FROM THE PRESIDENT:
The greatest gift of all

On Thursday August 29, with my signature as President, MAC became a property owner for the first time. The other important signatures were from Chris and Dave Clemans, as they presented MAC with the largest donation in our history, the Whalers Cottages, barn and spectacular grounds at 1017 & 1019 Batts Lane in Lower Township (just South of the Canal).

The Clemanses had purchased these cottages 15 years ago to save them from demolition and launched into extensive preservation work that won a prestigious award from the State of New Jersey and also placed the Owen Coachman House on the National Register of Historic Places. They lived up to their promise to the former owners to protect these historic treasures for future generations and felt that MAC was the best option to keep that promise going well into the future. Our Board thoroughly discussed the obligations we are taking on with the gift and unanimously agreed to accept the responsibility.

For several years, these cottages have been opened for MAC on our very successful Underground Railroad Trolley Tour (in partnership with Center for Community Arts), and we see them as a great addition to our historical interpretation mission. At the Physick Estate, we present a mansion and the lifestyle of wealthy Victorians of the late 19th Century; at the Cape May Lighthouse, (CONTINUED ON PAGE 5)
Summer Wrap-Up

You might think we’d stop to catch our breath when the Music Festival came to a close, but you would be wrong. The late Spring is when MAC fully gears up to entertain residents and visitors with a full schedule of tours and activities. A major event, the Cape May Spring Designer House Tour on June 15, was a design lover’s dream. Featuring four professionally-designed seashore homes, it was a fount of inspiration and décor ideas for our tour-goers. We are grateful to our homeowners who opened their doors and the many volunteers who spent their afternoon greeting visitors.

We really hit our Summer groove the following Saturday with the Cape May Hops Festival, featuring blues, brews and BBQ. The event featured lots of local favorites – Bluebone on stage, yummy treats from Emanada Mama and Rolling Bones and tasty brews from Cape May and Cold Spring Breweries – in addition to crafts and collectibles vendors from throughout the region. It set the tone for a busy season on the Physick Estate grounds and around town.

The Physick Estate was hopping with activities for families. Just about every Tuesday in July and August, saw our Carriage House Café & Tea room staff whipping up breakfast buffets for families. We alternated Breakfast with the Pirates with Fairy Tale Breakfasts, giving kids the opportunity to play dress-up and indulge their imaginations. These events were a resounding success, selling out each week. Our Museum Education Division came up with a new family event for the grounds, Storytime at the Physick Estate, which was a lead-in to the Physick Estate Children’s Tour on Friday mornings. In the evenings, the Clueless at the Physick Estate crew took over the house, which provided a perfect stage for “Give Up the Ghost,” an interactive mystery. REV Theatre returned to the Estate in August for its annual performances, presenting Victorian Vaudeville. With songs, dances, jokes and a little magic, the cast took you back to a sweeter, simpler time.

At the Lighthouse, we continued our popular Family Fun Days. Director of Special Events and Visitor Services Janice Corkery lined up an excellent array of crafts vendors, entertainment and kid-friendly activities for our guests. A small but lucky group had the opportunity to enjoy Dinner & Fireworks on July 4. Following a delicious dinner at the Red Store, the group trolleyed to the Lighthouse to see the fireworks from the watch gallery. We also offered a similar intimate event, Dinner & Full Moon Climbs, in August and September.

Out at the World War II Lookout Tower, we had some special guests. A crew from the Army Ground Forces Association spent the day at the Tower, interpreting it and cleaning the azimuth instrument telescope. Melissa Palmer introduced another new Museum Education activity, Crafts at the World War II Tower, which drew quite a crowd to the Tower on Thursday mornings. August 3 saw our 8th Annual Craft Beer, Music & Crab Festival. It’s the grand-daddy of the family-friendly events on the grounds. PNC returned as our signature sponsor, which allows us to dedicate the funds raised to support our educational outreach programming. As always, it featured favorite summer picnic foods and local craft beers and spirits. Other major sponsors included Gold Coast Production, Nobil Food Services and Paramount Air Service. The weather proved to be uncomfortably warm this day, diminishing the crowd somewhat, but the food and beverages were abundant and those who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. As always, many hands make light work and our loyal volunteers came out in force to help us.

It’s hard to believe that it’s been 23 years since we began the Food & Wine Celebration! This year’s edition saw the return of many old favorites as well as some interesting new events. The Harvest Brew Fest has become a staple of MAC’s Fall calendar. It’s really a celebration of all things local—music, food and brews, and spirits. The Chefs’ Dine-Arounds remained a favorite, selling out each night. New events this year included Fishermans Wharf Tour & Lunch at the Lobster House and Flights of Cheese hosted by Steve White at Seaside Cheese. For those with a sweet tooth, the choice was the Chocolate Lovers Feast at the Washington Inn. The buffet of delectable desserts did not disappoint! By the end of the week, we had offered something for almost every taste.

As the Food & Wine Celebration was winding down, we presented the Cape May Fall Designer House Tour. The four magnificent homes on tour offered a variety of styles from cottage to mansion. More than 500 tour-goers joined us for this event, looking for design inspiration. Our thanks to the homeowners who opened for us and the volunteers who generously gave their day to host our visitors.

