of Frederick Ballet

*It has been said that the true subject
of the photograph is the photographer.*

Frederick Ballet grew up in Brooklyn and from an early age was fascinated with the natural world. Keenly interested in biology and comparative anatomy, he attended college and medical school, and after graduation and postdoctoral training, became a hand surgeon. In time, he married, had twin boys (now both married), became a grandfather, built a wooden sailboat, and earned a third degree black belt in karate.

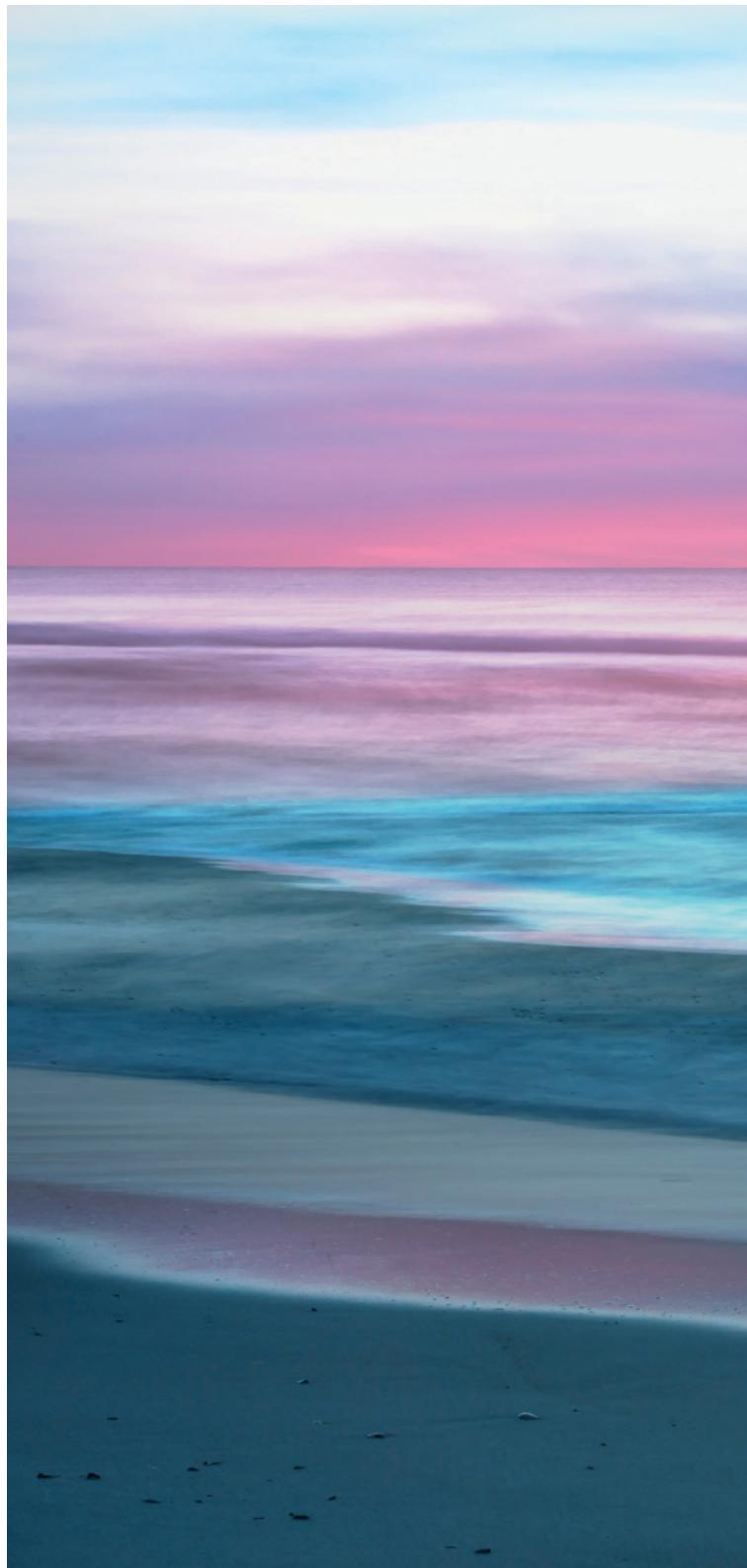
Ballet's photography as a teenager was limited to taking pictures of landscapes and zoo animals on an Olympus film camera. His father had a passing interest in photography, and they worked in the darkroom together. Family and work commitments took their toll on his available time, and it was in retirement that he was able to commit fully to his renewed passion. When not taking pictures, he can be found kite surfing, stand up paddle boarding, sailing, or fishing.

