Mayor praises HABS exhibit

At the April 27 opening of the “Capturing Cape May’s Architecture” exhibit in the Carroll Gallery, Mayor Clarence (“Chuck”) Lear delivered a most inspirational speech. It is printed here with his permission.

Thank you, Michael [Zuckerman], for that kind introduction and for inviting me to be with you today for the opening of this captivating exhibit of Cape May’s Architecture.

You know there’s a presumption that if you are in New York City and are seen looking up at the skyscrapers, you must be a tourist. Similarly, if you are seen carrying a camera in our Nation’s capitol, people guess you are a tourist.

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We started our Spring season with a focus on volunteers and with good reason. We offered our Volunteer Orientation on April 17, both as a way to provide training but also as a means of recruiting new members to this all-important group. With the impending opening of our Designer Show House and the continuation of self-guided Physick Estate Tours, we knew we would need all the extra hands we could get. We were delighted with the turn-out at the Methodist Church Hall. Just a few weeks later, on April 30, we convened at the Penthouse Ballroom at the Grand Hotel for our annual Volunteer Recognition Reception, sponsored by Sturdy Savings Bank. This event celebrated the contributions of MAC’s many volunteers in 2017. Mayor Chuck Lear was there to applaud these good folks, as were Senator Jeff Van Drew and Assemblymen Bob Andrzejczak and Bruce Land.

This year, we re-imagined our Spring Celebration into a month-long whirl of tours and events. The first weekend featured the opening of our new exhibit in the Carroll Gallery, “Capturing Cape May’s Architecture.” Curated by Karen Fox, the exhibit presents the measured drawings of the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) of the 1970s created by a crew of young architects who, under the direction of Carolyn Pitts, put Cape May on the map. The same weekend, we also opened the Designer Show House to rave reviews, reopened the Carriage House Café & Tearoom under new chef Lou MacAtee, offered our first Murder Mystery Dinner, started off another season of Underground Railroad Trolley Tours, and generally kept staff and volunteers hustling.

Over the course of the next month, we offered two events for chocolate lovers – The Chocolate Tasting Tour and the Chocolate Lover’s Feast at the Blue Rose Inn – and three events for wine lovers – two Cape May Wine Trails and a Cape May Wine School at the Washington Inn. We also debuted a major new outdoor festival on May 12, Sip into Spring, with participation by local breweries, wineries and distilleries, along with music and crafts and collectible dealers. The consensus of opinion is that this event is a keeper so we’ve added “Annual” to its name. Our Mother’s Day Jazz Brunch in the Café was a sell-out. The Salty Sirens, under the direction of Kelsy Wise, returned with La Fleur de Fantaisie, a Spring-themed burlesque show, presented at Elaine’s. It was certainly a month of wining, dining and entertaining.

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ATTRACTIONS

Carriage House Café & Tearoom
Mondays through Saturdays through Sept. 6; Tuesdays through Sundays, Sept. 7-Oct. 31 (except Sept. 15): 12noon-4pm: Enjoy gracious, yet casual, dining with a cafe menu that includes signature sandwiches, salads and tea sandwiches, homemade soups and quiche, plus a Classic Tea Luncheon and Afternoon Tea, with loose tea service and specialty teas from Philadelphia's House of Tea. Takeout also available. Call 609-224-6064.

Cape May Designer Show House
"Our Fan-ta-Sea"
Daily, Aug. 24-Sept. 6 and Oct. 11-31; Self-guided tours: 1pm-4pm: The 1911 Forsythe House has undergone a magnificent multi-million-dollar transformation led by Cape May Contracting. Christened "Our Fan-ta-Sea" by its owners, this three-floor mansion has 8 bedrooms including a large master suite, 6 full and 2 half baths, an exercise room, office and spa, kitchen, living room, parlor and three porch areas, plus a spiral staircase and dry sauna. Come view the creative work of more than a dozen talented local and regional designers. Each visitor receives a full-color program book with information about the designers, products and vendors.

The Show House is sponsored by designNJ

Mansions by the Sea/Show House Combo
Daily, Aug. 24-Sept. 6: 2:15pm; Oct. 11-31: 1:30pm
Combine a Mansions by the Sea Trolley Tour with a tour of the Designer Show House.

Designer Show House Luncheon Package
Combine lunch at the Carriage House Café & Tearoom with a tour of the Designer Show House.

An Evening of Burlesque
Thursday, Oct. 4: Spectacular Burlesque Extravaganza
Thursday & Friday, Oct. 11 & 12: Dead Sexy Boolese
Shows at 8pm (doors open at 6:30pm): Transport yourself to a time when entertainment was theatrical, sassy, and teased the imagination. You'll be dazzled by this modern take on classic burlesque, rooted in Victorian vaudeville, featuring The Salty Sirens. Light fare and beverages available at additional cost. For mature audiences. Oct. 4: The Chalfonte Hotel, 301 Howard St.; Oct. 11 & 12: Elaine's Cape May, 513 Lafayette St. These are limited events; advance purchase recommended. $30.

