Physick House/Furness mystery solved

Ever since MAC was formed in 1970 to save the Physick Estate from demolition, a cloud of mystery has hovered over precisely who designed the main Physick House. Local newspapers reported on its construction in 1878-79, giving credit to local builder Charles Shaw but making no mention of its architect. Over the decades, a steady stream of architectural historians (including George E. Thomas, Hyman Myers and Hugh McCauley) have declared that it could only have been designed by one person, renowned Philadelphia architect Frank Furness (best known for his Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts). They’ve cited such signature Furness features as the greatly oversized corbelled (“upside down”) chimneys, jerkinhead dormers and Stick porch brackets. But they’ve never been able to find one shred of documentary evidence to back up this claim (sadly, Furness’ wife threw out most of his office files upon his death in 1912). So, we’ve been left with the rather lame “attributed to Frank Furness” in all of our descriptive copy on our Physick House Museum.

Happily, this frustrating state of affairs was brought to an abrupt close several weeks ago, thanks to the efforts of local architectural historian/preservationist Pip (Phillipa) Campbell. Commissioned by Cape May 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 17 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’ $7,500 gift. On April 30, they sponsored the annual Volunteer Recognition Reception; and on May 5, they 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 17 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.

At our Volunteer Recognition Reception on April 30, Sturdy Savings Bank officials Kathy Makowski and Michael Lloyd (center) were thanked for their generous support by MAC Director Michael Zuckerman (left) and 1st Vice President Brian Groetsch.
As always, MAC’s schedule gears up for the peak season in mid-June. We begin to offer a much fuller schedule of tours to accommodate the influx of visitors. The Underground Railroad Trolley Tours, a partnership with the Center for Community Arts, were offered twice each week. On the tour, visitors had the opportunity to tour the Owen Coachman House, a meticulously restored (by Dave & Chris Clemans) ante-bellum home of a free Black family whose relative was kidnapped and sold into slavery.

We also partnered with the Cape May Bird Observatory on Cape May’s Wildside Trolley Tour. CMBO’s naturalists joined us on a trolley tour to local “hotspots” where our visitors learned about the diversity, abundance, geography and extensive history of this amazing area.

Back at the Physick Estate, we offered several new programs. Curator Gail Capehart rolled out our new theme, “That’s Entertainment! Victorian Amusements at Home and On the Town,” exploring some of the many new forms of leisure and entertainment -- from sports to musical performances to vaudeville -- that kept Americans having fun more than a century ago.

We also introduced a 21st century wrinkle to our 19th century home: a digital version of the self-guided tour. A staff team, led by interpreter Janet Coupland, created an audio version of the tour, accessed through your smart phone or tablet. Jean Barraclough created a website to host the audio version and the Museum Shop had ear buds available.

A new Clueless at the Physick Estate debuted in June, as well. “Pain and Suffrage,” by Jackie Fazio, told the story of a local suffragette who discovers that something sinister has happened. Somewhere beneath all the family secrets and political agendas lies a motive, and somewhere in the house lies a killer.

Over at the Carriage House Café & Tearoom, the Breakfast with the Pirates sold out every date all season. After a yummy breakfast, kids put on a pirate vest and eye patch and embarked on a pirate-y treasure hunt, confronting the fearsome pirate played by Maintenance Director Paul Smargiassi.

The Physick Estate grounds were busy all summer too, beginning with the Cape May Hops Festival. We had our annual celebration of blues, brews and barbecue on Saturday, June 23. It was our way to kick off summer with local brews, live music, tasty BBQ favorites, plus a crafts and collectibles show and kids activities. Local favorite Bluebone was among the entertainers.

REV Theatre returned this year with something entirely new: The 1940s Cabaret, a happy hit parade of musical nostalgia aimed straight for your heart, based on the 1940s’ sensational song stylings and best-selling recordings of Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters.