Ballet feels fortunate to live at the beach, which gives him the ability to capture it at different times of the day and year. Says Ballet, "The beauty of the natural world has always filled me with an existential fascination. As a young boy I would often go down to the sea, never disappointed in her embrace of peaceful solitude. I now revel in capturing her special moments of equanimity, movement, color, light, power, and immortality."

He continues, "In my work, I seek to balance realism with abstraction, at times capturing the surreal. My favorite images give the viewer the smallest anchor of reality, leaving the rest to the imagination. My goal is for you to leave with a meditative sense of beauty, peace, and timelessness."

Frederick Ballet's work can be seen in select galleries and at shows along the Jersey Shore. Please refer to page 57 for more information.

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Pink sunrise, Long Beach Island

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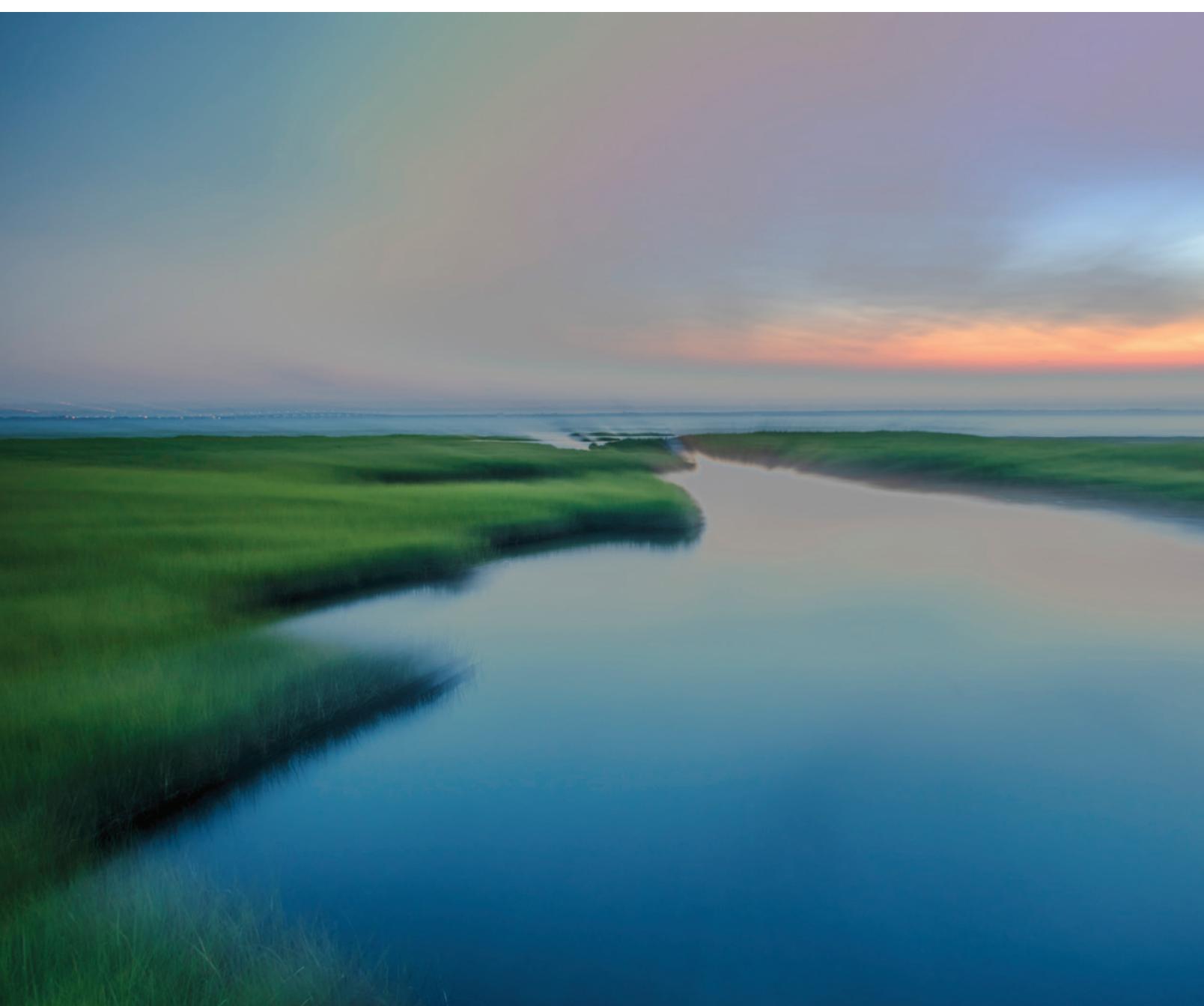
Incoming tide, Barnegat Light

