Restored at last!

The “Elaine’s Barn” saga

Since the Summer of 1999, visitors to the Physick Estate have wondered about the quaint barn that has been moldering away in the far back corner of its parking lot. As the barn's condition deteriorated, only the “Pardon our appearance. Restoration in progress” sign got periodically refreshed. How did this barn get placed on this spot? Why was it neglected so long and what has brought about its recent transformation?

Towards the end of 1997, the owners of Elaine's Dinner Theater (Mark Phinney, Shirley Phinney and Ron Long) decided that they had to remove the c.1880 barn behind their building to expand their parking lot. Prevented by the Cape May Historic Preservation Commission from demolishing it, Sturdy Savings Bank will again be underwriting the official kick-off of our holiday season, the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Physick Estate grounds during Holiday Preview Weekend. Please join us on Saturday, November 18 at 7pm when Santa throws the switch for this festive event, which also includes a free open house at our Physick House museum, authentically decorated for the holidays, as well as the opening of the “Old Fashioned Christmas” exhibit in the Carroll Gallery.

This event is one of three occasions this year that have been underwritten by Sturdy Savings Bank, and we would like to thank the bank's generous support.

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RECENT HAPPENINGS

Summer Wrap-up

Things were hopping at MAC this Summer in more ways than one. In addition to our popular Hops Festival on June 25, which helped us kick off Summer with blues, brews and BBQ, we added a number of new tours and events. The Underground Railroad Trolley Tour, co-sponsored by the Center for Community Arts, has proved to be one of the most popular. The tour features legendary anti-slavery fighter Harriet Tubman and her connection to Cape May and tells the story of how African American slaves braved strong currents and stormy seas, guided by the beacon at the Cape May Lighthouse.

Cape May’s Wild Side, another new trolley tour that’s a partnership with Cape May Bird Observatory, focuses on bird-watching, Monarch butterfly migration and natural history. CMBO naturalists joined us on a trolley tour to local “hotspots.”

We had new events at each of our historic sites. At the Physick Estate, we offered monthly Night Art Markets allowing visitors to stroll the beautiful grounds and see the works of a variety of talented local artists, musicians and food vendors. At the World War II Lookout Tower and Cape May Lighthouse, we partnered with the folks at Cape May Brewery to set up Pop-up Beer Gardens. Each evening featured music, food trucks, lawn games and, of course, some of the brewery’s most popular brews.

In an exciting new partnership, Paramount Air Service provided banner planes to help promote these events and our three major Summer Festivals.

The Lighthouse was featured this season on the new Dinner & Full Moon Climbs. Guests enjoyed savoring the Tasting Menu presented by Chef Lucas Manteca at the Red Store in Cape May Point, and then had the opportunity to walk it off with an exclusive night climb to see the shoreline and waters of the ocean and bay beneath the light of the full moon. Unfortunately, the weather did not always cooperate but, on October 6, our guests were treated to the Harvest Moon.

The new Graveyard, Ghosts & Mansion Tour offered a trolley ride to the Cold Spring Presbyterian Cemetery to spend some time at the graves of Dr. Emlen Physick and his family. Back at the Physick Estate, guides shared stories of paranormal activity in the house as reported by staff and tour-goers.

We again offered The Chalfonte’s Civil War Dinner Packages at Cape May’s oldest continually operating hotel. Guests were treated to the fascinating story of the hotel’s glorious past in a room steeped in history and filled with artifacts, and then enjoyed the hotel’s famous Southern Fried Chicken dinner.

Hamlet visited the Physick Estate grounds in July, courtesy of REV Theatre. This contemporary production emphasized the fusion of Shakespeare’s language and REV’s dynamic physicality, with the active involvement of the audience. Always weather-dependent, we were forced to relocate to Cape May Elementary School at the end of the run.

The mega event of the Summer was our 6th annual Craft Beer & Crab Festival on August 5. The all-day festival featured local and regional craft beers to wash down favorite summer foods including steamed crabs, pulled pork, crab cakes, shrimp and hot dogs, as of the ocean and bay beneath the light of the full moon. Unfortunately, the weather did not always cooperate but, on October 6, our guests were treated to the Harvest Moon.
Holiday Preview Weekend
Nov. 17-19: Holiday Preview Weekend launches six weeks of holiday tours, activities and events in Cape May! Visit the Physick Estate on Saturday, Nov. 18 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, 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. 17-Jan. 1, 2018: 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 and so much more! At the Carroll Gallery at the Physick Estate. Open daily (except Thanksgiving and Christmas); hours vary. Free admission.

44th Annual Christmas Candlelight House Tours
Dec. 2, 9 and 16: Don’t miss the main attraction of Cape May’s festive holiday season, self-guided walking tours featuring homes, inns, hotels and churches decorated for the holidays, plus caroling, strolling musicians and all-around good cheer. Hospitality centers offer warm beverages and holiday treats along the way. Limited shuttle service on heated trolleys is available. $5:30-8:30pm, Adults $35, children $20 (ages 3-12). Limited admission. Advance reservations strongly recommended.

Lamplighter Christmas Tours
Imagine the days of Christmas past on these self-guided evening tours of Cape May’s inns or private homes, specially decorated for the holidays. Hear a holiday presentation by the owner at each location. Included is a visit to the Carroll Gallery at the Emlen Physick Estate where you can see “An Old-fashioned Christmas” exhibit, and enjoy warm beverages and holiday treats. Adults $20 children (3-12) $15. Offered 7pm-9pm Fridays, Dec. 1, 8 & 15; Saturday, Nov. 25 and Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Dickens Christmas Extravaganza
Join world-renowned lecturer on Charles Dickens, Dr. Elliot Engel, and immerse yourself with lectures and performances offered daily, Sunday-Tuesday, Dec. 3-5. Engel’s mini-lecture series on Dickens ran on PBS television stations around the country and his articles have appeared in national newspapers and magazines including Newsweek. Included in the Extravaganza is a Dickensian-style feast along with a wine tasting and a holiday tour of Cape May. Admission to the Extravaganza is $175 per person. Admission to individual lectures is $15 ($10 for MAC members). Complete packages with accommodations are available from participating inns.

Physick Family Christmas House Tours
Daily (No tours Thanksgiving or Christmas) Take a guided, daytime, living history tour of the 1879 Physick Estate, decorated in true Victorian style for Christmas, through the eyes of a member of the Physick family in the early 1900s. Includes a visit to the Carriage House Gallery for “An Old-fashioned Christmas” exhibit. Adults $12 children (3-12) $8. Combine with a Trolley Tour. Adults $22 Children (3-12) $14.