22nd Annual Food & Wine Celebration
Sept. 14-23: Taste the best in the "restaurant capital of New Jersey" with special events centered on great local food, beer, wine and spirits that celebrate Cape May's extraordinary chefs de cuisine! New in 2018! Cape May Wine Pairing & Blending at Cape May Winery, and Lunch & Learn "Consuming Passions" at Lucky Bones Restaurant. Don't miss popular favorites such as Grilling At the Vineyard, Chocolate Lovers Feast at The Blue Rose Inn, Chefs' Dine-Arounds, Cape May Wine Trails and more!

NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY
Tuesday, Aug. 7: 9am-2pm: Celebrate National Lighthouse Day and enjoy family activities at the base of the lighthouse including pirate-hat making, games, music and crafts vendors. Free admission to the grounds.

GRAVEYARD, GHOSTS & MANSION COMBO TOUR
Wednesday, Aug. 15: 7:30pm: Take a trolley ride to the Cold Spring Presbyterian Cemetery to spend time at the graves of Dr. Emlen Physick and his family. Return to the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate and listen to EVPs (electronic voice phenomenon) recorded at the home, and hear experiences reported there by staff and tour-goers. Tour begins and ends at the Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St. $40.

DINNER & FULL MOON CLIMBS
Saturday, Aug. 25, Sunday, Sept. 23 & Thursday, Oct. 25: 6:15pm: See the light of the full moon from atop the Cape May Lighthouse! Board the trolley at the Emlen Physick Estate and travel to The Red Store in Cape May Point for Chef Lucas Manteca's Tasting Menu experience. After dinner, hop back on board the trolley for a short ride to Cape May Lighthouse, where you will climb to the top to relish the full moon from the watch gallery, weather permitting. Reservations necessary; limited to 22. $85.

CHEFS' DINE-AROUNDS
Sunday, Sept. 16, Monday, Sept. 17 & Tuesday, Sept. 18: 6pm: This unforgettable five-course gourmet feast is a chance to taste the best of the best in Cape May! Five premier Cape May restaurants each serve a course paired with a different wine from the evening's sponsoring winery. A winery representative accompanies the group and explores the subtleties of the pairing with each dish. A trolley shuttle transports you between courses. Reserve early for these very special evenings; limited to 34 people per night. $125 (gratuity included).

CHEFS' DINE-AROUNDS WITH THE CAPE MAY BREWERY
Thursday, Sept. 20: 6pm: An unforgettable five-course feast that celebrates the magical concoctions of yeast, hops, barley, wheat and more. Five premier Cape May restaurants each serve a course carefully prepared to pair with a select beer from the award-winning Cape May Brewery. Explore each selection with a brewery representative as your guide. A trolley shuttle transports you between courses. Reserve early; limited to 34 people. $125 (gratuity included).

TASTE YOUR WAY INN TOUR
Friday, Sept. 21: 9am-2pm: This self-guided walking tour, visiting several of Cape May's world renowned inns. You'll appreciate the stunning architectural interiors and enjoy Cape May innkeepers' famous hospitality. $20 adults / $15 children (ages 3-12).
Harvest Brew Fest

Sept. 15: 10am-6pm: Celebrate the rich agricultural and cultural amenities of Southern New Jersey during this all-day event at the beautiful Physick Estate that celebrates local craft beers, local food, local produce, local wine and local talent. Admission to the grounds is free.

Cape May Designer House Tour

Sept. 22: 11am-4pm: Step across the private thresholds of magnificent Cape May homes in a variety of styles, from seaside cottages to coastal mansions, all open to the public for one day only. Relish the beautifully designed interiors created by local and regional designers on this one-day event. Visitors receive a book with descriptions of the houses and a map. $35.

46th Annual Victorian Weekend

Oct. 4-8: Visit Victorian Cape May during this 46th annual celebration that includes the seventh lecture in the Lessons of History Distinguished Lecture Series, featuring Professor Natalia Mehlman Petrzela presenting “Women and Children First?: #MeToo, #NeverAgain and The New Faces of American Activism.” Experience the high spirits of the Victorian era during Spectacular Burlesque Extravaganza, and Victorian Vices at Nauti Spirits. Enjoy afternoon tea and a talk about Victorian lighting during “Shine A Light on the Victorian Era” with Brett Ewald. Sample the culinary delights at local historic inns during the new Taste Your Way Inn Tour. Don’t miss Victorian Weekend favorites such as the annual Crafts & Collectibles Show, Murder Mystery Dinners, a Brunch Walk, An Evening of Victorian Parlor Games, and … more!