Our Friends groups have had a busy summer. The Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse had a beautiful day on July 25 for their Christmas in July celebration. Santa donned his Hawaiian shirt for the occasion. His MAC elves provided activities and entertainment for kids of all ages. The Friends, ever eager to help raise funds to maintain our beautiful sentinel, also held (CONTINUED ON PAGE 12)
Holiday Preview Weekend

Nov. 22-24: Holiday Preview Weekend launches six weeks of Christmas tours, activities and events in Cape May! Visit the Physick Estate Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7pm to see Santa turn on hundreds of lights during the festive Tree-Lighting Ceremony sponsored by Sturdy Savings Bank. Visit with old St. Nick, enjoy Santa’s Trolley Rides and refreshments, sing along on Holiday Lights Trolley Rides, take a free Self-Guided Tour of the Physick Estate, hear a holiday ghost tale during Ghosts of Christmas Past Trolley Rides, and much more.

An Old-Fashioned Christmas Exhibit

Nov. 22-Jan. 1, 2020: Don’t miss this wondrous exhibit of holiday traditions through the years that delights the child in everyone! See a giant Christmas tree, an authentic Dept. 56 Dickens Village, model trains, toys and so much more! At the Carroll Gallery at the Physick Estate. Open daily (except Thanksgiving and Christmas); hours vary. Free admission.

Mad Batter Wine Dinners

The famous Mad Batter Restaurant hosts two five-course holiday dinners paired with wine: Mad Batter Wine Dinner “Autumn Flavors,” on Friday, Nov. 22 at 7:30pm, and Mad Batter Wine Dinner “Home for the Holidays,” on Friday, Dec. 13 at 7:30pm. $75 (tax and gratuity included).

Holiday Lunch & Learn

Bring a bag lunch and take time to infuse yourself with knowledge and the Christmas spirit on these holiday-themed Lunch & Learn programs at Cape May United Methodist Church.

Christmas Traditions: Decking the Halls Wednesday, Dec. 4: A historical look at Christmas ornaments and decorations. Gain a new appreciation for their beauty and special meaning.

Christmas Music Wednesday, Dec. 11: A musical extravaganza that celebrates the most wonderful time of the year: Christmas! Delight in the songs that can’t help but make you smile.

Holiday Movie Classics Wednesday, Dec. 18: A celebration of holiday movie favorites. From the first silent movie, to “Elf,” delight in this joyful look at the films that celebrate Christmas.

Lunch & Learn with Pizza

Don’t want to pack your lunch? Join us for these Lunch & Learns, with Cappy’s Pizza lunch buffet included. Cape May Lutheran Church, 509 Pittsburgh Ave. Admission $20. All programs at 12noon; doors open at 11:30am.

Native Americans of the Jersey Shore Saturday, Nov. 23: Long before the Europeans came to the Jersey Cape, Lenni-Lenape Native Americans lived and vacationed here. Learn about the impact of European colonization on them and legends like King Nummy and Princess Snowflower (Cape May’s Pocahontas).

Christmas Music Saturday, Dec. 14: The spirit of the season in sights and sounds: a journey through the songs of Christmas.

COMBINATION TROLLEY/PHYSICK FAMILY CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOURS

Nov. 22-Jan. 1, 2020. Daily (No tours Thanksgiving or Christmas). Hours vary: Enjoy a guided trolley tour of Cape May’s festive Historic District, followed by a guided tour of the 1879 Physick House Museum, decorated in true Victorian style for Christmas, presented through the eyes of a member of the Physick family in the early 1900s. Adults $25 children (3-12) $14. House Tour only: Adults $15 children (3-12) $8.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TROLLEY RIDES

Saturday, Nov. 23 and nightly, Nov. 23-Dec. 31 (except Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year’s Day and Dec. 7, 14, 16, 24 & 28). Hours vary. (Rides leave from Washington Street Mall except for Nov. 23 rides which leave from the Physick Estate): See cheerfully decorated inns and homes via heated trolley as your guide explains Victorian Christmas traditions and plays Christmas music. Sing along to your favorites! Adults $15 children (ages 3-12) $10.

GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST TROLLEY RIDES

Saturday, Nov. 23, Fridays, Nov. 29-Dec. 27; Saturday, Nov. 30 & Dec. 21; Sundays, Nov. 24-Dec. 29; Thursday, Dec. 26, Monday, Dec. 30, Tuesday, Dec. 31. Hours vary. (Rides leave from Washington Street Mall except for Nov. 23 rides which leave from the Physick Estate): A member of East Lynne Theater Company regales you with a Victorian holiday ghost tale on a 30-minute ride through the festive Historic District. Adults $15 children (3-12) $8. Advance reservation strongly recommended.

BRUNCH & BINGO AT THE BEACH

Saturday, Nov. 23: 9:30am: Grab your best girlfriends or guy friends and enjoy time away from the holiday to-do list as you play a little bingo, enjoy a fashion show by Lace Silhouettes/Cotton Company and compete for some great prizes at the Inn of Cape May, 7 Ocean St., all during a delicious brunch. $25.

EVENING YULETIDE TOUR

Nightly, Nov. 24-Dec. 30 (except Thanksgiving, Christmas and Dec. 7, 14, 16, 24, 28). Hours vary: See Cape May’s Victorian homes sparkle via trolley, then take a guided tour of the first floor of the 1879 Physick House Museum, authentically decorated for a Victorian Christmas. Visit the Carriage House for holiday refreshments and see “An Old-Fashioned Christmas” exhibit. Adults $25; children (3-12) $14. Take the Evening Yuletide House Tour only: adults $15, children (ages 3-12) $8.