Holiday Lights Trolley Rides
Saturday, Nov. 18 and nightly, Nov. 24-Dec. 30. Hours vary. (No tours Dec. 2, 9, 11, 16, 24, 25) 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 $12 children (ages 3-12) $10. Tours leave from Washington Street Mall Information Booth at Ocean Street (except on Nov. 18, when the tour leaves from the Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St.).

Brunch, Bingo & Lace
Sunday, Nov. 18: 9:30am: Enjoy a morning away from the holiday to-do list with brunch, fashions, prizes and bingo with the ladies of Cape May’s Lace Silhouettes and the Cotton Company. It all takes place at the Inn of Cape May. $25.

Ghosts of Christmas Past Trolley Rides

Holiday Crafts Fair
Friday, Nov. 24, and Saturday, Nov. 25: 10am-4pm: Start your holiday shopping at Cape May Convention Hall with dozens of vendors selling seasonal and handmade crafts and decorations. $2.

Evening Yuletide Tour
Nightly, Nov. 24-Dec. 30, except Dec. 2, 9, 11, 16, 24 and 25. Hours vary: See Cape May’s Victorian homes sparkle via trolley, then take a guided tour of the first floor of the 1879 Physick Estate, authentically decorated for a Victorian Christmas. Visit the Carriage House for holiday refreshments and see “An Old-Fashioned Christmas” exhibit. Adults $22; children (3-12) $14. Take the Evening Yuletide House Tour only for Adults $12 children (ages 3-12) $8.

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Holiday Shopping at MAC’s Museum Shops

Stop in at MAC's fully-accessible Museum Shops and find the perfect gift for Cape May lovers (plus, MAC members receive a 10% discount)! The Carriage House Museum Shop features teapots, teas and accessories, museum-quality gifts, books, jewelry and more. There are selections for youngsters, including children's books, toys, dolls, puzzles and games. Cape May Teddy Bear Co.* bears, Mocha and Champagne, and dozens of outfits to choose from, make lovable gifts for children. Open daily (except Thanksgiving and Christmas). The Cape May Lighthouse Museum Shop contains nautical, lighthouse, pirate and nature-inspired gifts, art, apparel, toys, books and other maritime items. Open Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 30, Friday, Nov. 24 and daily Dec. 26-Dec. 29.

Food & Wine Events

Learn about festive holiday wines Saturday, Dec. 2 at 1pm during Cape May Wine School “Holiday Sparklers” at the Washington Inn. $40 (gratuity not included). The famous Mad Batter Restaurant hosts two five-course holiday dinners paired with wine: Mad Batter Wine Dinner “Autumn Harvest,” Friday, Nov. 17 at 7:30pm and Mad Batter Wine Dinner “Holiday Spirits and Dueling Sommeliers,” Friday, Dec. 8 at 7:30pm. $75 (tax and gratuity included).

Bring the Kids!

The entire family will enjoy Holiday Lights Trolley Rides (see sidebar listing). Children will love Breakfast with Santa as they visit with Santa and enjoy a family-friendly breakfast buffet at the Inn of Cape May. Adults $18 children (ages 3-12) $12 children under 3 who are dining $5. (Saturdays, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, Dec. 9. Sundays, Dec. 3, Dec. 10: 10am) Santa’s Trolley Rides are hosted by Mrs. Claus with a meet and greet after with Santa. Tours are on Saturday, Nov. 18 and Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 25-Dec. 17. Adults $10 children (ages 3-12) $8. Advance reservations recommended!

Carl Carroll Gallery Exhibit

“Franklin Street School: From Segregation to Unification”

Jan. 13-April 15, 2018

From its opening in 1928, the Franklin Street School was a symbol of segregation and separation. It stood as a reminder of a racial divide, even after school integration in 1948. For two decades the Center for Community Arts has worked to preserve, stabilize and restore the School. Now a collaborative effort by CCA and the City of Cape May aims to renew the School as a community center, offering meeting space, arts and history programs, exhibits, events and senior activities and services to bring together all the people of Cape Island. The exhibit will include photographs, artifacts and recorded oral and video histories to chronicle the history of the School, the initial efforts to preserve and rehabilitate the building, and plans for the building’s expansion and completion.

HOLIDAY INNS TOURS

Monday through Thursday, Nov. 27-30 & Dec. 4-7: 1pm-3pm: Get into the Christmas spirit on these self-guided tours of three of Cape May's brightly decorated inns and private homes dressed for the holidays. Adults $15 children (3-12) $10.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS LECTURE

Saturday, Dec. 2: 2pm: Prince Albert brought Christmas traditions to England from Germany when he married Queen Victoria. Hear how they then spread to America in this richly illustrated lecture at the Episcopal Church of the Advent, Washington and Franklin Streets. $10.

CHEERY CHEERY HOUSE CHRISTMAS TOUR

Monday through Thursday, Dec. 11-14: 1pm: See over a dozen beautifully decorated rooms in this 168-year-old, privately owned home on one of Cape May's oldest streets. Frank and Beth Acker invite you to travel back through time while viewing Santa and Mrs. Claus beside the tinsel-covered tree; the dining room table set with Christmas turkey and trimmings; the parlor Christmas tree ornamented with family decorations from the 1800s; and the glow of Dicken's Village lit windows and mantel. $10; children (under age 10) free.

CHEFS’ DINE-AROUND

Tuesday, Dec. 26: 6pm: Enjoy a five-course, gourmet feast this holiday, with each course served in one of Cape May’s premier restaurants. Wine will be selected for each course, and a representative from the sponsoring winery will explain the pairings. A trolley shuttle between restaurants is provided. Reserve early; limited to 34 people per evening! $125 (gratuity included).

Perfect Gifts for Those Who Love Cape May!

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

Or how about a MAC MEMBERSHIP

Get free tours and free admission to the historic sites in the Cape May area.

Visit capemaymac.org for details and purchase
When we launched our campaign last year to attract Charter Members to our newly formed 2020 Society ($25,000 commitments over five years leading up to our 50th anniversary in 2020), the first two charter Members to sign on were hardly surprising—longstanding MAC Board leaders and major donors Tom & Sue Carroll and Lee & Jill Bellarmino. However, the third Charter Member, the NJM Insurance Group, was totally new to the annals of MAC giving.