MAC’s mega-festival, the Cape May Craft Beer & Crab Festival, brought scores of volunteers and thousands of visitors to the grounds on August 4 for a celebration of local craft beverages, summer foods and good time music. Bill McGinity of Nobil Food Service, was on hand to oversee the complicated food service. We were happy to host Hugh McStravick from our principal sponsor, PNC Bank, as well as the guys from Gold Coast Production Management (especially Graydon Hutchinson), who donate all the entertainment. We especially thank our
Holiday Preview Weekend
Nov. 16-18: Holiday Preview Weekend launches six weeks of holiday tours, activities and events in Cape May! Visit the Physick Estate Saturday, Nov. 17 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, enjoy 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. 16-Jan. 1, 2019: 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, family photos and so much more! At the Carroll Gallery at the Physick Estate. Open daily (except Thanksgiving and Christmas); hours vary. Free admission.

45th Annual Christmas Candlelight House Tours
Dec. 1, 8 and 15: 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. Includes admission to “An Old-Fashioned Christmas” exhibit. Limited shuttle service on heated trolleys is available. Limited Tour - Advance reservations are highly recommended. $20 includes buffet lunch. Beverages available for purchase separately. Limited to 30.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TROLLEY RIDES
Saturday, Nov. 17 and nightly, Nov. 23-Dec. 31. Hours vary. (No tours Dec. 1, 8, 15, 17, 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, Washington Street Mall at Ocean Street (except on Nov. 17 tour leaves from the Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St.);

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Fridays, Nov. 23-Dec. 28; Saturdays, Nov. 17-24 & Dec. 29; Sundays, Nov. 25-Dec. 16 & Dec. 30; Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 26 & 27; Monday, Dec. 31. Hours vary: A member of East Lynne Theater Company regales you with a Victorian holiday ghost tale on a ride through the festive Historic District. Adults $12 children (3-12) $8.

BRUNCH, BINGO & LACE
Sunday, Nov. 18: 9:30am: Enjoy a morning away from the holiday to-do list with your girlfriends or guy friends and enjoy brunch, prizes and bingo with the ladies at Cape May’s Lace Silhouettes and the Cotton Company. It all takes place at the Inn of Cape May. $25.

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Dickens Christmas Extravaganza

Join world-renowned lecturer on Charles Dickens, Dr. Elliot Engel, and immerse yourself in the storied world of Dickens with lectures and performances offered daily, Sunday-Tuesday, Dec. 2-4. 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. 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.

Holiday Shopping at MAC’s Museum Shops


Mad Batter

Food and Wine Events

The famous Mad Batter Restaurant hosts two five-course holiday dinners paired with wine: Mad Batter Wine Dinner “Autumn Flavors,” on Friday, Nov. 16 at 7:30pm, and Mad Batter Wine Dinner “Home for the Holidays,” on Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:30pm. $75 (tax and gratuity included).

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 $18, children (ages 3-12) $12, children under 3 who are dining $5. Santa’s Trolley Rides are hosted by Mrs. Claus with a meet and greet after with Santa. Tours are on Saturday, Nov. 17, Saturdays and Sundays, Nov. 24-Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 22. Adults $10 children (ages 3-12) $8. Advance reservations recommended!

Carroll Gallery Exhibit

Jan. 19-April 14, 2018

“Collecting History:
Personal Collections of Cape May’s African American Community”

Collecting is a lifelong passion for many individuals who hunt, preserve, and curate items of importance and interest. It’s not just the object that holds curiosity, but the story it has to tell. Never before seen personal collections of dolls, stamps, postcards, hats, books, art and pocket watches will be exhibited along with John Nash’s collection. Mr. Nash was a beloved community historian whose dedication to collecting Cape May’s African American history formed the basis for Center for Community Arts’ Nash African American History Archives. Exhibit opening: Monday, Jan. 21 at 4pm. Exhibit co-sponsored by CCA & MAC.