Halloween Happenings

October: Take a walk on the “spirited” side of historic Cape May with three weeks of specially-themed tours and events including Ghost Walk with Craig McManus, Scarecrow Alley, a Dept. 56 Halloween display, Séance at the Physick Estate, Sept. 21, Historic Haunts Tours, Phantoms of the Physick Estate evening and daytime tours, and more, including Tea & Confessions with Lizzie Borden and the new Halloween-themed burlesque show, An Evening of Burlesque: Dead Sexy Boolesque. Usher in the spooky season!

Sherlock Holmes Weekends

Oct. 26-28 & Nov 3-5: Grab your deerstalker hat and join Holmes and Dr. Watson with an entire cast of characters as they attempt to solve “Sherlock Holmes and the Case of A Siren’s Call” at the Inn of Cape May. Full packages are $200 per couple or $105 per person and include a welcome reception, performances, tour and luncheon. Weekend overnight packages are also available. The Search for Clues tour is on Saturday, Oct. 27 and Nov. 4, and may be purchased separately for $15.

Phantoms of the Physick Estate: Victorian Spiritualism Combo

Fridays and Saturdays, Oct. 12-27: 11:45am, 1pm, 2:15pm

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Victorians were fascinated by Spiritualism and the occult. Take a Historic District Trolley Tour through Cape May and then visit the “haunted” Physick Estate and learn from your guide about this Victorian obsession. You will even hear some of the electronic voice phenomena (EVPs) that 21st century technology has captured within these walls, and understand why it is reputed to host more than just the living. Appropriate for all ages. $22 adults, $14, children (ages 3-12). The Phantoms of the Physick Estate: Victorian Spiritualism House Tour is available separately: $12 adults, $8 children (ages 3-12).

Ghost Walk with Craig McManus

Friday, Oct. 19: 6pm; Saturday, Oct. 20: 6pm & 9pm: Join psychic medium Craig McManus on this one-hour, evening walking tour and let him be your guide to the spirit side of historic, haunted Cape May. You’ll hear stories and see the houses and sites where he has sensed paranormal activity. Advance purchase recommended. $25.

Tea & Confessions: Lizzie Borden

Saturday, Oct. 20: 2:30pm: Who was Lizzie Borden, and what happened on the fateful day her parents were hacked to death? Historical re-enactor Kate Butler portrays Lizzie Borden in this one-woman show. Get swept up in the story of one of the most notorious women in modern history, over a very civilized afternoon tea. Reservations necessary. $35.

UPCOMING FRIENDS EVENTS

Friends of the Physick Estate

Present A Short History of Halloween Lecture & Workshop
Friday, Oct. 12: 2pm: A brief presentation on the history of Halloween and how the production of postcards and greeting cards blossomed during the Victorian era. Then, create your own cards, themed to Halloween and Thanksgiving. All materials provided. Light refreshments included. Cape May Methodist Church Hall, 635 Washington St. $10.

Friends of the World War II Lookout Tower

Present a Program on Patriotic Music
Saturday, Nov. 10: 1pm: A sight and sound presentation highlighting patriotic music and honoring veterans in celebration of Veterans Day. Light refreshments included. Cape May Lutheran Church, 509 Pittsburgh Ave. $5. Admission is free to members of Friends of the World War II Lookout Tower, MAC Tower Observers, World War II veterans and children 18 and under.

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Bill and Audrey Schwab have supported MAC for over 20 years. They are quiet and modest about their contribution; passionate about their commitment.

“It’s extremely meaningful to me,” Audrey said.

The Schwabs are semi-retired and committed not just to MAC but to other preservation causes dear to their hearts near their home in the Delaware Water Gap. In between working and visits to their Columbia Avenue home in Cape May with their grandchildren, Bill is a cost-sharing partner in the restoration of an 1872 church. Audrey is a trustee for the Walpack Historical Society, dedicated to its preservation mission.

They were introduced to MAC over 20 years ago by Tom and Sue Carroll during their first visit to Cape May and their stay at The Mainstay Inn, then owned by the Carrolls.

“I did not get a clue during my initial visit how involved the Carrolls were with the MAC organization,” Audrey said. “They were just so interested in handing us the TWICM (This Week In Cape May) magazine and urging us to avail ourselves of all the wonderful tours and things at MAC, and that was the end of that. Then Bill and I sat on the Mainstay porch and we saw MAC trolleys, and more MAC trolleys, and we saw many walking tours, and other evidence of something wonderful going on in this little town. From that point on, we started to investigate and I think our very first interaction on a personal level was a tour of the Physick Estate, which we found to be absolutely beautiful.”

The Schwabs soon became donors to the organization, starting with a $100 contribution in 1996. They are especially passionate about restoration, Bill said, and about supporting projects that create new revenue streams in support of MAC’s mission, such as the Carriage House Café & Tearoom. They have contributed to MAC historic restoration and acquisition projects that include the Physick Estate porch roof and a call system in the house. They are Charter Members of the 2020 Preservation Society Fund. They have even made their own 1879 Victorian on Columbia Avenue, which they joyfully restored, available for MAC tours. Over the years the Schwabs have supported MAC financially and otherwise, in countless, meaningful ways.