We have Lee Bellarmino to thank for deploying his strong NJM ties on our behalf. Lee had recently retired as Chairman of the Board of NJM Bank (a wholly-owned subsidiary of NJM Insurance Group) and as a Senior Vice President and member of the NJM Insurance Group’s Executive Leadership Team and Board of Directors. Even in retirement, Lee continues to serve as a Member of NJM’s Advisory Board. He was able to help us draft a compelling case statement and present it to the head of NJM’s corporate giving program, Patricia Hartpence. And the rest, they say, is history.

For those of us in Cape May County, for whom NJM is not yet a household word, NJM provides value-based insurance solutions for the exclusive benefit of its policyholders. It is the Garden State’s leading workers’ compensation carrier and among the leaders in personal and commercial auto and homeowners insurance. The Company is nationally recognized for its customer service and has returned more than $6 billion in dividends to policyholders since 1918. Headquartered in West Trenton with offices in Parsippany and Hamonton, NJM employs approximately 2,500 New Jersey-based workers.

How does NJM feel about its budding partnership with MAC? According to Michael Van Wagner, NJM Vice President of Public Affairs, “NJM is pleased to partner with organizations serving the communities where our policyholders and employees live and work. Through membership in the 2020 Society, we are proud to support the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities in its efforts to promote cultural enrichment, interpretation and restoration in the Greater Cape May area.”

Our heartfelt thanks go to Lee, Patricia, and the rest of the NJM family, for this most generous vote of confidence.

-- BMZ

Greetings to our MAC Family and Friends!

As I write this letter, Fall has begun in earnest and the Holidays are fast approaching.

In my mind, the great thing about MAC is that there isn’t just one vision here for Greater Cape May. It’s a shared one and all of us in the community have input in making it a place that’s enjoyable to visit or call our home. When Cape May succeeds, we all succeed.

My goal as Board President is simple – to ensure that MAC is viable and vibrant today and in the future.

We are able to accomplish that as an organization in a couple of ways. First, we are blessed with staff and volunteers who have a winning, can-do attitude. They focus on daily operations – tactics if you will - telling our story through creative and educational ways that keep people coming back.

The Board is also part of this dynamic and is tasked with a different role. Our job is to look over the horizon to see what challenges lie ahead for the organization and what’s heading toward us. Strategic planning and oversight are the tools we use.

During my tenure I plan to focus on six key concepts:

1. To ensure that Staff Leadership has the necessary tools to lead and succeed;
2. That our Program Offerings are relevant, educational and enjoyable;
3. That our Staff is engaged and provided opportunities to develop;
4. That our Volunteers are acknowledged and cherished;
5. That our Members are recognized for their support;
6. And that in relationships with our Community Partners, we always lead with the concepts of fellowship and reciprocity.

Fortunately, I am blessed with having great fellow Board Members in this undertaking and whose wisdom I frequently seek.

I look forward to providing additional updates to each of you as we move toward our 50th year in 2020, and I am certain that MAC will be ready for anything that lies ahead.

Warm regards, Chris Shoemaker
Welcome New Members

Business: 410 Bank Street Restaurant; Cape May Vacation Rentals.com; Cape May Holly Suite.

Family: Joan Arkinson of Rio Grande, NJ; Murray & Marsha Aaron of Wilmington, DE; Ronald & Kathryn Bank of Vienna, VA; Michael & Jennifer Bender of Montgomery, PA; Dan & Jenny Cassidy of Springfield, VA; Sunil & Anjana Chacko of Baltimore, MD; Christopher & Nancy Cizin of Hazlet, NJ; John & Tammi Cruice of Philadelphia, PA; Jared & Katrina Culhane of Churchville, PA; John Day of Piscataway, NJ; Joseph & Maria De Jesse of Philadelphia, PA; Noreen Crinion Delaunay of Imperial Wharf, London; Benjamin & Julie Delic of Marietta, PA; Athena Devlin & Tony Lacavaro of Brooklyn, NY; John & Paula Dimitriadis of Vineland, NJ; Barry & Priscilla Dobres of Nanuet, NY; Chris & Kelly Flatt of Wilton, CT; Lucy Gonzalez of Stroudsburg, PA; Joseph Guglielmo of Westfield, NJ; Brian & Lora Hays of Lower Burrell, PA; Jason & Kara Highduck of Reading, PA; Michael & Laurie Housey of Middletown, DE; Kirk & Samantha Hurn of Summerville, SC; Vitaly & Elizabeth Izotova of Agawam, MA; Debbie & Debbie Kovach of Elvensor, PA; David & Jennifer Kral of Fairless Hills, PA; Len & Yelena Laber of Monroe, NJ; Charles & Karin Lancelotta of Litzit, PA; Adam Levenson & Alexa Kazim of Pelham, NY; Brian & Dina Lioce of Staten Island, NY; John & Deanna Luhmann of Schuylerville, NY; John & Christine Lynch of Annandale, NJ; Antoinette Maccari-Klingsberg & Robin Klingsberg of Lansdale, PA; Travis McCord & Laura Mike of Dillsburg, PA; Annie Morin & Marc Drolet of Montreal, QC; Bill & Allison Mulholland of Silver Spring, MD; Norman & Laurie Mussett of Erie, PA; Nancy Opiela & Michelle Wenstrup of Rockville, MD; Gary & Gina Penrose of Birdsboro, PA; Ray Prierson of Arnold, MD; Yochanon & Devora Raitzik of Lakewood, NJ; Eric & Edwina Reiss of Basking Ridge, NJ; Chris & Linda Rimer of Pittsburgh, PA; Lawrence & Colleen Roth of Honeoye Falls, NY; Andrew & Maria Rothschild of Montville, NJ; Steven & Christina Rottinger of Harlem, PA; Ivan & Leslie Salas of Villas, NJ; Rich & Lisa Scafuri of Lake Grove, NY; Jeffrey & Patricia Schmoyer of Hillsdale, NJ; Tim & Amber Saeger of Surry, VA; Dominic & Charlene Salemi of N. Cape May, PA; Craig & Michele Stratton of Maple Shade, NJ; Lazaro Suarez & Heather Wikander of Sparta, NJ; Robert & Kristen Swift of Drexel Hill, PA; Barb & Tovy Thomas of Canfield, OH; Joe & Meryl Tseng of Odenton, MD; Craig & Lisa Ver Steeg of Ellicott City, MD; Michael & Claire Van Valkenburgh of Highland, NY; Tim & Lisa Walsh of Warrington, PA; Jessica Wells & Zakery Kershes of Mount Laurel, NJ; Ted & Cathy Wozniak of Wayne, PA; Manuel & Susan Yan of Matawan, NJ; Robert Zane & Louise Sanchez-Zane of Great Neck, NY; Bud Zimmerman & Martha Redmond of Millville, DE.