HOLIDAY CRAFTS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Friday, Nov. 29-Saturday, Nov. 30: 10am-4pm: Shop for unique hand-made gifts and seasonal decorations at one of the most

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Limited shuttle service on heated trolleys is available. 5:30-8:30pm, Adults $20, children $10 (ages 3-12) $15.

HOLIDAY INNS TOURS
Monday-Thursday, Dec. 2- Dec. 12: 1pm-3:30pm: Explore the interiors of four of Cape May’s famous inns at your own pace and savor each innkeeper’s unique style of festive Christmas décor for the holiday season on this self-guided tour. Take home ideas for your own holiday decorating. Adults $22, children (ages 3-12) $10.

CHOCOLATE LOVERS FEAST
AT THE WASHINGTON INN
Saturday, Dec. 14: 1pm: It’s a bountiful feast for chocolate lovers! Enjoy a delicious smorgasbord of chocolate desserts at this iconic Cape May restaurant, The Washington Inn, 801 Washington St. Limited event; reserve early. $40.

CHEERY CHERRY HOUSE
CHRISTMAS TOUR
Monday-Thursday, Dec. 2-Dec. 12: 1pm-3:30pm: Enjoy a five-course, gourmet feast this holiday, as he brings history and literature to life. Includes a Dickensian Feast at Union Park. The Dickens Christmas Extravaganza package costs $175 and includes admission to all events. Individual admission to lectures is also available at $15 per lecture ($10 for MAC members). Complete packages with accommodations are available from participating inns.

Dickens Christmas Extravaganza
Dec. 8-10: Join members of the Philadelphia Dickens Fellowship and step into a world influenced by Dickens’ writings with noted Dickens scholar Dr. Elliot Engel as he brings history and literature to life. Includes a Dickensian Feast at Union Park. The Dickens Christmas Extravaganza package costs $175 and includes admission to all events. Individual admission to lectures is also available at $15 per lecture ($10 for MAC members). Complete packages with accommodations are available from participating inns.

Bring the Kids!
Children will love Breakfast with Santa as they visit with the big guy (Ho! Ho! Ho!) and enjoy a family-friendly breakfast buffet at the Inn of Cape May. Adults $20 children (ages 3-12) $12 children under 3 who are dining $5. Saturday, Nov. 30 and Saturdays & Sundays, Dec. 7 & 8, and Dec. 14 & 15, at 10am. Santa’s Trolley Rides are hosted by Mrs. Claus with a meet and greet after with Santa. Rides are on Saturdays and Sundays at various times, Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Adults $10 children (ages 3-12) $8. Advance reservations recommended!

Holiday Shopping at MAC’s Museum Shops
Stop in at MAC’s fully-accessible Museum Shops with free parking and find the perfect gift for Cape May lovers! (plus, MAC members receive a 10% discount). The Carriage House Museum Shop offers a variety of museum-quality gift ideas for women, men and children, including gorgeous teapots, fine teas and accessories, Cape May books and memorabilia, jewelry, men’s accessories, sports-inspired gifts, and more. Of course, there are selections for youngsters, including children’s books, toys, tea sets, puzzles and games. Open daily (except Thanksgiving and Christmas). The Cape May Lighthouse Museum Shop contains gifts for the lighthouse lover with nautical, lighthouse, pirate and nature-inspired gifts, art, Cape May apparel, toys, books and other maritime items. Open Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 23 through Dec. 29, Friday, Nov. 29, daily, Dec. 23-Jan 1, 2020 (except Christmas).

STOCKING STUFFERS
Surprise your loved ones Christmas morning with Cape May Gift Certificates Available in denominations of $25

Feast at Union Park. The Dickens Christmas Extravaganza package costs $175 and includes admission to all events. Individual admission to lectures is also available at $15 per lecture ($10 for MAC members). Complete packages with accommodations are available from participating inns. Some tours and events are limited. Tickets available at the Washington Street Mall Information Booth, Washington Street Mall at Ocean Street, and the Hill House Office and Carriage House Visitor’s Center, at the Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St.
Tom and Peg Curran, owners of the historic Memucan Hughes House, 633 Hughes St., Cape May, have a very special connection to the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC). Just like MAC’s flagship historic site, the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate, their home is in the unusual Victorian Stick Style, one of the few homes of that style in Cape May. The façade is organized by bold vertical and horizontal boards, which symbolize the structure of the house. Jerkinhead gables ornament the roof.

The Currans are Members and supporters of MAC and have been for more than 25 years. Perhaps that was inevitable given their passion for history, architecture and Cape May. The Currans became friends with Tom Carroll, MAC’s Board President, and his wife, Sue, decades ago, as guests at the Carrolls’ bed and breakfast at the time, The Mainstay Inn.

Whalers Cottage

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we present maritime history and the dangers of travel by sea; and at the World War II Lookout Tower, we bring to life the impact of the war on the homefront and honor our veterans from the “greatest generation.” The Whalers Cottages will give us an opportunity both to interpret African American history (Owen Coachman was a free Black man) and present the living conditions of many average Americans in the mid-19th Century, when personal space was restricted, home farming was a necessity and life could be hard and short compared to today.

The spacious grounds and excellent barn that Dave Clemans and Lew Thomas added to the property give us the opportunity for small social events that we plan to share with our sister not-for-profit organizations. The area provides a retreat from phones, computers and interruptions that will certainly help planning sessions concentrate on their mission. The beautiful old black cherry orchard that extends for acres behind the buildings lends a magical note. I am sure you understand that we don’t yet have a fully developed usage plan, but I know we will find many ways to use, share, enjoy and love these properties, just as Chris and Dave have done.