CHOCOLATE LOVERS FEAST

Saturday, Dec. 1: 1pm: Savor seven plated courses of delicious chocolate desserts and hear how each was created from the chef who prepared it. The Blue Rose Inn, 653 Washington St. Admission is $40.

CHEERY CHERRY HOUSE

CHRISTMAS TOUR

Monday-Thursday, Dec 10-13: 1pm: See over a dozen beautifully decorated rooms in this 169-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. (Monday-Thursday, Dec 10-13: 1pm)

CHEFS’ DINE-AROUND

Wednesday, Dec. 26: 6pm: Looking for a truly special evening of culinary delights? Enjoy a five-course, gourmet Cape May feast on Wednesday, Dec. 26 at 6pm, a gift your loved one will remember. A trolley transports you for each course to a different premier restaurant, with your wine representative explaining each of his pairings as you go. Reserve early – space is limited. $125 (gratuity included).

COMBINATION TROLLEY/PHYSICK

FAMILY CHRISTMAS HOUSE TOURS

Daily (No tours Thanksgiving or Christmas):
Enjoy a guided trolley tour of Cape May’s festive Historic District, followed by a guided tour of the 1879 Physick Estate, decorated in true Victorian style for Christmas, presented through the eyes of a member of the Physick family in the early 1900s. Adults $22 children (3-12) $14. The house tour is available separately. Adults $12 children (3-12) $8.

Some tours and events are limited. Tickets available at the Washington Street Mall Information Booth, Washington Street Mall at Ocean, and the Hill House Office and Carriage House Visitor’s Center, at the Emlen Physick Estate, 1048 Washington St. or online at www.capemaymac.org

STOCKING STUFFERS

Surprise your loved ones Christmas morning with Cape May Gift Certificates. Available in denominations of $25. Order online!
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to Friends of MAC

As my final year as Board President winds down, I want to thank everyone for making the past two years such a positive experience.

Our mission as a Board is to ensure that MAC’s tradition of excellence continues and grows and there are plenty of signs to indicate that goal is on-track.

Internally, there is heavy staff focus on ensuring that our offerings are relevant, educational and fun. Programming is constantly examined to make sure we offer the best of Greater Cape May to all of our guests. Externally, there is a strong desire to be a good neighbor and partner to the community at large.

Ultimately, however, the public’s experience at a MAC event is the best gauge of how successful we are. This year we continued to enjoy strong attendance and positive feedback for a number of our events such as our Physick Estate festivals and our traditional offerings, like the Cape May Lighthouse tours. We thank you for your support! We want to be known as an organization that listens and innovates, so please give us suggestions so we can continually get better at what we do.

As I look to the future, I believe that the best is yet to come & thanks again for making it a great time!

-- Chris Shoemaker, President
Welcome New Members

Business: The Red Door Gallery (Mary Stewart & Christine Peck) of Cape May Court House, NJ; VATi (Richard Glassman & Matt Radico) of Media, PA.

Platinum Business: Harbor Square Theater (Stone Harbor Theater) of Stone Harbor, NJ.

Family: Maria & Anthony Abicca of Whitestone, NY; Donna & Joe Antonowicz of Beachwood, NJ; Jocelyn & Mitchell Baker of Brooklyn, NY; Mahesh & Shaveta Bansal of Edison, NJ; Bryon & Kriss Beard of Coatesville, PA; Marlon & Biata Breeveld of Woodbury, NJ; Richard & Jean Woolley of Lewes, DE.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome New Members

DAVE YEAGER
Lighthouse Keeper
1989-2018

We at the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC) mourn the passing of long-time Keeper Dave Yeager. “Keeper Dave” has been a beloved fixture at our Lighthouse for some 30 years. He was far and away the most well-liked and respected person on our staff -- a true gentleman in every regard. He became “the face” of the Cape May Lighthouse when he would don the official dress uniform for special occasions and media events -- no one cut a smarter figure. Keeper Dave served proudly in the U.S. Navy during World War II and remained a patriot and staunch defender of freedom throughout his life. Appropriately, he also became an Observer at MAC’s World War II Lookout Tower, where he was pleased to share his service experiences with visitors. We at MAC honor his memory.