Grandparents: David & Pamela Amand of Newmanstown, PA; Tony & Marlene Arico of Cape May Court House, NJ; Edward & Lorie Barnes of Monongahela, PA; Jeanette Block & Joy Putz of Cape May, NJ; Russ & Lora Jo Dickhart of Wayne, PA; John & Donna Donnelly of Villas, NJ; Wayne & Susan Hoffman of Macungie, PA; Richard Keesey & Linda Kinzer of Elizabethtown, PA; Charles & Karen Kershes of Mount Laurel, NJ; Michael & Katherine McCandless of Cape May, NJ; Michael & Veronica McCarthy of Aston, PA; John & Janet McMahon of West Cape May, NJ; Anthony & Lynda Ryan, of N Cape May, NJ; Donna Strohecker of Schuykill Haven, PA.

Joint: Janis Anthony & Michele Wosak of Mountaintop, PA; John & Carol Baldan of North Cape May, PA; Diane & Tom Baldwin of Wyomissing, PA; Ron & Cecile Bechtel of West Reading, PA; Thomas & Lenore Bentz of Ocean View, DE; Martin Baron & Zelda Hochberg of New York, NY; Dorothy Bauer & Alan Stein of Cape May, NJ; Bob & Cindy Biester of Brigantine, NJ; Eugene Belkin & Maya Schneider of Fair Lawn, NJ; Harry Bellangy & Ralph Haines of Cape May, NJ; Gianfranco & Nicole Beniamini of Hillsborough, NJ; Jo-Ann & James Bestine of Batavia, NY; Mark Bigelow & Mary Davis of Villas, NJ; Frank & Carol Blumm of Westton, CT; Johan & Joan Bolton of Hummelstown, PA; Thomas & Mala Broadbent of Clifton, NJ; Jeffrey & Mary Alice Bundy of Colon, MD; Liam Burke & Anna Zheng of Rochester, NY; Judd Cady & Suzette Torres of New York, NY; Julia Caldwell & Jeremy Zucchini of Middletown, PA; Maria Camacho & Keilor Chaves of Manville, NJ; Michael & Rosalind Carelli of Herndon, VA; Terri & Francis Carmichael of Broomall, PA; Jeff & Claudia Carrie of Pine Brook, NJ; Bill & Michele Carroll of Roselle Park, NJ; Michele & Sam Carollo of Freehold, NJ; Joe & Marianne Catagnus of Blue Bell, PA; Tom & Laurie Cole of Spencerport, NY; William & Ann Cole of Fairfax, VA; Scott & Christiana Cook of Nottingham, MD; Diane Cornel & Margaret Flinner of Washington, DC; Fernanda & Emily Cubelo of Edison, NJ; Frank & Joyce D’Alessandro of Farmingville, NY; Lorie Dakessian & Sherry Marcanionto of Philadelphia, PA; Raymond & Elizabeth DeSaro of Staten Island, NY; Robert
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well as food from area vendors. Our musical groups on the outdoor stage kept the grown-ups engaged and the kids were entertained by the Give & Take Little Circus. Thanks to major sponsorship from PNC Bank, Gold Coast Production Management and Nobil Food Services, the event allows us to raise the funds we need to provide free programs for schoolchildren in a three-county area.

In what seemed like a just few short weeks, we were setting up the Physick Estate grounds for the Harvest Brew Fest. This festival celebrates all things local with local food vendors, local artisans, local craft beers and local musical talent including the Love Me Dudes, our local Beatles Tribute Band.

The Harvest Brew Fest was the prelude to our 21st Annual Food & Wine Celebration and the more than a dozen events that are presented in a 10-day span. The Celebration shines a spotlight on Cape May restaurants, as well as the wineries, brewery and this year, Nauti Spirits, the new distillery in town. We enjoyed such diverse activities as the Cape May Farm to Table with the Red Store, Champagne Jazz Brunch at Aleathia’s, Chocolate Lover’s Feast at the Blue Rose Inn, the Mad Batter Beer Dinner and Grilling at the Vineyard with Hawk Haven Vineyard. Overall, it can be a high calorie week!

On September 23, we offered our second annual Cape May Designer House Tour. This year, the self-guided tour featured four of Cape May’s finest, privately-owned homes, showcasing the creativity of local and regional designers. Nearly 600 tour-goers joined us for this inside look. Our thanks go to the DeWaters, the Hendersons, the Schmidts and the O’Neills for generously sharing their homes with us.

Two of our Friends groups presented public programs this Summer. The Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse mobilized their volunteers to present Christmas in July. Santa timed his Cape May vacation perfectly, donned his Hawaiian shirt and made an appearance to the delight of our younger visitors. The volunteers also arranged food, music, vendors and family-friendly activities for our visitors.

In July and August, the Friends of the Emlen Physick Estate offered the popular Ghosts & Guides, an evening tour of the Physick House, where visitors were entertained by stories of unexplained occurrences inside the 1879 Physick Estate, experienced by the guides who know the house intimately. In September, they took the show on the road and visited the Ballantine House at the Newark Museum. The group was treated to a special insiders’ tour of one of the few intact urban mansions from the Gilded Age in the USA.

The Education Division added a new program, a Summer edition of the popular Winter Lunch & Learn series. Museum Education Director Bob Heiny lined up monthly programs on a variety of topics and Cape May Lutheran Church welcomed us to their church hall with its convenient adjacent parking. The series started slowly but attracted a credible audience over the Summer. Rich Chiemingo continued to visit the Cape May County Library presenting his popular music history programs. The Underground Railroad History program, developed with the Center for Community Arts, is now just about the most requested program with schools and senior centers.

Victorian Weekend arrived early this year. We kicked off the festivities on Thursday, October 5 with two new programs. Early in the day, we visited Nauti Spirits, a new local distillery, where Elan Zingman-Leith presented the appropriately titled lecture Victorian Vices. That evening, the action moved to the Chalfonte Hotel for the Spectacular Burlesque Extravaganza, where Kelsy Wise created a sassy, theatrical and modern take on classic burlesque. Friday evening found us at Aleathia’s for “Marriage & Other Crimes,” this year’s version of the Murder Mystery Dinner by playwright John Alvarez. This show got rave reviews over its three-night run. Also on Friday night, Ghost Writer Craig McManus led two sold-out walks through town, talking about ghostly activities. Saturday’s Chocolate Tasting Tour and Sunday’s Private Homes Tour were well-attended. The highlight of Sunday and the weekend was our 6th annual Lessons of History lecture. Retired US Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen was this year’s speaker, talking on his role in the response to Hurricane Katrina, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and other federal rescue and recovery efforts. The Admiral left the audience with much food for thought. Victorian Weekend 2017 festivities concluded with an Evening of Victorian Parlor Games on Monday, October 7 where guests were treated to dessert and old-time favorites like Charades.