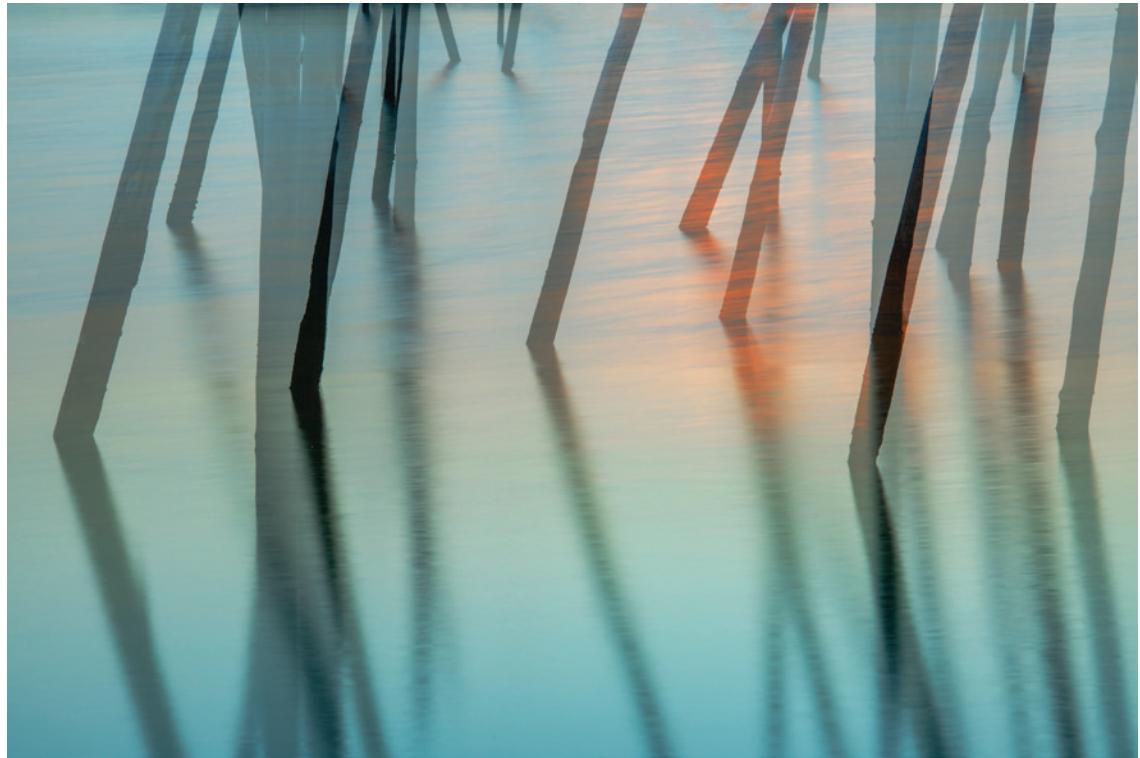


*Where the sea meets sand,
North Beach*



Sunrise beach abstract, Long Beach Island

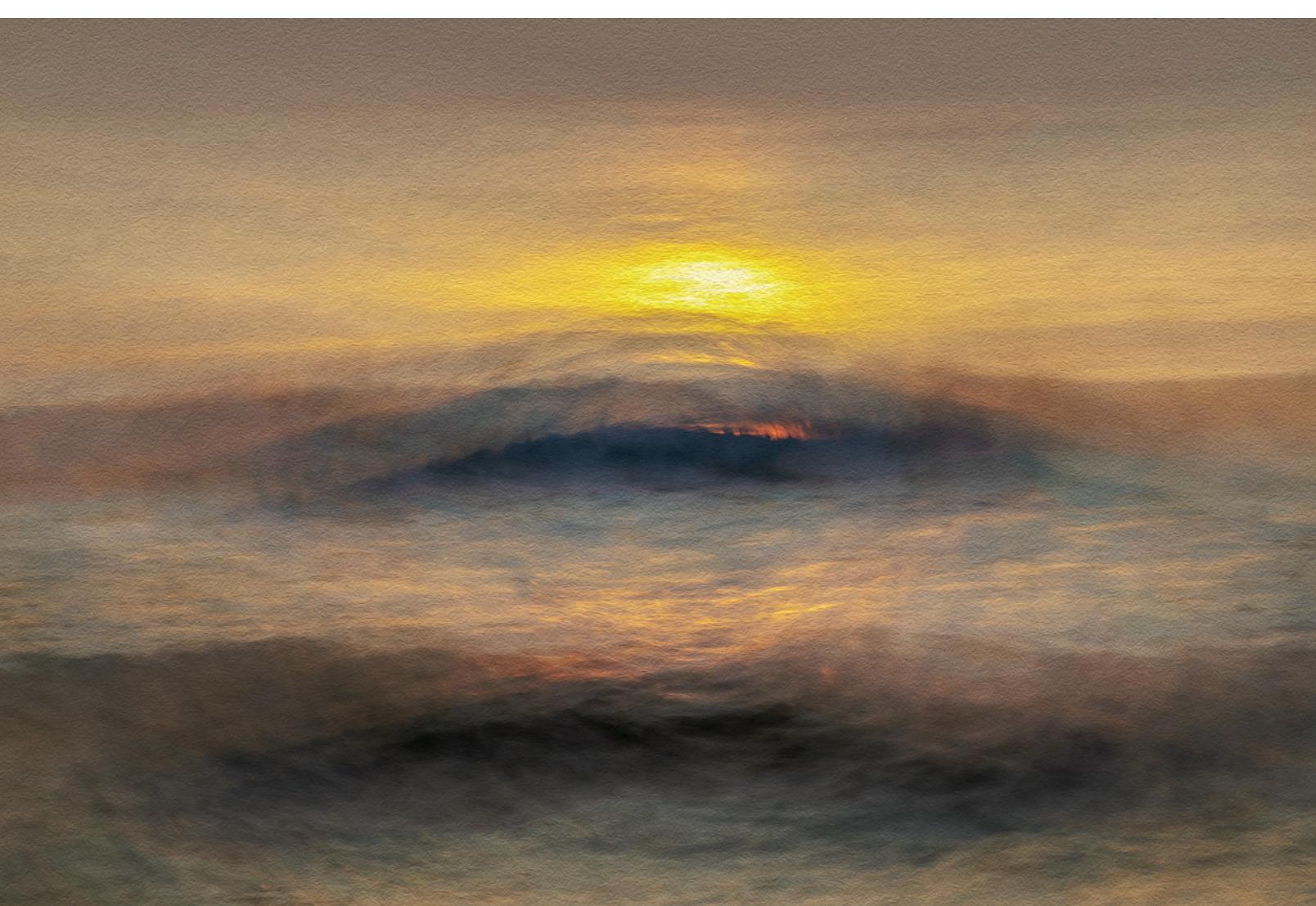




Great Bay Boulevard Wildlife Management Area at sunset, Little Egg Harbor



Sunset on the marsh, Barnegat Bay



Above:
Sunrise wave abstract, North Beach

Opposite page, top:
Surfer, Harvey Cedars

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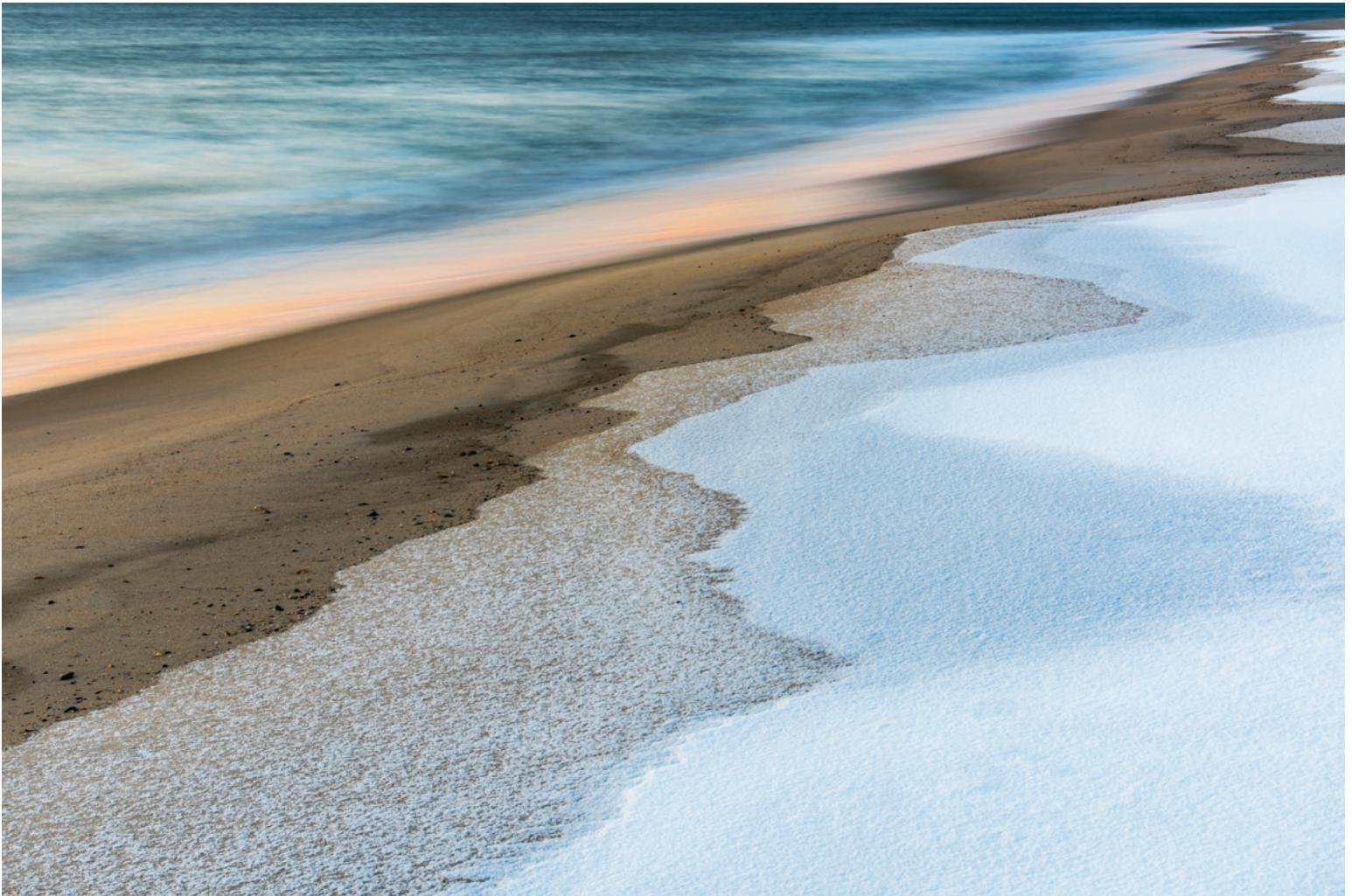


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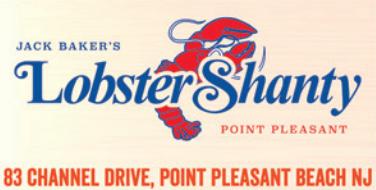
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archs before they were forgotten by the literal sands of time. I photographed them as I found them. Some just barely distinguishable as fragments of orange peeked from the sand. Others, incredibly untouched, as if just plucked from the sky. I couldn't help but surmise that some had simply dropped from flight, exhausted from battling fierce coastal winds. Yet instead of finding food and respite, they found a cruel ecosystem devoid of shelter for a fragile winged insect. I began to wonder if it would be environmentally sound to add milkweed to the dune grasses, which are so essential in erosion prevention. (Months later, I got my answer. The town of Belmar did just this—implementing milkweed and other pollen-rich plants at its Fourth Avenue 'dune garden!')