They appreciate the crucial work MAC does to attract visitors to Cape May and make the town more culturally robust, citing the annual Cape May Music Festival and MAC’s efforts to expand its audience to meet the current needs of new and younger generations of visitors, including offerings like ghost tours and huge outdoor festivals.

Thank you, Bill and Audrey, for your generous support of MAC and Cape May!

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Developing a “Tour App”

With the start of our Summer season on June 15, we launched an exciting audio component to our Self-guided Physick Estate Tours (running Monday-Friday, 1pm-4pm throughout the Summer). The story of how this audio tour was developed is a quintessential example of the “MAC way.”

A year ago, while vacationing in Newport, RI, MAC Board leader Tom and Sue Carroll were highly impressed by the “Tour App” that they experienced at the Newport Mansions. Downloaded onto their cell phones, this tour app gave them a lively audio commentary that brought to life their self-guided tours. Immediately seeing the potential for our Emlen Physick Estate, Tom and Sue wanted to learn as much as they could about how to develop and implement such a tour app. Fortunately, I was able to connect them with my long-time colleague, Trudy Coxe, the CEO & Executive Director of the Preservation Society of Newport County (which operates the Mansions). Trudy most graciously invited Tom and Sue to meet with her and her senior staff, providing them with a wealth of “how to” tips.

What do we at MAC do whenever we face a challenge? We create a team! So Tom was able to bring his Newport findings to a Tour App Team that included some of our best tour planning and tech design minds – Tour Interpreter/scriptwriter Janet Coupland, Webmaster Jean Barraclough, Interpreter Peggy Gora, Chief Operating Officer Melissa Payne, Chief Outreach Strategist Mary Stewart (and me).

Our first task was to research the array of companies that create tour apps for museums. Upon discovering that such services cost in the $10,000 range, Jean Barraclough found a DIY approach to building a tour app at a fraction of this expense. The team then worked out a tour route that identified 18 stops, each with a 2-3 minute audio clip. Janet Coupland jumped in and offered to write and record scripts for all 18 stops (plus introductory and concluding messages) – which she faithfully and brilliantly carried out over the course of the Winter. Jean Barracough designed locator maps and landing pages for each stop (with photographs provided by Susan Krysiak). Tom Carroll and I recorded the concluding and introductory messages, respectively, with musical backdrops added by Susan. Melissa Payne and Nanci Coughlin worked out a host of logistical challenges, including signage, staff training and the purchase of earbuds (which we sell for $1 apiece for visitors to use with their smart phones).

As we approached our mid-June launch date, Jean Barraclough came up with an unexpected recommendation. Instead of publishing a tour app, which involves third parties and difficulty in making changes and updates, why not simply create a new website that visitors can download to their mobile devices? Once our IT Manager

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Welcome New Members

Platinum Business: Vineland Public Library of Vineland, NJ.

Gold Business: Aerodrome (Bill Sterritt) of Erma, NJ.

Sponsor: Martha & Bob Kennedy of Philadelphia, PA.

Family: Lisa & Ryan Brown of Villas; Oscar Cepeda & Isabel Martinez of Belle Mead, NJ; Meir & Shani Davidson of Spring Valley, NY; Stuart & Rebecca Dear of Philadelphia, PA; Jeffrey & Kimberly DeNick of Marlton, NJ; Daniel & Davann DeStefano of Mantua, NJ; Georgi & Stanimira Genov of Oxford, PA; Pam & Danielle Harris of Upper Saddle River, NJ; Christina Hasty of Sevierville, TN; Bill & Cyndi James of Lafayette, NJ; Nickolas & Crystal Kopper of Eastampton, NJ; David & Deanna Kowowski of West Cape May, NJ; Bill & Beth Kurtz of Mullica Hill, NJ; Peggy Levitz & Frank Maier of Jamison, PA; Richard & Susan Marotta of Medford, NY; Hugh McCauley & Trina Vaux of Bryn Mawr, PA; Eric & Robin Metz of Cape May Court House, NJ; William Miller & Elizabeth Willis of Dover Plains, NY; Jodie Nispel & Gregory Gillespie of Windsor, PA; Edward & Lizbeth Poche of Joshua, TX; Jessica & Thomas Rowe of Birdsboro, PA; Lisa Shingleton & David Sheaffer of Sicklerville, NJ; James & Janet Sigler of Hagerstown, MD; Franco & Diane Meza of Denville, NJ; Froebel & Lina Morisseau of Rahway, NJ; Edward & Kristin Newland of Ocean, NJ; Shahzad & Zeresht Peters of Kingston, NY; Geraldine Peterson & Ann Follachio of Manchester, CT; Matthew & Andrea Petidemange of Salem, NJ; Caleb & L. Mechelle Poche of Joshua, TX; Shannon & Bethany Poche of Joshua, TX; Pat & Andy Ragen of Cape May, NJ; Christopher Raths & Alison Warner of Succasunna, NJ; Scott & Farida Robinson of Kensington, MD; Thomas & Rosemary Rosko of Poland, OH; Steven & Christine Shuster of Sicklerville, NJ; James & Janet Sigler of Hagerstown, MD; Jeffrey & Lisa Somers of Denville, NJ; Paul Summers of Villas, NJ; William Tabshey & Marilyn Jacobsen of Manchester, CT; Kenneth & Linda Tom of Columbia, NJ; Mona Trump & William Wentzel of Pitman, NJ; Kevin Tom & Kelly Turner of Columbia, NJ; Clare & Karen VanDiver of Cape May, NJ; Ben & Louise Watts of Haddonfield, NJ; Jon & Ann Whipple of Rio Grande, NJ; Kelley White & John Hickey of Lanoka Harbor, NJ; Kenneth & Kortney White of Stevens, PA; Mac & Tina Williams of Philadelphia, PA.