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**Joint Members**
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of Bronx, NY; Raymond Maurer & Alicia Nager of West Milford, NJ; Joseph & Kathie McByrne of Avalon, NJ; Yvonne & Jack McGinley of Blue Bell, PA; Pamela & Charles Milazzo of Lakewood, NJ; Bob & Rose Miller of Munhall, PA; Frank & Pamela Mitchell of Springfield, PA; Steve & Carol Montony of Doylestown, PA; James & Susanne Mullin of Lafayette Hill, PA; Jennifer Neel & JD DeSantis of Rutherford, NJ; James & Kathleen Olesky of Wayne, NJ; Valentina Petrenko & Leo Garber of Fair Lawn, NJ; Laurence & Kelly Pezor of Easton, MD; Armand & Marlu Picardi of Cheshire, CT; David & Maryellen Prager of Bethlehem, PA; James & Dorris Reece of Chalfont, PA; Randall & Nancy Ring of Woodbridge, NY; Keith & Roanne Rogerson of Plainfields, NH; Mark & Paulette Roth of Allentown, PA; Ronald & Patricia Rowan of Lakewood, NJ; Edwin & Anne Savedge of Richmond, VA; Robert & Patricia Schmus of Voorhees, NJ; Ed & Gail Schnell of Hatfield, PA; Steven & Rachel Schwartz of Scarsdale, NY; Laura & Allen Sievert of Elkon, MD; Cindy Smith & Diane Boscia of North East, MD; Harold & Joan Smith of Old Bridge, NJ; Thomas Smith & Carole Johnson of Croydon, PA; Carl & Suzanne Sparrow of Scotch Plains, NJ; Peter & Leslie Staffeld of Center Valley, PA; Tim & Sue Steel of Greensburg, PA; Trevor & Marie Sulcoski of Nanticoke, PA; Louise Torio & Steve Veach of San Diego, CA; Isidore & Kate Venetos of Margate City, NJ; Kenneth Walker & Cynthia Woelbl of Southampton, NJ; Karen Wegner of Sollentuna, Sweden; Venkateswar & Padmaja Vakkalagadda of Monroe, NJ; Thomas & Dorothy Walls of New Oxford, PA; Nicole Walsh & Carol Gonzalez of Garwood, NJ; Lars & Kim Wegner of River Vale, NJ; Per & Kerstin Wegner of Sollentuna, Sweden; Ben Werner & Michelle Uhl of Cape May, NJ; Jonny & Jeanne Werner of Bensalem, PA; Richard & Jennifer White of Columbia, MD.

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**Staff:** Kate Gibbons of Del Haven, NJ; Ewine Hudzik of Cape May Court House, NJ; Pat Lenox of Martinsville, NJ.

**Student:** Kristina Asino of Hoboken, NJ; Lauren Brown of Baltimore, MD; Teresa Demelo of Keyport, NJ; Laura DeWalt of Whitehall, PA; Neil DeWalt of Whitehall, PA; Kaushik Gona of Egg Harbor Township, NJ; Madalyn Izota of Agawam, MA; Elaine Kawsek of New York, NY; Linnea Luzzo of Pilesgrove, NJ; Vini Modi of Jersey City, NJ; Cassandra Perry of Nanticoke, PA; Meet Sheth of Secaucus, NJ; Colen Sulcoski of Nanticoke, PA; Radha Vakkalagadda of Monroe Township, NJ; Srikar Vakkalagadda of Monroe Township, NJ.

**FRIENDS OF THE CAPE MAY MUSIC FESTIVAL**

**Grandparents:** Bruno & Margaret Basile of Cape May, NJ.

**Joint:** Norris & Athena Clark of Villas, NJ.

**Individual:** Rowen Blue of Cape May, NJ

**FRIENDS OF THE CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE**

**Individual:** Keith Hoffman of Cliffwood, NJ; Awilda Rosario of Oceanside, NY.

**Joint:** Barbara Battiparano & Gerald Diffenderfer of Cape May Court House, NJ; Brett & Sheryl Ewald of Villas, NJ; Jay & Kim Miller of Blackwood, NJ.

**Family:** David & Marcia Hinchliffe of Blue Bell, PA; David & S. Hinkle of Reading, PA; Scott & Melissa Kaiser of Belmont, CA; Erin Martin & Frank Schaefer of New York, NY; Christin & Nicholas Waldron of Conshohocken, PA.

**Grandparent:** Bill & Joan Abrams of Simpsonville, SC; Craig Stock & Rosalie Phipps of Wayne, PA.

**FRIENDS OF THE PHYSICK ESTATE**

**Individual:** Patricia Murphy of Rio Grande, NJ.

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**Congratulations to:**

Museum Education Assistant Alex Breve, on the marriage of his daughter, Erica; longtime Cape May Convention Hall friend Terry Brown, on the birth of a grandson, Gavin Williams Elliott; former MAC Trustee Brenda Williams Elliott, on her marriage to George; Chief Financial Officer Charlie Kealy, on his receiving the prestigious George F. Hixson Fellowship award from the Cape May Kiwanis Club; Director of External Affairs Eliza Lotozo and MAC Trustee Steve Steger, on their election to the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May; Chief Outreach Strategist Mary Stewart, on her receiving the “Dedication” Award and her election as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May.

We are also pleased to announce that MAC received the “Community Partners Award” at the Annual Installation Dinner of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May.

**Condolences to:**

Exhibit designer Catherine Bosna, on the death of her father; Karen (Mrs. Mayor Chuck) Lear, on the death of her mother; Bob Mullock (of the Chalfonte Hotel), on the death of his mother; the family and friends of our beloved Santa Claus, Tom Price; the family and friends of Bill Saponaro, the founder of our Designer Show House program; Paul Stridick, on the death of his father.