-- Rich Chiemingo

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Congratulations To:

Father Frank Danella, pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea R.C. Church, on being appointed Assistant Superior General of the Oblates; MAC Board Member Steve Steger, on his marriage to Holly O’Donnell; Roy Steinberg & Marlena Lustig (of Cape May Stage), on the marriage of their daughter, Alexa; MAC Board Member Shirley “Becki” Wilson, on her being recognized by the West Cape May African Historical Society for “outstanding community support and family residency during the last 50 plus years;” MAC Director Michael Zuckerman, on his receiving the Historic Preservationist of the Year Award from the Lower Township Chamber of Commerce.

Condolences To:

Volunteer Coordinator Barbara Hubmaster, on the death of her sister, Maryellen Marcel; Karen Huston, on the death of her mother; Director of External Affairs Eliza Lotozo (and mother, Sue), on the death of her father, master chef Joe Lotozo; Lessons of History Team Member George Schu, on the death of his mother, Lucy; Physick Housekeeper Margot Texier, on the death of her father; Freeholder Director Jerry Thornton, on the death of his son; the family and friends of MAC volunteer Johanne Wood.
After her outstanding October 7 lecture on the history of women and youth activism, Professor Natalia Mehlman Petrzela (center) was congratulated by Lessons of History Chair Myles Martel and MAC Chief Outreach Strategist (and program MC) Mary Stewart.

Donations
- Sandi Adams, for donating bubble wrap.
- Cape Property Services, for a $1,145 donation to the Cape May Craft Beer & Crab Festival.
- Tom & Sue Carroll, for donating a rug for the Physick House Museum entryway.
- Wayne & Susan Ditty, for a $200 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of their son Jeffrey Ditty.
- Steven & Anne Docimo, for a $100 donation to operations.
- Good Housekeeping, for a $1,500 donation to the Craft Beer & Crab Festival.
- Peggy & Stan Gora, for a $60 donation to the Friends of the Physick Estate.
- Roger Henry, for donating a “Wheel of Fortune” for the MAC Information booth at our Physick Estate festivals.
- Joel & Betty Hicks, for a $100 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse, and a $100 donation to the World War II Lookout Tower.
- Elizabeth Hobdell, for a $20 donation to operations.
- Diane Hutchinson, for donating a Wine
DONATIONS TO THE CAPE MAY LIGHTHOUSE IN MEMORY OF KEEPER DAVID E. YEAGER

Assistance:
• Carmen Alessi, for translating our Physick Estate Self-guided Audio script into Spanish and recording it.
• Carol Baldan, for assisting the Evaluation Team.

Charities and the New Tax Act
BY TOM CARROLL
Chair of MAC’s Development Team
I know that many of our residents and visitors are very generous in supporting local charities, as proven by the number of successful not-for-profits in Cape May. I also understand that the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act has created a lot of confusion for both donors and organizations that are seeking continued support for their causes. In my role as Development Chair for MAC, I have been doing my homework, communicating with other charities and tax advisors, and I have come up with some suggestions and explanations which I hope you will find helpful.

The standard deduction for a married couple is now $24,000, doubled from before. Donors who have historically itemized deductions, which include mortgage interest, property taxes ($10,000 max) and charitable gifts that collectively exceed $24,000, can continue to take income tax deductions for the full amount. If your total deductions come to less than the $24,000, there is no tax benefit from additional small donations, but hopefully you will feel very good about supporting good causes.