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Staff: Barbara Hubmaster of North Cape May, NJ.

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Grandparents: Barbara & Jim Klotz.

Individual: Marie Stone of Cape May, NJ.

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Individual: Daniel Virgilio of Niagara Falls, NY.

Joint: Robert & Kay Smith of Bowling Green, KY; Jose Valentín & Barbara Torres of West Springfield, MA.

Family: Lorraine & Faith Jones of Westminster, MD; Arthur & Allyson Nimble of Lake Hopatcong, NJ; Anthony & Elena Roefaro of Cliffside Park, NJ.

FRIENDS OF THE PHYSICK ESTATE

Individual: Barbara O’Connor of Cape May, NJ.

FRIENDS OF THE WORLD WAR II LOOKOUT TOWER

Grandparent: Anthony & Beth DeSorbo of Westville, PA.

Congratulations to:

Tom & Sue Carroll, on celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary; Stalwart friend Jerry Inderwies, Jr, on his appointment as Cape May’s Deputy City Manager; Assistant to the Director Anna Leeper, on her son, Major Michael Leeper, being awarded the Legion of Merit of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Condolences to:

Judy Austermiller, on the death of her husband, Dr. Warren Beatty; the friends and family (including Cape May Police Chief Tony Marino), on the death of former Cape May Police officer and County Freeholder Ralph Bakely; Tour staffer Eileen Cassidy, on the death of her sister, Nancy; the friends and family of Charles “Chip” Conine, Jr, former MAC maintenance employee; the family and friends of former Tour staffer Lynda Fellenbaum; the friends and family of enthusiastic MAC participant Molly Frantz; the family and friends of Cape May legend Bud Swain.
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**Donations**
- **Jean Barraclough**, for the donation of two period books to the Physick Estate collection and an Eastlake Chest of drawers and an antique table runner to the Café/TeaRoom, and a $50 donation to the Carroll Gallery exhibit.
- **Lee Bellarmino**, for the purchase of teleconferencing equipment.
- **Chris & Dave Clemans**, for a $50 donation to the Lessons of History Fund and the donation of the entire inventory of Dave’s four books to the Carriage House Museum Shop.
- **Beth Eastman**, Inn of Cape May, for providing accommodations for Friends of the Physick Estate lecturer, Ellouise Shoettler.
- **Alan Fisher**, for directing a $150 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse from his participation in the Union Pacific Fund for Effective Government PAC Charitable Gift Program.
- **John & Karen Fox**, for a $50 donation to the Carroll Gallery exhibit.
- **Roger and Heather Furlin**, for their donation of $205 to the Physick Estate collection, $100 to the Lessons of History Fund, a reproduction Victorian dress for the Physick Estate collection, $100 to the Friends of the Cape May Music Festival and rooms to house Music Festival performers.
- **Jacobs Music (Gabrielle Ranalli)**, for a donation of $350 towards the Music Festival piano rental fee.
- **Todd Kern**, for a donation of $75 to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Jeffery Ditty.
- **Dottie and Mal Knapp**, for sponsoring the performance “Ready to Serve” by Ellouise Shoettler for the Friends of the Physick Estate.
- **Mary & Harry Malitas**, for a $100 donation.
- **Wayne March**, for the donation of two pairs of women’s gloves to the Physick Estate collection.
- **Emily McLaughlin**, for the donation of 18 pieces of crystal stemware to the Physick Estate collection.

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• Stephen & Janet Miller, for a $1,000 donation to the Lessons of History Fund.
• Emelia Oleson, for the donation of a flower-gathering basket to the Physick Estate collection.
• Bonnie & Lance Pontin, for donating a room (last minute) at The John Wesley Inn for the Music Festival performer.
• PNC Bank, for a $10,000 donation in support of the Craft Beer & Crab Festival.
• Chef Joseph Poon, for waiving his lecture fee and providing supplies for the Sip into Spring Festival Slicing and Dicing Demonstration.
• Linda Price, for a $25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
• PSE&G Power of Giving Campaign, for a donation of $141.21 in memory of Donald Schenck.
• Jennifer Rebman, for a $50 donation to the Cape May Music Festival.