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‘THANK YOU’ DEPARTMENT

CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE 2020 SOCIETY
($25,000 pledges over 5 years)

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2020 SOCIETY DONATIONS (since the last Newsletter)

• $10,000 Platinum Donor: The Queen Victoria B & B (Doug & Anna Marie McMain).
• $5,000 Bronze Donor: Betty Wieslawski.
• $100-$499 Friend Donors: Richard & Joan Behr, Joseph & Eileen Cassidy, Steven & Anne Docimo, Charles Henderson & Gale White, Roger Henry, Eugene & Maria Mancuso, David & Lynne Martz, Bill & Mary Anne Mistick, Wayne & Joyce Monsees, Ocean Club Hotel, Karen Smith, Mark Palmer & Janet Westlund, Mary Ellen & Robert Scott, Mary Swartz, Philip & Catherine Tuminia.
• Under $100 Donors: Craig Stock & Rosalie Phipps.

CAPE MAY MUSIC FESTIVAL DONORS (since the last Newsletter)

• Musician’s Circle ($100-$249): Richard & Joan Behr, Hotel Macomber (Dale & Penny Hardin).

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• $1,000-$1,999 Donors: Lee & Jill Bellarmino, The Mainstay Inn (Pete & Esther Scalone), Myles & Leslie Martel.
• $250-$999 Donors: Tom & Sue Carroll, David & Eunice King, The Queen Victoria B & B (Doug & Anna Marie McMain), George & Theresa Schu, Mike & Sue Smith, Bud & Jill Waitsbren.
• Under $100 Donors: Dave & Chris Clemans, Mal & Dottie Knapp.

Donations

• Farhan Ansari, for a $16 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
• Susan Becker, for a $50 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• Cape May County Amateur Radio Club, for a $100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
• Tom & Sue Carroll, for a $260.10 donation and for donating a tea table and six chairs for use on the Physick Estate lawn.
• Rich Chiemingo, Ed Hoffner and Dave Yeager, for contributing a “made in America” American flag for the World War II Lookout Tower.
• Gregory David, for a $100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• Michelle Donohue, for a $100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Barbara Olderman.
• Anne Doherty, for a $20 donation to the Emlen Physick Estate.
• Charles Dyer, for a $50 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• Roger & Heather Furlin, for a $200 donation to the Emlen Physick Estate in honor of Tom & Sue Carroll, with many thanks.
• Fred & Diana Grasso, for a $40 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of David Yeager Jr.
• Carole Grier, for a $40 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of David Yeager Jr.
• Mary Hockenberry, for a $25 donation in memory of Edda Woelfel.
• Frank & Peggy Holland, for a $20 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of David Yeager Jr.
• Inn of Cape May, for an in-kind donation of accommodations for the Craft Beer & Crab Festival jugglers.
• Jill Jacobs, for a $100 donation to the 2020 Society in memory of Carl Heit.
• Larry Kaplan, for a $100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• Jersey Shine (East Coast Distilling), for a donation of product for the Cape May Hops Festival.
• Tricia Kraemer, for a $1,000 donation for a memorial bench on the Physick Estate grounds in memory of Gerald Kraemer.
• Lorraine Mancuso, for a $25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• John Mattioni, for a $100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• Joseph O’Dea, Jr., for a $100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• Barbara Oberholtzer, for donating a container of Victorian stovetop polish for the Physick House Museum collection.
• Emelia Olewski, for donating a Victorian toothbrush for the Physick House Museum collection.
• Anne Ostrowski, for donating a tri-fold vanity mirror for the Physick House Museum collection.
• Paramount Air Service (Barbara Tomalin), for $3,000 worth of banner ads for our beer festivals.
• Eva Pennock, for donating a music box and Lucite paperweight for the Physick House Museum collection.
• Hon. & Mrs. Joffie Pittman, for a $25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• Patricia Porreca, for a $20 Donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of David Yeager Jr.
• ReMax at the Shore (Brian Groetsch), for a $1,353 donation to the Hops Festival.
• Rose Reid, for a $25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• Nancy Rue, for a $100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• Richard & Dorothy Schenck, for a $25 donation in memory of Donald Schenck.
• Andrew & Tatiana Schepel, for a $25 Donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of David Yeager Jr.
• Patricia Shaw, for a $25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• Lisa Sheldon-Matje, for a $20 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
• The Staff of the Mad Batter Restaurant, for a $1,000 donation to the World War II Tower in memory of Harry Kulkowitz.

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Donations
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- Bob & Linda Steenrod, for a $100 donation for doggy poop bags for the Physick Estate grounds.
- Steger Beach Services (Steve Steger), for a $1,494 donation to the Hops Festival.
- Sandy & Mary Stewart, for a $25 donation to the World War II Tower in memory of Harry Kulkowitz, and a $25 donation to the Friends of the Physick Estate in memory of Rona Craig.
- Diana Swankhouse, for a $50 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
- Rosaria Tesauro, for a $25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
- Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Thomas, for a $25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
- Paul Vettraino, for a $35 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of Denis Collopy.
- Anne Whitcomb, for a $25 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in Memory of Denis Collopy.
- Ruth Wren, for donating a serving platter for the Physick House Museum collection.

Assistance

- Artists in Cape May’s Stormy Past Exhibit: Catherine Bosna, Dave Clemons, Barbara Murphy-Leary, Patricia Neville, Lou Riccio, Jimm Ross, Mary Stewart, Michael Tenerik, Valerie Waywell-Perison, Elan Zingman-Leith.
- Carol Baldan, for tabulating visitor surveys collected at the Café and Physick Estate this summer and at the Lessons of History lecture.
- Barbara Beem, for sharing a reprint with MAC of her published story about Victorian Weekend in AntiqueWeek.
- Cape May Brewery and Ryan Krill, for partnering with MAC for the Pop-up Beer Gardens at the World War II Lookout Tower and the Cape May Lighthouse.
- Cape May Lutheran Church (Pastor Jeff Elliott), for use of the church hall for Summer Lunch & Learn programs.
- Janet Coupland, for volunteering with the Restoration & Collections Committee and staff and volunteer training.
- Anne Gibboni, for making pins out of Jane McNutt’s painted shells for use as giveaways during Group Tour Travel Shows.
- Peggy Gora, for organizing a trip to the Newark Museum for the Friends of the Physick Estate.
- Carol Hartman, for cleaning the Physick House basement.
- Eileen Kirk, for providing a magazine clipping of a feature in Coastal Living on Cape May.
- Joe McLaughlin, for recruiting volunteer bartenders for the Craft Beer & Crab Festival.
- Jane McNutt, for providing painted shells for donations.
- Preservation Society of Newport County (Trudy Coxe, CEO; Terry Dickerson, Chief of Staff; John Rodman, Director of Museum Experience & CMO; Lucy Kinsley, Visitor Experience Manager), for sharing interpretive tips with MAC 1st Vice President Tom Carroll.
- Rosemary Rombado, for making magnets out of our lighthouse stickers used as giveaways during the Group Tour Travel Shows.
- Mike Tees, for fueling up trolleys.
- Janet Toner (Blue Moon Wellness), for assistance with collecting donations for the Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse.
- Rodrigo Vucetich, for recruiting Coast Guard personnel to help with the clean up following the Craft Beer & Crab Festival.