The desire to generate a tax deduction has led many individuals to consider a Donor Advisor Fund which allows you to give generously in a year that you could use some tax relief, and then donate from the fund as you choose in the following years, while taking the standard deduction. Any funds placed in such a fund are fully deductible in the year of the donation, again, as long as the total deductions exceed $24,000. These funds are invested and should appreciate in value, therefore increasing your ability to give generously in the future.

Another way to reduce income tax is to donate highly appreciated assets to a charity or to create or add to a Donor Advisor Fund. You receive tax credit for the full appreciated value regardless of the purchase price of the asset. I know that MAC and many other charities are able to receive and trade such gifts and provide donors with the proper proof of the full value of the donation.

For those over 70½ years of age and paying income tax on their IRA-required withdrawals, the charitable IRA rollover opportunity is still available. Donations from IRAs are not realized as taxable income. They count towards the required yearly withdrawal and provide tax benefits for the donors.

Since everyone’s tax situation is different, it is always beneficial to consult with your own accountant and financial advisor, but I hope my suggestions might help you continue your generosity to organizations like ours. Naturally, I hope MAC will be at the top of your list as it has always been for Sue and me!

DONATIONS TO THE CAPE MAY Lighthouse in Memory of Keeper David E. Yeager
• Karen Kistler for a $50 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse in memory of her Mother, Marcia G. Kistler.
• Sharon Magraw, for a $500 donation to the Physick Estate Restoration Fund.
• Jane McNutt, for a $50 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
• Mark Metzger, Opici Wines, for donating wines for the Chefs’ Dine-Arounds.
• Marilyn Millbourne, for a $20 donation to the Cape May Lighthouse.
• Thomas & Ellen Palumbo, for a $50 donation to operations.
• Melissa Payne, for donating rope lights for our Physick Estate holiday tours.
• Jeffrey Pierson, for a $50 donation to operations.
• Sunset Beach (Larry Hume), for donating gift items for the welcome bags we give to Group Tour bus drivers.
• Tito’s Vodka, for a $1,445 donation to the Craft Beer & Crab Festival.
• Jane & Dan Valdes-Dapena, for a $100 donation to the Friends of the Cape May Music Festival.

• Lee & Jill Bellarmino, for hosting a Lessons of History donor reception.
• Ian Campbell, for his assistance with preparing the Lighthouse Challenge of New Jersey and Museum Education mailings.
• Tom Carroll, for coordinating the Lessons of History Meet the Speaker Reception at the Chalfonte Hotel.
• David Clemons, for opening the Owen Coachman House for the Underground Railroad Trolley Tour.
• Wendy Collins, for chairing the Lessons of History donor reception.
• Janet Coupland, for taking the lead in the creation of the Self-guided Audio Tour for the Physick Estate.
• Pastor Jeff Elliot, for coordinating the Lessons of History Meet the Speaker Reception at the Chalfonte Hotel.
• Kelly Lavorgna, for participating on the Marketing Strategies Team.
• Jason Love, for presenting a Lunch & Learn program in July.
• Myles Martel, for chairing the Lessons of History Team.
• Lynn Martenstein, for participating on the Lessons of History Team and for assistance with marketing initiatives.
• Mary Mc Ardle, for transcribing tape recordings of MAC history.
• Mark and Kathleen Platter, for the use of their parking area during our third annual Designer House Tour.
• Rosemary Rombado, for making doggie bandannas for the Kiwanis Pet Parade.
• George Schu, for participating on the Lessons of History Team and hosting the speaker and her family.
• Mike Tees, for fueling up all trolleys.
• Eran Zingman-Leith, for presenting a lecture during the Food & Wine Festival and for a Lunch & Learn program in September.

CAPE MAY DESIGNER HOUSE TOUR HOMEOWNERS
Mike & Mary Anne Cola, Terry & Anna Darby, Lisa Huggins, Barbara Hamilton Bray Wilde.
Congratulations Volunteers of the Month

AUGUST: Corbin Cogswell
SEPTEMBER: John Bailey
OCTOBER: Christine Peck

Volunteers:
AIRFEST VOLUNTEERS
Joe Bryne, Dan Callahan, Roger Henry, Vivianne Rogers, Mary Stewart, Leslie Weidel.