Assistance

• Elliot Bailen and Susan Rotholz, for performing gratis in the “Musical Desserts” program sponsored by the Friends of the Cape May Music Festival.
• John Bailey, for creating a video on the protest music of the Vietnam War era that he presented at the April 14 Friends of the World War II Lookout Tower meeting.
• Jill Bellarmino, for her work in organizing our reference library.
• Perry Benson, one of the original HABS team members, for lending tools, drawings and artifacts for the “Capturing Cape May’s Architecture” exhibit.
• Cape May Lutheran Church and Pastor Jeff Elliott, for allowing us to use the parish hall for staff training sessions.

• Cape May Magazine, for providing photos for the “Capturing Cape May’s Architecture” exhibit.
• Cape May United Methodist Church and Rev. Jeanette Block, for allowing us to use the parish hall for staff training sessions.
• Tom Carroll, for providing a Customer Service training session for MAC staff.
• Eileen Cassidy, for organizing Dr. Physick’s birthday party croquet match.
• Corbin Cogswell, for his assistance with the Cape May Music Festival concerts at the Episcopal Church of the Advent.
• Stanley Delage, for donating his time and artistry, performing a full recital at no charge for the Friends of the Cape May Music Festival.
• Joe Evangelista, for providing photographs for the “Capturing Cape May’s Architecture” exhibit.
• Karen Fox, for curating the “Capturing Cape May’s Architecture” exhibit.
• Sally Galbraith, for assistance with speaker hospitality for Friends of the Physick Estate lecturer, Ellousie Shoetler.
• Carol Hartman, for providing the cake for Dr. Physick’s birthday party.
• Dan & Carol Hartman, for opening and closing the Lutheran Church Hall for MAC staff training sessions.
• Jerry Inderwies, Jr., for extraordinary assistance with our Designer Show House project.

• Barbara Lamont, for organizing refreshments for Dr. Physick’s birthday party.
• Kathy Louderback, for serving on the Marketing Strategies Team.
• State Park Superintendent Lorraine McCoy, for providing an indoor rain venue for our Armed Forces Day Ceremony.
• Lee O’Connor, for his technical assistance with the Cape May Music Festival concert at the First Presbyterian Church and the George Musterhazy Tribute concert at Convention Hall.
• Christine Rossi Peck, for providing photographs for the “Capturing Cape May’s Architecture” exhibit.
• Rosemary Rombado, for preparing Lighthouse magnets as group travel show/customer gifts.
• Gayle Stahlhuth and Lee O’Connor, East Lynne Theater Company, for participating in a MAC staff training session.
• Gretchen Whitman, Nature Center of Cape May, for participating in a MAC staff training session.
• Elan Zingman-Leith, for providing the lecture for the Victorian Decorative Arts staff training session.

Cape May Music Festival VIPs: Councilman Roger Furlin, Councilwoman Tricia Hendricks, Mayor Chuck Lear, Councilwoman Bea Pessagno.
Congratulations
Volunteers of the Month

MAY: Stanley DeLage

JUNE: Cub Scout Pack #73

JULY: Corbin Cogswell

Cherry House Haunted Tales & Investigation Tour Researchers: Carol Hartman, Carolyn Owens, Rosemary Rombado.

Chocolate Tasting Tour Food Providers: Beach Plum Café & Bakery, Lenore Bowne, Emily’s Homemade, Original Fudge Kitchen.

Chocolate Tasting Tour Properties & Owners: The Bowne Residence (Lenore and Marty Bowne), Buttercup Cottage (Cathy Hay), The Henry Sawyer Inn (Barbara Morris), John Hand House (Scott and Rhonda Gibbs).

Friends of the Cape May Music Festival Advisory Team: Ralph Cooper, Heather Furlin, Judy Gatt, Ron Rollet.

Volunteers

Cape May Music Festival Volunteers: Bobby Andrews, Sharon Agin, Bill Angstadt, Tina Angstadt, Joanne Bradley, Dan Callahan, Joan Conway, Anne Doherty, Judy Gatt, Tom Gore, Scott Griffith, Roger Henry, Barbara Hubmaster, Anna Marie Leeper, Mary McKenney, Mary Stewart, Carolyn Vinci, Pattie Wallace, Mark Wheaton, Mimi Wheaton, Barbara Whitlock.

Chocolate Tasting Tour Volunteers: Mary McArdle, Gus Mosso, Mary Ann Mosso, Eva Pennock, Dianne Riehl, Kimberley Toenniessen.


“Musical Desserts” Volunteers: Sharon Falkowski, Heather & Roger Furlin, Judy Gatt, Tricia Kraemer, Anna Leeper, Mary Stewart.