Before long, I had a collection of photographs depicting their felled splendor, a testament to the perils of their miraculous annual journey. It was so incredibly sad, yet a perverse honor to be able to touch and examine them so closely. I can only hope to never encounter such a phenomenon again.

Christine Menapace is a freelance writer and long time contributor to this magazine. She lives in Keyport. Her accompanying article on monarchs, "Flight or Plight?," begins on page 42.

Poetry

Metamorphosis

She hid
caterpillars
in rusted cans,
put the open end
in a hole
of the wall.
No escape. Yet
they drew breath...
What did she know
of mysteries? Days
later, kneeling before
the wall, she found
no caterpillars
in the untouched can.
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—Frank Finale

The Jar

I loved your bold orange black
& white since childhood when I
stalked you.
You dazzled my eyes. I tried
to capture you, and did; put you
in a jelly jar with holes in
its tin top, showed you to my mom.
She said, a wry smile on her
butterfly beautiful face, *You should
set them free. They'll die in that jar.*
I knew so little then
loved what she knew. I was eight
when she died. I remember
those monarchs I set free into
a blue summer. The empty jar
I held, on our green lawn.

—Frank Finale

Frank Finale is the author of the coffee table books "To The Shore Once More, Volumes I - III" and "A Gull's Story, Parts 1 - 3." He is also coeditor of the anthologies "Under A Gull's Wing" and "The Poets of New Jersey." Please refer to pages 7 - 9, as well as www.jerseyshore-books.com for more information about his books and appearances.



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The Beachscape

Offerings Of Sea, Tide, and Wind

by Christine Menapace

It was an unseasonably warm day in mid-October and my family had decided to take our two dogs to the Sea Bright beach. Just a little over a month ago, the beach had been packed with tourists, beach umbrellas, and sun worshippers. Now it was unmistakably off-season. The beach club was shuttered, the sky was gray, and the dogs were running wild with off-leash abandon.

I too, was in off-season beach mode. Eyes normally focused on children riding waves or a horizon sunset were instead drawn to the fascinating detritus of high tide. In summer, the sand was *too* clean, maintained and picked over by visitors, lifeguards, and seagulls. But the tidal lines of autumn storms were a treasure trove of unusual shells, driftwood, feathers, crab remains, and more. I loved scouring the sands of the off-season beach.

Like most people, I had spent many years collecting shells. My fascination varied from year to year depending on what I found new, unusual, or simply prevalent that season. One year it was unbroken bay scallop shells. Another, it was all about the pearly iridescence of jingle shells. Still another was about finding the largest surf clam shells. When on vacation at the Delaware Bay near Cape May, it was all about whelks. I would coat some shells with clear nail polish to bring out the hues. I would pile some in mason jars. I would line up others on windowsills.

With an overflowing trove of shells, I became more interested in the beautiful organic forms and patina of driftwood. I would bring home different sizes and shapes and place them at structural angles in planted pots, lean them against my house, or simply throw a tangle onto a table. My children even helped me drag home an enormous piece that now sits on my patio, succulents planted in one of its undulating curves.

In recent years, I've also been drawn to feathers. Often too wet, sandy, or mangled to reclaim, every once in a

while a fluffy gull's feather would present itself and find a home in one of my vases.

But on this day in October, the beach issued an offering I had never encountered in my many, many years of beachcombing. My young daughter was the first to notice. "Oh no! Look Mom, it's one of those butterflies. But it's dead." She came running to me with a sand encrusted monarch in her hands. While deceased, the delicate creature was nevertheless intact and still beautiful. We examined its gorgeous, bright orange and black wings, thin as tissue paper but stiff and crumbly from the drying effects of salt, sand, and sun.

It wasn't long until I spotted another dead monarch laying in the sand. I picked it up to show my daughter, but



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before I could yell to her, I spotted yet another. And another. And another. Like a scene in a movie when a character looks around and has the sudden dawning realization of the full extent of what is happening, I came to see there were dozens, if not hundreds, of dead monarchs scattered across the beach. Many were partially or nearly fully covered in sand, providing just enough disguise to initially hide the scope of the tragedy. I realized that, within just a day or two, the deaths of these beauties would most likely be fully obscured by sand and wind.