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Tom Carroll

“We got introduced to MAC through Tom and Sue even before we moved here,” said Tom. “They made us familiar with all that MAC has to offer and continued to do so through the years.”

Tom and Peg grew up in Delaware County, PA, and became sweethearts at Ridley Township High School. They both attended Temple University, Philadelphia, and have been married for 52 years. Peg is a former teacher and Tom is Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Curran Investment Management, based in Albany, NY, with an office in Cape May, on Lafayette Street.

“In both our families, we had grandparents who were very much a part of our lives growing up, and who had, not necessarily Victorian homes, but older homes,” Peg said. “My mother’s parents had a farm in Lancaster, with the original farmhouse. I remember every nook and cranny in that gorgeous old house. I loved it. Coming from Delaware County, I would go for a week at a time in the summers and size the tobacco in my grandfather’s tobacco cellar, and all other kinds of neat things, on the farm. So that history, I feel, is a part of me; but, not everyone had that advantage. I support anything that is going to spread the history of our country, our communities, and here in Cape May, you live in it.”

“I often thought I should have been born in the Victorian era,” Tom said with a laugh.

“Both of us would have been more comfortable in that era,” said Peg with a wide smile.

The couple support MAC and Cape May in a variety of financial ways. They have contributed as Charter Members of MAC’s 2020 Society — a board-restricted fund begun in 2016 in anticipation of MAC’s

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Welcome New Members

Business: Byron’s Plumbing & Heating of Cape May Court House, NJ; LOVE, CORN of Ho-Hokus, NJ; Princeton Strategic Communications of Trenton, NJ (Norris Clark).

Sponsor: Ronnie & Barry Cohen of Linwood, NJ; Patricia & Andrew Coler of Drexel Hill, PA; Jeanne & Denise Farrell of Drexel Hill, PA.

Family: Clifford Atkens & Cathryn Rehanek-Atkins of Fredericksburg, VA; Christina & Matthew Brown of Pennsburg, PA; Matt Budingher & Meghan Crosby Budinger of Forest Hill, MD; Kelly & Jess Cary of Allendale, NJ; Samuel Choi & Chun Wing Wong of Staten Island, NY; Jennifer Cipriano & George Wacker of Philadelphia, PA; Heather & Ken Crotty of Sewell, NJ; LeighAnn & Ryan Douglass of Cold Spring, NJ; Jesse & Elizabeth Duprey of Philadelphia, PA; Patricia Gariano & David Kuhn of Cape May, NJ; Keith & Michele Gott of Quincey, MA; Mark & Donna Israelian of Webster, MA; Chris & Maureen Jenkins of Philadelphia, PA; Kimberly & Richard Kazcmarski of Seaville, NJ; Gary Langstaff of Cape May Court House, NJ; Florentina & Peter Larkin of Milford, PA; Michael & Catrina LaRosa of Verona, NJ; Christa Liszewski & Pat Nash of Williamstown, NJ; Michele & Brian Maikish of Mine Hill, NJ; Joe & Teresa Marlin of Devon, PA; Mark & Caroline McClendon of Cleveland, OH; Frank & Lorie McGuinness of Baltimore, MD; Daniel & Mary Ann Meyer of Indianapolis, IN; Amanda-Lyn Pierce & Aurora Gangloff of Villas, NJ; Kari Pietrowicz of North Cape May, NJ; Laura Pincock & John Sprague of Damascus, MD; Jon & Allison Pritti of Port Washington, NJ; Lorie & Brad Rice of Ocean City, NJ; Liesel Rupprecht & Peggy Eisert of Eldersburg, MD; Charles & Yvonne Ryan of Cape May, NJ; Catharine Sauvageot & Vincent Kish of Point Marion, PA; Sharon & Larry Schmitt of Hillsborough, NJ; Amy and Elmer Schultz of Cuyahoga Falls, OH; Stephanie & John Sharp of North Cape May, NJ; Priscilla & Lindsey Smith of Pemberton, NJ; Megan & Joe Stewart-Sicking of Alburtis, PA; John Burrus of Portland, PA; Barbara & Bill Buckley of Wilmington, DE; Patricia Bull & Tom Josiah of Middletown, DE; Mary Lou & Richard Byer of Ewing, NJ; Jack & Esther Clark of Clayton, DE; Lisa & Richard Close of Flemington, NJ; Leo & Barbara Closkey of Milton, DE; Judith Coche & John Anderson of Cape May Court House, NJ; Roy Constantino & Gil Curry of Brooklyn, NY; Katherine Costa & Aonugs Flood of Narberth, PA; Michael Constanzo & Kathy Galvin of Charlotteville, VA; Suzanne DiTore & Jason Koppel of Easton, PA; Stephen & Wendy Dusky of Elyria, OH; Arlene & George Emme of North Cape May, NJ; Martha & Stu Engelke of Whitehouse Station, NJ; Alice & Thomas Englese of Garwood, NJ; Henry & Stacey Eymon of Springfield, OH; Kathryn Favale-Silva & Brian Silva of Marlton, NJ; Paul & Gail Fegley of Middletown, NJ; James & Andrea Ferrone of Flemington, NJ; John Gallagher & Nadya Lawrence of Cape May, NJ; Adele & Max Godoy of Wayne, NJ; Elaine Gold & Ralph Chiaramonte of Baltimore, MD; Robert & Rosemary Gorgone of Cape May, NJ; Karen & Kevin Hamman of Cape May, NJ; Janet & Paul Haus of Madison, NJ; Paul Heaton & Stacy Fagar of Farmingdale, NJ; Glenn & Christine Hulse of Fairfax Station, VA; Allen & Diane Joines of Dillsburg, PA; Jessica Kapsimalis & Sophia Vitti of Villas, NJ; Jeff & Elaine Kile of Berwick, PA; Morton & Carol Kupff of Phoenixville, PA; Mary & Albert Laabs of The Woodlands, TX; Rene Lahaie & Helene Gauthier of Vaudreuil-Dorion, QC; Janice Layre & Kim Bresnahan of Murry, OH; Pamela & John Laury of Douglassville, PA; Charles & Martie LeRoy of Sherwood Forest, CA; Gene & Flossie Levenson of Delanco, NJ; Carol Simon Levin & Gilda Spielberg of Bedminster, NJ; Lauren & Douglas Magill of Delmar, NJ; Bonnie Christian Marsh & Wendy Christian of Rochester, PA; Ron John McCarthy & Sara Martino of Atlantic City, NJ; Guy & Lori Miller of Columbus, NJ; Eleanor & Chris Mullen of Upper Chichester, PA; Susan & David Nagy of Mapasequa Park, NY; Mary & Elizabeth Noonan of Manchester, NJ; Erik & Suzanne Nordhoy of Reading, PA; Michael & Bernadette Parasolle of Flanders, NJ; Rich & Ginger Pulla of Kendall Park, NJ; Ken & Julia Parker of Clarkboro, NJ; Kathy & John Parkerson of Catonsville, MD; Hasmukh & Ila Patel of Chesterfield, NJ; Paul & Cheryl Peters of Palmerton, PA; Barbara & William Pinkava of Staten Island, NY; Elizabeth & Angel Quiles of Bronx, NY; Keith & Jodi Reed of Newtown, PA; Marialena & Mark Renfro of Pennsauken, NJ; David & Gloria Rissel of Columbus, OH; Patricia Rosenfeld & Margaret Decombard of Ridgewood, NJ; Lucy Sgrignoli & Jeff Lunsford of Carlisle, PA; Phyllis Shannon & Robert Nutter of Monroe Township, NJ; Terri & Mickey Shapiro of Mechanicsburg, PA; Charles & Maureen Smith of Pittsburgh, PA; Cole & Zachary Smith of Cloverdale, VA; Danny & Theresa Smith of Cloverdale, VA; Regina & Robert Smith of Cape May, NJ; Linda & Hubert Spangler of North Cape May, NJ; Amy & Robert Speak of Manantua, NJ; Tim & Becky Swavel of Alburrit, PA; Joseph Tirri & Matthew McDonough of North Cape May, NJ; Paul & Dianne Tobacco of Pittsburgh, PA; Bruce & Diane Trout of Quakertown, PA; Barbara & John VanEdnenaam of East Rutherford, NJ.