BREAKFAST WITH THE PIRATES VOLUNTEERS
Judy Mohler, Karen Van Varick- McGuire.

CAPE MAY DESIGNER HOUSE TOUR VOLUNTEERS
Tina Angstadt, Cathy Baldacchini, Emily Barrett, Jack Barrett, Joan Bauer, Nancy Benson, Marilu Bicknel, Jill Bremer, Maryjane Briant, Bill Brown, Eileen Cassidy, Mike Child, Nancy Child, Joan Conroy, Jim Del Grosso, Jan Dwyer, Lynne Glasser, Barbara Golla, Scott Griffith, Roger Henry, Barbara Hubmaster, Susan Krysiak, Joyce Locust, Marie Matone, Susan McGarrity, Mary McKenney, Tedd McKenney, Audrey Mockus, Phyllis Morrison, Gus Mosso, Mary Ann Mosso, Donna Nansteel, Bonnie Pontin, Dianne Riehl, Don Rogers, Vivianne Rogers, Sally Rudomin, Carol Ulmer, Barb Whitlock, Grace Williams, Chris Wimberg.

FAMILY FUN DAYS AT THE LIGHTHOUSE VOLUNTEERS
Bobby Andrews, Joan Conway, Rosalie Gallagher, Janet Goetaski, Karen Hammerman, Carol Hartman, Anne McCartney, Donna Strohecker, Carole Ulmer, Barb Whitlock.

FOOD & WINE CELEBRATION VOLUNTEERS
Vivianne and Don Rogers.

FRIENDS OF THE CAPE MAY MUSIC FESTIVAL ADVISORY TEAM
Ralph Cooper, Sharon Falkowski, Heather Furlin, Judy Gatt, Carol Hartman, Tricia Kraemer, Ron Rollet.

FRIENDS OF THE PHYSICK ESTATE ADVISORY TEAM
Sue Carroll, Eileen Cassidy, Dory Coe, Peggy Gora, Carol Hartman, Judy Gatt, Dottie Knapp, Barbara Lamont, Margo Lassner, Carole Sick.

GRAVEYARD, GHOSTS & MANSION TOUR PLANNING TEAM
Rosalie Gallagher, Carol Hartman, Barbara Lamont, Carolyn Owens, Rosemary Rombado.

CRAFT BEER AND CRAB FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS
Nick Agresta, Sandi Allison, Cathy Baldacchini, Jean Barraclough, Gene Bubnis, Rosemary Bubnis, Joan Flood, Chris Fore, George Fore, Jim Del Grosso, Jan Dwyer, Peter Dwyer, Anne Gibboni, John Goshen, Carol Haggas, Denyse Hasler, Jen Hogan, Ron Holman, Eileen Kirk, Susan Krysiak, Anne McCartney, Emily McLaughlin, Mary McKenney, Todd McKenzie, Jane Menendez, Bob Mohr, Stephanie Prouse, Carol Qualters, Carl Jackson, Sunny Jackson, Bruce Jeffries-Fox, Suzanne Jeffries-Fox, Julie Kampf, Melissa Kampf, Anna Marie Leeper, Sandra McCracken, Karen Van Varick-McGuire, Mary McKenney, Emily McLaughlin, Joe McLaughlin, Barbara Meara, Paul Meara, David Morais, Kathy Morais, Mike Morley, Gus Mosso, Mary Ann Mosso, Bob Peck, Steve Popper, Bill Schlitzer, Sally Schlitzer, Carl Schnekenburger, Harley Shuler, Anne Stephany, Mary Stewart, John Suttmueller, Tina Suttmueller, Cathie Taylor, Kimberly Toenniessen, Mark Wheaton, Mimi Wheaton, Jack Wright, Casey Yunghans, Taylor Zeides.