Physick Estate Grounds Volunteers: Rosemary Bubnis, Tom Carroll, Joe Cassidy, Jan Dwyer, Walt Gabriel, Barbara Golla, Roger Henry, Carol Lindsay, Theresa Schmal, Mike Smith, Denny Sweetman, Ben Weiner, Jerry York.

Self-Guided Physick Estate Tour Volunteers: Les Aungst, Mel Bateman, Joan Bauer, Steve Bauer, Sue Carroll, Jim Del Grosso, Jan Dwyer, Barbara Golla, Scott Griffith, Roger Henry.

Sip Into Spring Volunteers: Nick Agresta, Bill Angstadt, Tina Angstadt, Jean Barracough, Marilu Bicknell, Bill Brown, Pat Brown, Stash Bonk, Darlena Byrne, Joe Byrne, Joan Conway, Pete Dwyer, Sharon Falkowski, Mike Gallagher, John Goschen, Carol Haggas, Denyse Hasler, Barbara Hubmaster, Charlie Kealy, Mary McKenney, Emily McLaughlin, Joe McLaughlin, Jane Menendez, Bob Mohr, Carol Qualties, Carl Schnekenburger, Pat Sheves, Lauren Stenstrom, Anne Stephany, John Suttmoeller, Tina Suttmoeller, Patti Wallace, Mark Wheaton, Rachael Zeides.

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

Volunteer Recognition Reception VIPs: Assemblyman Bob Andrzejczak, Assemblyman Bruce Land, Mayor Chuck Lear, Kathy Makowski, Senator Jeff Van Drew.

World War II Lookout Tower Armed Forces Day Ceremony Awards: John Bailey.

Bugler: Mark Van Dusen.

Masonic Shriners Legion of Honor Color Guard: Bob Donnell, Bob Keith, Joe Orlando.

Music: Rich Chiemingo.

Re-enactors: Art Ellison, Victor Faust, Damien Timofai.

Speakers: Assemblyman Bob Andrzejczak, Post Commander Andy Barber, Cape May County Clerk Rita Fulginiti, Pastor Michael Goldade, Cape May City Councilwoman Tricia Hendricks, Post Commander Joe Orlando, Freeholder Jeff Piersen, Lower Township Deputy Mayor Wayne Sipple, Freeholder-Director Jerry Thornton.

Ushers: Scott Griffith, Mary Stewart.

On Earth Day, members of Cub Scout Pack #73 (John Matusiak, Scoutmaster) planted flower beds across the Physick Estate.
Mayor praises HABS exhibit

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The same cannot be said in Cape May. If you are looking up at a house or taking photos of a porch railing or studying the shutter hardware, you may be a tourist, but you are just as likely to be a year-round resident or perennial visitor.

There is always a fascination with our historic houses and we see them again for the first time as seasons change or as the sun rises or sets and the light shifts.

If we had to credit one person — just one person — with Cape May’s reclamation of its historic architectural roots, that person would likely be Carolyn Pitts. It was Miss Pitts (as she was affectionately known — usually it was affection) who took on the tediously loving task of surveying, documenting, photographing, sketching and describing our City’s 19th and 20th century architectural houses, representing treasures of Colonial, Victorian and Edwardian styles.

Certainly there are many notable preservationists in our community but none with Miss Pitts’ unapologetic zeal and tenacious dedication.

Carolyn Pitts was certain there was inherent value in restoring and preserving Cape May’s unique and majestic houses. She saw these buildings as Cape May’s saving grace — or perhaps its graceful savings.

Miss Pitts was undeterred by those who saw Cape May’s economic future in more contemporary structures with modern amenities. She spent most of her days in Cape May’s neighborhoods documenting architectural details and most of her evenings at the Ugly Mug recounting the experiences of the day.

To our benefit, the Historic American Building Survey (HABS) teams spent the summers of 1972, ’73, ’74 and ’77 documenting Cape May’s notable buildings. This idyllic summer research became the basis for publication in 1976 of the book: “Cape May: Queen of the Seaside Resorts” [by George E. Thomas and Carl E. Doebley] and the 1977 publication of a [Cape May] Handbook that was used in City-hosted preservation workshops.

And, I wonder if we need another round of those workshops.

We can thank Miss Pitts for preparing and submitting the materials nominating Cape May City for its National Historic Landmark designation, awarded in 1976. By this time, she had already moved to Washington, DC to join the National Park Service as an architectural historian.

In her 30-year career with the National Park Service, Miss Pitts was responsible for more “landmark” experiences in other cities across the United States. But her brightest landmark star remains the City of Cape May.

So, I challenge all of us to be “Miss Pitts” for a day — to take sketching pads or cameras (even cell-phone cameras) and pick out one of the historic houses.

Plan to spend at least an hour with the house.

View it from across the street.