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Congratulations to:

Jean Barraclough, on her retirement after 17 years of dedicated and inspired service as MAC’s Marketing Director/Publications & Website Manager/Exhibit Designer; Café & Tearoom server Taylor Kellaway and former line cook Hector Melendez, on the birth of their son, Maximus; Arlene McDonald, on her marriage to Mike Brown; Mahara Naham, on receiving a Difference Maker Award from Cape Regional Health System; Former MAC Board Member Joe & Annie Salvatore, on being named “Unsung Heroes” by the N. J. Hall of Fame; Visitor Services Associate Mary Squicciarina, on the birth of a grandson, Angelo; MAC Board Member Shirley (“Becki”) Wilson, on receiving the annual “Woman of Wonder” award from Atlantic Cape Community College; CCA Partner Evelyn Wise, on her daughter’s promotion to Lt. Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard; MAC Director Michael Zuckerman, on receiving the Historic Preservation Award of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce.

Condolences to:

Trolley Drive Vince Antico, on the death of his brother; IT Manager Cathy Baldacchini, on the death of her mother, Ann; the family and friends of MAC volunteer Margaret Basil; Retail Associate Corbin Cogswell, on the death of his sister; Retail Associate Jim Fraatz, on the death of his sister; Museum Educator Scott Griffith, on the death of his mother; Retail Associate Elaine Haubois, on the death of her husband, Lew; Volunteer Roger Henry, on the death of his daughter, DeAnn; Director of Media Relations Susan Krysiak, on the death of her father, Henry; Visitor Services Associate Brian McGrath, on the death of his brother; Star & Wave Publisher David Naham, on the death of his father, Irwin; Chief Operating Officer Melissa Payne, on the death of her father, Raymond; MAC website designer Carolynn Pocher Woody, on the death of her father, Don Pocher.
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($25,000 pledges over 5 years)
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Curtis Bashaw
Lee & Jill Bellarmino
Tom & Sue Carroll
Chris & Dave Clemans
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Patricia Valas
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• Duo Sponsor ($2,000): OceanFirst Foundation (Katherine Durante).
• Trio Sponsor ($1,500): Princeton Strategic Communications (Norris Clark).