On August 16, family members of late tour staffers Audrey Conant and Mary Ann Gaffney joined us to dedicate our new Trolley #60 (complete with a wheelchair lift) in their memory.
Volunteers
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Harvest Brew Fest Volunteers (cont’d)
Schneckenburger, Susan Schoepfer, Lindy Snader, Cathy Stambaugh, Anne Stephany, John Suttmueller, Tina Suttmueller, Carol Ulmer, Leslie Weidel, Chris Winberg, Barbara Whitlock, Jack Wright.

HOPS FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS
Nick Agresta, Mike Austin, Cathy Baldacchini, Jean Barracough, Stash Bonk, Annemarie Bunk, Jim Cashin, Patti Cashin, Susan Davoli, Jim Del Grosso, Ayeshah Dickerson, Jan Dwyer, Sharon Falkowski, Lorrie FILTER, Joan Flood, Chris Fore, Stephanie GEROW, Lynne Glasser, John Goshen, Scott Griffith, Carol Haggas, Mindy Hale, Denyse Hasler, Roger Henry, George Heisie, Barbara Hubmaster, Bonnie Lindlaw, Margaret Lonzetta, Anne McCartney, Mary McKenney, Tedd McKenney, Emily McLaughlin, Joe McLaughlin, Barbara Meara, Jane Menendez, Bob Mohr, Mike Morley, Bob Peck, R. J. Peck, Bill Schlitzer, Sally Schlitzer, Carl Schneckenburger, Regina Sheets, Anne Stephaney, John Suttmueller, Tina Suttmueller, Karen Van Varick-McGuire, Mark Wheaton, Mimi Wheaton, Jack Wright.

LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE PLANNING VOLUNTEER
Tony LaSalle.

MUSEUM EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS
Jason Love, Len Smith, Mary Stewart, Elan Zingman-Leith.

NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE DAY VOLUNTEERS

PHYSICS ESTATE GROUND MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS
Rosemary Bubnis, Tom Carroll, Joe Cassidy, Jan Dwyer, Walt Gabriel, Roger Henry, Carol Lindsey, Bill Schlitzer, Theresa Schmal, Mike Smith, Denny Sweetman, Jerry York.

POP-UP BEER GARDEN VOLUNTEERS
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Individual:
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FRIENDS OF THE CAPE MAY MUSIC FESTIVAL
Sponsor: Craig & Donna Rothman of Avalon, NJ
Joint: Ann Breen & Dick Rigby of Washington, DC.
Individual: Patricia Everett of Cape May, NJ; Jill Waisbren of Cape May Court House, NJ.

FRIENDS OF THE LIGHTHOUSE
Family: Terry & Beth Adamson of Philadelphia, PA; Alan & Laura Martin of Strasburg, PA; Maryanne & Thomas Woytowicz of Ocean City, NJ.

FRIENDS OF THE WORLD WAR II LOOKOUT TOWER
Joint: Michele & Amanda Heine of Pitman, NJ.
Sturdy

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6, they sponsored our annual Community Day (when we offer free admission to our tours and historic sites to Cape May County residents). We owe heartfelt thanks to Sturdy Savings Bank, and especially its CEO (and former MAC Officer) Jerry Reeves, MAC President Chris Shoemaker, Dave Repici, Kathy Makowski and Larry Morier for their most generous support.

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Magazine to write an article on the Steel Pier that was built immediately following Cape May’s great fire of November 1878, Pip searched newspaper archives for tales of the city’s rebuilding. She hit paydirt for us when she discovered a lengthy report in the March 22, 1879 issue of the Wilmington, Delaware Daily Republican. After providing a block-by-block, building-by-building account of Cape May’s reconstruction, the reporter threw in the following paragraph:

“One of the most spacious and ornamental cottages ever built here is now nearly finished for Mrs. Wm. Ralston [Dr. Physick’s mother] on Washington Street toward Schellinger’s Landing. THE PLANS WERE FURNISHED BY MR. FRANK FURNESS, OF PHILADELPHIA.”