As an avid gardener, I had heard about the plight of these awe-inspiring butterflies. Traveling from southern Canada to central Mexico, they migrate an amazing 3,000 miles each fall. That is, if they make it. In the past two decades, the number of monarchs who are able to complete this trip has been decreasing dramatically due to loss of habitat and pesticides. As a result, word has gone out among naturalists and gardeners to help them along their journey by planting milkweed and sources of nectar.

As I walked the beach, I became determined to somehow preserve the stilled brilliance of these perished mon-

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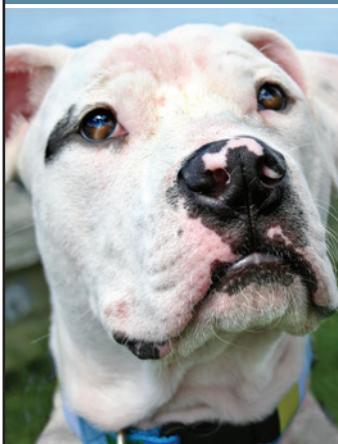
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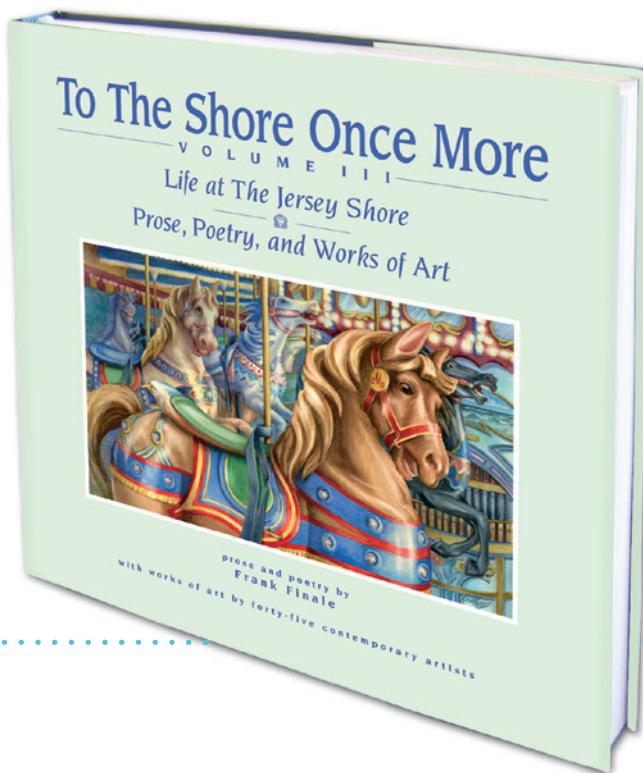
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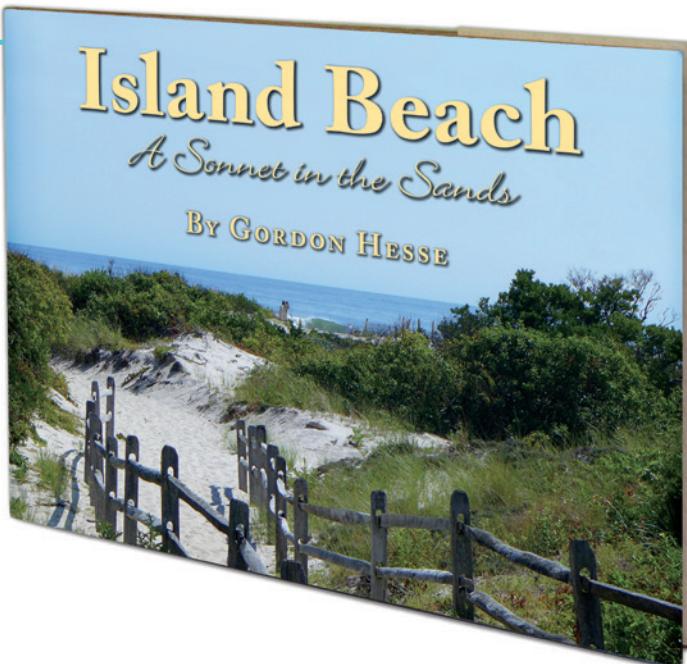
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