Lessons of History Lecture Assistance

MAC’s Lessons of History Team: Myles Martel, chair, Lee Bellarmino, Tom Carroll, Lynn Martenstein, Doug McMain, Gary Padussis, George Schu, Mary Stewart, Michael Zuckerman.

- George Schu, for securing Admiral Thad Allen as the speaker.
- Tom Carroll, for securing The Mainstay Inn as the venue for the “meet the lecturer” reception and for coordinating the reception.
- Tom & Sue Carroll, for holding a private reception for Admiral Allen and for co-sponsoring the “meet the lecturer” reception.
- Lee & Jill Bellarmino, for underwriting newspaper advertising and for co-sponsoring the “meet the lecturer” reception.
- Gary Padussis and Tom Carroll, for coordinating with U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May and for securing their Color Guard.
- Lynn Martenstein, for assisting with newspaper publicity and the pre-lecture slide show.
- Laurie Taylor and the staff of Cape May Convention Hall, for logistical support.
- The Mainstay Inn (Pete & Esther Scalone), for hosting the “meet the lecturer” reception.
- The Queen Victoria Bed & Breakfast Inn (Doug & Anna Marie McMain), for speaker accommodations.
- Bernie Haas, for providing 200 free reprints of Susan Kryziak’s article on Admiral Allen in Cape May Magazine.
- U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May (Captain Owen Gibbons, Commanding Officer; Chief Warrant Officer Jacob Cuomo; Petty Officer 1st Class Edward Burke), for providing the Color Guard.


Food & Wine Celebration Participants: Alethea’s (Beth Eastman), Cape May Brewery (Randy Friel), FiNS (Jeff Gernitas), Hawk Haven Vineyard (Todd & Kenna Wuerker), Mad Batter Restaurant (Mark Kulkowitz), The Merion Inn (Vicki Watson), Natali Vineyards (Al Natali), Opici Wines (Mark Metzger), Peter Shields Inn (Carl Messick), The Red Store (Lucas Manteca), Cape May Designer Home Tour Home-owners: Mary & Dan DeWaters, Mike & Jeannie O’Neill, Jan & Joe Schmidt, Gale White & Charlie Henderson.

Volunteers

Airfest Volunteers (manning a MAC table at this Naval Air Station Wildwood event): Jean Barracough, Anne Gibboni, Scott Griffith, ...
Roger Henry, Barbara Hubmaster, Barbara Oberholtzer, Mary Stewart.

Cape May Designer House Tour Volunteers:
Jackie Atkins, Les Aungst, Emily Barrett, Jack Barrett, Mel Bateman, Nancy Benson, Joanne Bradley, Sue Carroll, Mike Childs, Nancy Childs, Joan Conway, Anne Doherty, Jan Dwyer, Ruth Foley, Scott Childs, Peggy Hanson, Cathy Hay, Barbara Heim, Roger Henry, Barbara Hubmaster, Donna Kimsey, Kathy Kopp, Carol Lindsay, Marie Matone, Rich Mayer, Mary McKenney, Heather Mellon, Phyllis Morrison, Gus Musso, Mary Ann Mosso, Bonnie Pontin, Marianne Reymer, Maureen Roman, Patti Sands, Carol Sick, Elizabeth Small, Ruth Anne Stewart, Meg Storey, Trude Sweeney, Carol Ulmer, Grace Williams, Wendy Williams.

Cape May Lighthouse Pop-up Beer Garden Volunteers:
Marilu Bicknell, Jimmy Carbome, Jan Dwyer, Pete Dwyer, Cathy Hay, Barbara Hubmaster, Susan McCormick.

Craft Beer and Crab Festival Volunteers:
Ed Ablett, Janice Ablett, Russ Anemone, Gregory Argenti, Denny Arnold, Jean Barraclough, Alex Breve, Marilu Bicknell, Nancy Benson, Jeanette Block, Darleena Byrne, Joe Byrne, Dan Callahan, Gail Capehart, Sue Carroll, Tom Carroll, Eileen Cassidy, Dory Coe, Natalya Colson, Nadine Coyle, Rakim Coyle, Jim Del Grosso, Anne Doherty, Jan Dwyer, Pete Dwyer, Leslie Flick, Anne Gibboni, Larry Giglio, Veronica Giglio, Bob Gonser, Joan Gonser, Scott Griffith, Janet Hale, Catherine Hay, Roger Henry, Barbara Hubmaster, Diane Hutchinson, Kathleen Janits, Barry Johnson, Kathi Johnson, Nell Khalil, Alicia Kapp, Kevin Kapp, Holly Karavanas, Charlie Kealy, Tom Kegel, Frank Killino, Ginger Killino, Susan Kryskiak, Anna Marie Leeper, Mary Libro, Eliza Lotozo, Karen Van Varick-McGuire, Kathy McHale, Mary McKenney, Joe McLaughlin, Barb Meara, Jimi Meara, Paul Meara, Vince Menna, Judy Mohler, Bob Mohr, Vivianne Rogers, Patti Sands, Carl Schnekenburger, Harley Schuler, Pat Sheves, Lauren Stenstrom, Mary Stewart, Rosemarie Studer, John Suttmoeller, Tina Suttmoeller, Carol Ulmer, Rodrigo Vucetich, Meg Walchak, Paul Walchak, Michael Zuckerman.

Christmas in July Volunteers:
Cathy Baldacchini, Theresa Bell, Mike Childs, Nancy Childs, Joan Conway, Beni Derbyshire, Rosalie Gallagher, Anne Gibboni, Carol Ulmer, Grace Williams.

Data Entry Volunteers:
Jill Bellarmino, Betty Wieslawski.

Development Team Volunteer:
Peggy Gora.