Eureka! Thanks to Pip Campbell’s diligent research, we now have the “smoking gun” proof that we’ve yearned for. So, out with “attributed to.” We can now proudly state that the Physick House was “DESIGNED BY FRANK FURNESS.”

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artistic life of Cape May,” said Dave. “I think it’s the underpinning of everything that makes Cape May a landmark city. That, and its enormous respect for historic preservation.”

“We truly believe that MAC is the reason for the success of Cape May in terms of a destination historic city,” said Chris. “... Without MAC we would be just another summer resort and there would be no concentration on arts and culture, which is what we are happy to support, because Dave is the artist. MAC is Cape May and it’s the reason Cape May is special.”

Thank you, Chris and Dave, for your generosity and support of MAC and Cape May!

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volunteer crew who assisted with all aspects of the event from set-up to clean up and Lt. Dekon Fashaw and the Cape May Police Department, who advised us on all sorts of logistical issues including parking and safety.

The Physick Estate is not the only venue MAC uses for special events. All Summer long, Janice Corkery, Director of Visitor Services & Special Events, and her staff organized a weekly series of Family Fun Days at the Cape May Lighthouse plus National Lighthouse Day on August 7. In addition to crafts vendors, the events feature kids’ activities to enhance a visit to the Lighthouse.

Cape May’s Food & Wine Celebration brought some old favorites and a few exciting new events to the MAC schedule. The Harvest Brew Fest on September 15 was a celebration of all things local- beverages, food vendors and entertainment. The outdoor stage hosted local favorites the Honeyhawks, Old School and the Love Me Dudes, to complement the food provided by Empanada Mama, the Mermaid Mutineer, Rollin’ Bones and more. The Chefs’ Dine-abouts were, as always, unforgettable experiences- gourmet five course feasts with each of five restaurants serving a course paired with wine. We also offered one night with pairings by the Cape May Brewery. New this year was a hands-on Blending at Cape May Winery, where participants learned the art of choosing wines to blend during this two-hour tasting and blending experience at Cape May Winery. Our thanks to Betsy Craig Sole for helping this event become a reality. We also incorporated a Lunch & Learn into the Festival, with Elan Zingman-Leith’s presentation of “Consuming Passions” at Lucky Bones Restaurant.

Autumn Crafts & Collectibles Show on September 29 closed out a busy month. The event brings an interesting group of vendors to the Physick Estate grounds, for visitors searching for that perfect item. We always try not to disappoint!

The Friends of the Cape May Music Festival were the most active of our Friends affinity groups this summer. They hosted Musical Desserts on June 15 as the culmination of the 29th annual Cape May Music Festival, presenting Eliot Bailen, Susan Rotholz and Michael Roth in an intimate concert at the Carriage House Café & Tearoom. The Friends of the Cape May Lighthouse had planned their typical extravaganza for Christmas in July, but Mother Nature was not a willing partner and the event had to be cancelled.

Education Wrap-up

Our Summer Lunch & Learn programs, offered once monthly from June until September, provided a variety of interesting topics and attracted a solid audience. A lecturer new to our series, Jason Love, presented a program on the Philadelphia Phillies, a topic new and dear to Director of Museum Education Bob Heinly’s heart. We’re grateful that our friends at the Cape May Lutheran Church welcomed us for this series. The Museum Education Division continued its programs in libraries, community centers and senior residences, debuting a few new programs, thanks to our new Assistant Director of Museum Education, Melissa Palmer. For kids during the Summer, we provided Children’s Trolley Tours several times each week and offered Storytime at the Lighthouse and the Keeper’s On Duty. We also hosted the kids from Camp Cape May at the Lighthouse in July.

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