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Donations
• Cathy Baldacchini, for a donation of craft supplies to Museum Education.
• Jean Barraclough, for the donation of a laser printer.
• Jeannette Block, for a $30 donation to the Physick Estate.
• Anna & Stanley Bonk, for a $300 donation to the Friends of the Cape May Music Festival.

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• Ray & Ellen Burke, for a $3,000 donation to operations.
• Vivian Burnside, for donating a circa 1923 Jantzen ladies woolen bathing suit to Museum Education.
• Cape May County Amateur Radio Club, for a $100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
• Cape May Lumber, for donating the lumber for Scarecrow Alley.
• Tom & Sue Carroll, for a $4,250 donation to help purchase new sides for the Café tent.
• Christina Ellis & Andrew Sitkoff, for a $200 donation in honor of Elaine Stevenson’s Birthday.
• Harry Gibbons, for a $30 donation to operations.
• Kelly Products, for a donation of cups, lids and straws for Christmas in July at the Lighthouse.
• Karen Kistler, for a donation of $50 to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of her mother Marcia Kistler.
• Margo Lassner, for a $500 donation to the Museum Collection.
• Anna Leeper, for a donation of craft supplies to Museum Education.
• LOVE, CORN, for an in-kind donation of crunchy corn snacks for the Craft Beer, Music & Crab Festival.
• Myles & Leslie Martel, for a $1,000 donation to Lessons of History operating budget.
• John-Michael Maas & Gwynne Oosterbaan, for a $10 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
• Melissa Palmer, for a donation of $30 in supplies for Museum Education.
• Charles Powers, for a donation of gift cards from for the annual raffle for the Peter Shields Inn, Washington Inn & Iron Pier, in memory of his wife DeAnn Powers.

Membership News
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Lorrie & Joseph Vece of Parsippany, NJ; Steve & Ann Vida of Shillington, PA; Randy & Judy Will of State College, PA; William & Mary Wittern of Bordentown, NJ; Robert & Joan Yanashusky of Union City, NJ; William Bodine of Whiting, NJ.

Individual: Faye Buckalew of Fleetwood, PA; Flora Buckalew of Alexandria, VA; Marjorie Burke of Downingtown, PA; Kim Conner of Powhatan, VA; Joan Conde of Holland, PA; Michal Curry of Media, PA; Michael Dougherty of Cape May, NJ; Margaret Engel of Bayonne, NJ; Lise Flesher of Pennsburg, PA; Dawn Hallquist of Springfield, PA; Cynthia Heald of Cape May, NJ; Theresa Kelly of Media, PA; Sandra Kurtz of Cape May Court House, NJ; Stuart Litt of Clark, NJ; Sandra Long of Yardley, PA; Jennifer Lowe of Westville, NJ; Mary Beth Mansfield of Philadelphia, PA; Tim Micek of Columbus, OH; Maggi O’Brien of West Cape May, NJ; Joanne Olsen of Landsdale, PA; Robert Olsen of Lansdale, PA; Dolores Raisch of Newtown, PA; Debraann Robinson of North Cape May, NJ; Kathy Roth of Bridgewater, NJ; Marjorie Wetherill of Cape May, NJ; Anne Marie Zellner of Ardmore, PA.

Student: Harley Conner of Powhatan, VA; Sierra Connor of Powhatan, VA; Rebecca Kerns of Sellersville, PA; Maya Kile of Berwick, PA; Emily Kopp of Bethlehem, PA; Devins Patel of Somerset, NJ; Divya Patel of Somerset, NJ; Vinit Patel of Somerset, NJ; Matthew Pinkava of Staten Island, NY; William Pinkava, Jr. of Staten Island, NY; Gunjan Rajpara of Somerset, NJ; Stephanie Spence of Drexel Hill, PA; Jessica Turner of Milford, DE; Matthew Weindling of Old Greenwich, CT.
Congratulations Volunteers of the Month

AUGUST: Donna Flegal
SEPTEMBER: Tina Angstadt, Jill Bremer, Jim Del Grosso and Jan Dwyer
OCTOBER: Joe & Cathy Noll and Kathy & Dave Morais

Assistance
- Mike Baldacchini, for building a World War II veteran shadow box.
- Carol Baldan, for researching two engravings in our museum art collection.
- John Baldan, for preparing transcripts of taped MAC memories.
- Jill Bellarmino, for her on-going assistance in the Museum Division.
- Paul Cusano of the Army Ground Forces Association, for a day of interpretation and cleaning of the azimuth instrument telescope at the World War II Lookout Tower.
- Jim Del Grosso, for designing the Sip into Spring and Hops Festival sign-in sheets.
- Terry Dougherty, for providing entertainment at the Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse Fundraiser.
- Joe Evangelista, for donating a photograph for the Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse Fundraiser silent auction.
- Pat Everett, for baking cakes for Lunch & Learn.
- Donna Flegal, for entering MAC events onto online media calendars.
- Judy Gatt, for staffing the Whalers Cottages during the Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse Fundraiser and for providing mini-tiaras for the Friends of the Physick Estate Downton Abbey excursion.
- Anne Gibboni, for bartending at the Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse Fundraiser.
- Sue Gibson, for creating floral arrangements for the Cape May Lighthouse Fundraiser.
- Joel Gonzalez of the Army Ground Forces Association, for a day of interpretation and cleaning of the azimuth instrument telescope at the World War II Lookout Tower.
- Angela Grogan, for helping the IT Division with administration tasks.
- Roger Henry, for polishing brass on the Model T Ford.
- Janet Hunnicutt, Cape May Point State Park, for providing professional assistance in removing a snake from the World War II Lookout Tower area.
- Helen Mashuda, for creating floral arrangements for the Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse Fundraiser.
- Ellie McDevitt, for staffing the Whalers Cottages during the Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse Fundraiser.
- Janie McNutt, for creating hand-painted shells which were handed out at the Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse Fundraiser and at the Family Fun Days at the Lighthouse.
- Herb Moore, for providing entertainment at the Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse Fundraiser.
- KARA Catering (Yianni, Peter and Niko), for donating the food for the Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse Fundraiser.
- John Peckich, for bringing sandwiches to Lunch & Learn.
- Ben Ridings, for appearing as Dr. Physick during Storytime at the Physick Estate.
- Don and Vivianne Rogers, for baking brownies for Lunch & Learn.
- Kenneth Schaffer, for helping to evaluate and identify what was needed to upgrade our trolley sound system.
- Mike Tees, for fueling up all of the trolleys.
- Karen Van Varick-McGuire, for volunteering for each Breakfast with the Pirates.
- Colonel Shawn Welch of the Army Ground Forces Association, for a day of interpretation and cleaning of the azimuth instrument telescope at World War II Lookout Tower.