Appreciate the distinct colors of the paint. If you brought your crayons or colored pencils along, try to match the house colors.

Just take it all in.

Maybe sketch the outline of the house.

Lessons of History

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Women and children, two segments often marginalized in American political discourse, now lead nationwide conversations about sexual violence and gun control.

From the ousting of sexual predators in the workplace to the outpouring of support for stricter gun laws by the survivors of the mass shooting in Parkland, Fla., American activism has powerful new voices and faces that are overwhelmingly young and female. Historically, women and young people have been grouped together as needful of protection and as less than full citizens. Today we are witnessing a new era in which they are rightfully recognized as autonomous political actors who are shaping national debates.

Join historian Natalia Mehlman Petrzela, Ph.D. to understand better the roots of this transformative activism and its implications for our collective future. Petrzela is Associate Professor of History at The New School in New York City. An expert in 20th century American politics and culture, she is the author of “Classroom Wars: Language, Sex, and the Making of Modern American Culture” (Oxford, 2015) and is soon to publish a book about the modern American fitness culture.

Petrzela is a founding host of the popular “Past Present” podcast, and a regular commentator in such popular venues as The Washington Post, The New York Times, The Guardian, The History Channel and “The Brian Lehrer Show.” She holds a Bachelor’s degree from Columbia University and both a Master of Arts and Ph.D. degree from Stanford University.

General admission to the lecture is $30, and $10 for students, teachers and active duty military personnel. A Meet the Speaker reception will be held at the Chalfonte Hotel at 301 Howard St. following the lecture. The cost to attend both the lecture and reception is $60. To purchase tickets, visit www.capemaymac.org or call 609-884-5404.

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Tour app

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Cathy Baldacchini determined that we had sufficient free Wi-Fi coverage throughout the Physick Estate, the team enthusiastically jumped on board. So, overnight, our tour app became a “Self-guided Audio Tour.” Please try it out at www.physickestatetotour.org. We hope you enjoy the experience!

-- B. Michael Zuckerman, Ph.D.
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Music Festival
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and created a lively and nostalgic program. The crowning event of the Music Festival was the “Musical Desserts” program that the Friends of the Cape May Music Festival, under the leadership of Sharon Falkowski, presented on June 15 to a sold-out audience under the Café & Tearoom tent at the Physick Estate (with special thanks to cellist Eliot Bailen and flutist Susan Rotholz for performing gratis).

Our thanks go to our hosts at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, the First Presbyterian Church of Cape May, Willow Creek Winery and Cape May Convention Hall for their kind hospitality, our loyal corps of volunteers who turned out to usher, our individual and business contributors and our biggest single funder, the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Without all that support, the Cape May Music Festival would not be possible.

The Music Festival is very much more than its mainstage programs. Each Wednesday during the Festival, members of the Bay Atlantic Symphony provided music for our intimate Bach’s Lunches in the Carriage House Café & Tearoom. While the Festival was going on, we conducted an online auction of an assortment of wonderful donated items to raise supplemental funds. Organized by Director of External Affairs Eliza Lotozo and Marketing Assistant Leslie Weidel with assistance from Chief Outreach Strategist Mary Stewart, the auction raised another $5,000 plus in support of the Festival.

Our Friends groups have had a busy Spring. In April, the Friends of the Physick Estate took a group to Philadelphia to visit the Museum of the American Revolution. Their contribution to Spring Celebration was a performance of Ready to Serve by Ellouise Schoeltter, stories of the nurses who served in France in World War I. On June 5, they hosted Dr. Physick’s Birthday Party, celebrating his 163rd with cake and a rousing croquet match. The Friends of the World War II Tower held the last of their four programs focused on Vietnam. John Bailey produced a presentation called House of Pegasus about the music and times. They also hosted their annual Armed Forces Day Celebration. Rain forced us into the classroom building at Cape May Point State Park but didn’t dim our enthusiasm.

Education Wrap-up
The Education Division continued to maintain a busy schedule this Spring. From April 1 to the end of the school year, more than 75 programs were presented, including classroom visits, assemblies and field trips. Year to date, we’ve provided programs for more than 11,000 kids. Rich Chiemingo has been visiting schools with a variety of music history programs. Eliot Bailen, our composer in residence for the Music Festival outreach project, met with students from Lower Cape May Regional High School and Teitelman Junior High School. We’re working with teachers Sandy Beane-Fox and Julie Heck and their choir students on a program to be presented in Winter 2019. In early May, we welcomed Melissa Palmer as our new Assistant Director of Museum Education.

Our traditional Lunch & Learn programs at the Methodist Church Hall finished strong with more than 800 people attending the weekly sessions. The attendance at programs at Lucky Bones built nicely through April. A series at Atlantic Cape Community College joined our ranks of venues. We have also been delivering our monthly lectures to libraries, senior centers and community clubs and provided two programs for the Garden Club of Cape May during their recent Flower Show in Convention Hall.

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