Family Fun Days at the Lighthouse Volunteers:
Jean Barraclough, Reese Barraclough, Mel Bateman, Joan Conway, Anne Doherty, Janet Goetaski, Rosalie Gallagher, Maryjane Rupinski, Donna Strohecker, Susan Wiggins, Grace Williams.

Food & Wine Celebration Volunteers:
Dorothy Buccialia, Susan Kryskiak, Sue Robert.

Friends of the Physick Estate Advisory Team:
Sue Carroll, Eileen Cassidy, Judy Gatt, Peggy Gora, Dottie Knapp, Barbara Lamont, Margo Lassner, Carole Sick, Mary Stewart.

Friends of the Physick Estate Volunteer Bakers:
Eileen Cassidy, Judy Gatt, Sue Carroll, Carole Sick and Margo Lassner.

Ghost & Guides Volunteers:
Carol Hartman, Rosalie Gallagher, Barbara Lamont, Rosemary Rombado.

Ghost-One Event Volunteers:
Rosalie Gallagher, Carol Hartman, Rosemary Rombado.

Graveyard, Ghost & Mansions Tour Planning Team:
Carol Hartman, Rosalie Gallagher, Barbara Lamont, Carolyn Owens, Rosemary Rombado.

Group Tour Creative Team Volunteers:
Dory Coe, Sue Dowling, Kathleen Familetti, Rosalie Gallagher, Carol Hartman, Barbara Lamont, Carol Macmillan.

Harvest Brew Fest Volunteers:
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Hops Festival Volunteers:
Janice Ablett, Jean Barraclough, Mel Bateman, Marilu Bicknell, Dan Callahan, Gail Capehart, Eileen Cassidy, Dory Coe, Dave Coffey, Susan Devolli, Matt Dowling, Sue Dowling, Jan Dwyer, Pete Dwyer, Jenneen Flamer, Leslie Flick, Anne Gibboni, John Goshen, Scott Griffith, Denyse Hasler, Roger Henry, Barbara Hubmaster, Barry Johnson, Alice Kapp, Kevin Kapp, Charlie Kealy, Susan Kryskiak, Anna Marie Leeper, Mary Libro, Marie Matone, Kathy Mattola, Michael Mattola, Alan McGuire, Joe McLaughlin, Barb Meara, Jimmy Meara, Paul Meara, Jane Menendez, Bob Mohr, Mike Morley, Patti Sands, Carl Schnehenburger, Pat Sheves, Lauren Stenstrom, Anne Stephany, Mary Stewart, Karen Van Varick-McGuire, Adam Weidel, Leslie Weidel, Kelsy Wise.

Independence Day Parade Volunteer (escort on trolley with Veterans):
Denise Green.

Self-Guided Physick Estate Tour Volunteers:
Les Aungst, Jean Barraclough, Joan Bauer, Steve Bauer, Sue Carroll, Ernie Zel-Bove, Lynda Cogswell, Barbara Golla, Jim Del Grosso, Anne Doherty, Jan Dwyer, Jenneen Flamer, Scott Griffith, Barbara Heim, Roger Henry, Tricia Kraemer, Carol Lindsay, Pat Linus, Karen Van Varick-McGuire, Mary Ann Mosso, Pat Parry, Patti Sands, Ruth Ann Stewart, Carolyn Vinci, Grace Williams.

Staff Advisory Team Volunteers:
Joyce Barth, Anne Burrows, Janet Cupland, Kathleen Familetti, Rosalie Gallagher, Carol Hartman, Ginger Killino, Barbara Lamont, Carol Macmillan, Brian McGrath.

Underground Railroad Trolley Tour Volunteer:
Judy Gatt.

Veteran Volunteers at the World War II Lookout Tower:
Charlie Ellner, Dick Quin.

World War II Lookout Tower Friends Advisory Team:
John Bailey, Jeff Elliott, Bob Familetti.

World War II Lookout Tower Pop-Up Beer Garden Volunteers:
Shannon Alverez, Scott Armato, Marilu Bicknell, Joan Conway, Matt Dowling, Sue Dowling, Jan Dwyer, Eliza Lotozo, Pat Sheves.
Elaine’s Barn
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this historic structure, they approached MAC to see if we would give it a new home at the Physick Estate. Months of negotiation led to an agreement whereby we accepted it in return for their paying for moving it and laying a foundation, which is how “Elaine’s Barn” ended up in its present location.

The 17 years that followed proved dispiriting. Early attempts at fundraising to restore the barn proved unsuccessful. Then, it got bumped down our priority list by other projects – the restoration of the World War II Lookout Tower and the ongoing maintenance challenges at the Physick Estate and Cape May Lighthouse. So, “Elaine’s Barn” became a useful, if unsightly “cold storage” facility, housing folding tables and chairs, trolley window panels and other bulky items.

What rescued “Elaine’s Barn” was a March 2014 “thunderbolt” from the State Fire Inspector. A particular target of his ire was our 25-year use of the third floor of the main Physick House for staff offices - without a second means of egress. Several years of investigating such alternatives as a fire suppression system and exterior fire escape proved fruitless. Ultimately, our Physick Estate landlord (the City of Cape May) and the MAC Board determined that we had no choice but to move our staff elsewhere, which is where “Elaine’s Barn” emerged as the best available option.

At the end of last year, D.L. Miner Construction won the bidding competition. From then until this past September 29, their work crew (supervised by Jim Barnes) has faithfully restored the exterior while creating two modern offices and a restroom in the interior. The first week of October saw our Tour and Group Tour managers move into one office while our Museum Education staff moved into the other.

How did we pay for the “Elaine’s Barn” restoration? The MAC Board decided to tap our rainy day fund (the 2020 Society) for the $130,000 needed to tackle this project. Which means that we owe heartfelt thanks to the hundreds of you who have donated to this fund over the past 20 years, and to Tom Carroll and his Development Team, who are actively seeking to replenish it, for making possible this major advance at the Physick Estate.

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Sturdy Savings
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Sturdy Savings’ $7,500 gift. On April 25, they sponsored the annual Volunteer Recognition Reception; and on June 11, they sponsored our annual Community Day (when we offer free admission to our tours and historic sites to Cape May County residents). In addition, Sturdy made its final quarterly payment of $1,250 towards its $5,000 pledge for the Michael Zuckerman Endowment for Collections. We owe heartfelt thanks to Sturdy Savings Bank, and especially its CEO (and former MAC Officer) Jerry Reeves, MAC President Chris Shoemaker, Dave Repici, Michael Clark and Larry Morier for their most generous support.

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