In thanks for their roles as house managers for the Fall Designer House Tour on September 21, we were pleased to name as our September Volunteers of the Month Tina Angstadt, Jim Del Grosso and Jill Bremer (missing from the photo: Jan Dwyer).
Volunteers

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Cape May Fall Designer House Tour Volunteers: Bill Angstadt, Cathy Baldacchini, Mike Baldacchini, Steve Bauer, Joan Bauer, Doug Boyd, Kashie Boyd, Susan Bronzina, Dorothy Bucclia, Sue Carroll, Tom Carroll, Joan Conway, Jake Cuomo, Sue Currie, William Currie, Susan Esposito, Lorraine Filter, Donna Flegal, Lynne Glasser, Peggy Gora, Susan Greenspon, Karen Hameran, Theresa Harris, Cathy Hay, Roger Henry, Barbara Hubmaster, Barbara Jacobs, Eunice King, Rich Mayer, Maureen McDade, Susan McGarrity, Joyce Mockus, Dave Morais, Kathy Morais, Peggy Ose, Dianne Riehl, Don Rogers, Susan Schoepefer, Diana Stevenson, Carole Ulmer, Barb Whitlock, Susan Wiggins, Grace Williams.

Cape May Spring Designer House Tour Homeowners: John & Kay Behmke, Ken & Carrie Cornew, Len & Stacey Hunter, Tedd & Mary McKenney.

Cape May Spring Designer House Tour House Managers: Tina Angstadt, Jill Bremer, Jim Del Grosso, Jan Dwyer.

Cape May Spring Designer House Tour Volunteers: Bill Angstadt, Tina Angstadt, Nick Agresta, Cathy Baldacchini, Margaret Basile, Melanie Bateman, Steve Bauer, Joan Bauer, Nancy Benson, Pat Bowman, Doug Boyd, Kashie Boyd, Susan Brozina, Rosemary Bubnis, Dorothy Bucclia, Anne Burrows, Sue Carroll, Tom Carroll, Jill Connell, Joan Conway, Chris Dubois, Susan Esposito, Chris Fecteau, Lorraine Filter, Lynne Glasser, Nancy Gouvie, Alice Haber, Carol Haggas, Karen Hameran, Roger Henry, Barbara Hubmaster, Barbara Jacobs, Eunice King, Eileen Kirk, Lena Marroletti, Helen Mashuda, Karen McGuire, Kathy Morais, Phyllis Morrison, Mary Ann Mosso, Gus Mosso, Carol Qualters, Jan Randle, Dianne Riehl, Don Rogers, Vivianne Rogers, Carole Sick, Mary Jane Stahler, Roe Studer, Carole Ulmer, Carolyn Vinci, Mark Wheaton, Mimi Wheaton, Barbara Whitlock, Grace Williams, Arlette Wright, Ernestine Zeli-Bove.


Family Fun Days at the Cape May Lighthouse Volunteers: Jill Bremer, Maryjane Briant, Joan Conway, Rosalie Gallagher, Karen McGuire, Carole Ulmer.

Food & Wine Celebration Participants: Aleathia’s (Beth Eastman), Cape May Winery (Toby Craig & Betsy Sole), Hawk Haven Vineyard (Todd & Kenna Wuerker), KARA Catering (Michael Kara), The Lobster House (Sarah Stadnicar), Mad Batter Restaurant (Mark Kulkowitz), Merion Inn (Vicki Watson), Opici Wines (Mark Metzger), The Red Store (Lusas Manteca), Seaside Cheese (Steve White), Union Park (Bob Dimitrov), Washington Inn (Michael Craig), Willow Creek Winery (Ariella Tautua), WX Brand Wines (Kyle Cook).

Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse Fundraiser Volunteers: Nancy Coughlin, Rosemary Rombado.
‘THANK YOU’ DEPARTMENT

Friends of the Physick Estate Downton Abbey Movie Event Volunteers: Eileen Cassidy, Dory Coe, Eileen Kirk, Carole Sick, Mary Stewart.

Friends of the Physick Estate Downton Abbey Movie Event Refreshment Donations: Sue Carroll, Eileen Cassidy, Carol Hartman, Dottie Knapp, Carole Sick, Mary Stewart, Marge Wetherill.


Graveyard, Ghosts & Mansions Tour Volunteers: Lily Palmer, Sophie Palmer.

Cassidy, Dory Coe, Eileen Kirk, Carole Sick, Eileen Cassidy.

Friends of the Physick Estate Downton Abbey Movie Event Volunteers: Eileen Cassidy, Dory Coe, Eileen Kirk, Carole Sick, Mary Stewart, Marge Wetherill.

Donations:

Abbey Movie Event Refreshment
Friends of the Physick Estate Downton Abbey.

Carol Hartman, Dottie Knapp, Carole Sick, Sue Carroll, Eileen Cassidy, Donations:

Abbey Movie Event Refreshment
Friends of the Physick Estate Downton Abbey.

Carol Hartman, Dottie Knapp, Carole Sick, Sue Carroll, Eileen Cassidy.


Grilling at the Vineyard Volunteers: Cathy Baldacchini, Ayeshah Dickerson.

Group Tour Volunteers: Joan Conway, Lorraine Filter.


Staff Advisory Team Volunteers: Anne Burrows, Kathleen Familetti, Rosalie Gallagher, Carol Hartman, Carol Macmillan, Harry Schmidt.

Veterans & Military Resource Fair at ACCC Volunteers: Bill Currie, Sue Currie.

Donor Profile (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5)

50th anniversary to help meet the challenges of the second half-century of service — to MAC annual appeals, and to an endowment fund in honor of MAC Director Michael Zuckerman that funds the care of our museum collections. In addition, they have opened their beautifully-restored Victorian home to the public. The Curtans helped MAC over the years in Spring and during Victorian Weekends in the Fall, as homeowners in MAC’s Private Homes Tours.

“I really enjoyed when we did the house tours, because I’m in love with this house,” said Peg. “It’s a labor of love when you take on a painted lady. It’s work: constant, constant work. … I feel very grateful that we are able to own this home and I wanted to share it with as many people as I could. I found (the Private Homes Tours) to be a very satisfying way to share it with people. People could have their questions answered or if they just wanted to roam through, they could do that.” They feel MAC has played and continues to play a crucial role in shaping the Cape May that so many love today.

“MAC makes this, Cape May, special. It wouldn’t stay the way it is if it weren’t for MAC — and people like Tom Carroll. “MAC keeps enhancing their programs,” Peg added. “Some of the people are repeat visitors to the community, and for them, it’s important programs are kept fresh. MAC has done a good job with that. There are the brand new people who tour the house and do the tearoom and maybe are enticed enough to come back. So I think MAC enhances the community spirit and the tourism, both. But the community spirit is critical.” -- SK
Recent Happenings
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a benefit on September 25 at the Whalers Cottages at Batts Lane. The event was catered by KARA Catering (who generously donated their services) with entertainment by Herb Moore and Terry Dougherty.

On August 14, the Friends of Museum Education held its second public event. Coordinator Melissa Palmer prevailed upon MAC Director Michael Zuckerman to reprise his popular and comprehensive Cape May Architecture lecture once more before his retirement. As anticipated, Michael attracted a large and enthusiastic crowd. The Friends of Museum Education also staffed activities tables for kids at our Summer festivals.

Not to be outdone, the Friends of the Physick Estate created their own flash mob, pulling together a last-minute excursion to see the Downton Abbey movie. With just two weeks notice, we filled the trolley and braved a windy ride on the Garden State Parkway to Stone Harbor. The event was the brainchild of Eileen Cassidy and Carole Sick, and included post movie refreshments and trivia in the Carriage House Café & Tearoom.

Last but not least, the Friends of the Cape May Music Festival hosted the Mountain Winds Woodwind Quintet in concert on October 6. The concert featured the premiere of “Cape May Breezes” by Daniel Dorff. In addition to occasional presenting, this Friends group has been also been promoting all local opportunities to enjoy classical music in their email blasts all Summer.

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Education Wrap-Up

School was “out” for Summer but Museum Education was “in” with 25 new craft and story events from June through August. Kids Crafts at the World War II Lookout Tower every Thursday through the Summer built interest in our site, inspiring minds and hands of little artists who visited. New Museum Educators Donna Szemcsak and Susan Greenspon proved invaluable at the Craft Beer, Music & Crab Festival and and Harvest Brew Fest, along with Mary Stewart, Cathy Baldacchini, Evalina, Jackie, and Otis McBride; Chris, Sophie, and youngest volunteer, Lily Palmer. Thank you all for making our events as special as they are for our guests and for Museum Education. Mike Urbanski presented Doo Wop and the Wildwoods at the Wildwood Crest Library in July with a surprise performance from the group “From Philly.” With added outreach and events, and a surge in interest from our adult groups, we saw an increase of more than 1,000 more guests served this Summer as compared to last. Our County Library has scheduled more than 30 of our programs from this Summer into 2020. With great interactive topics such as Donna Szemcsak’s “A Glimpse of Cape May,” a virtual trolley tour of our area’s great sites, and Melissa Palmer’s “Killers and Monsters” and “Tales from the Dark Side of Victorian Life,” we are bringing what MAC offers to the public to our educational presentations (in this case, our Halloween events.) Mary Stewart’s “Unsung Heroes of the Revolutionary War” explores the role of women in America’s fight for independence and has been a hit. Dory Coe and Rich Chimiengo are developing new and inventive programs for 2020. Stay tuned!

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