

Commission Announces 2012 Local Arts and History Grant Awards

The Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission offers grants each year to local, Ocean County-based non profit organizations, municipalities, and institutions of higher education that are seeking to provide the public with quality arts or history programming. A total of 31 grants (22 arts and 9 historical) have been awarded to Ocean County arts and heritage organizations towards programs and projects in 2012. Grants have been awarded through a highly competitive, peer panel reviewed process. Funding for the Local Arts Program Grant is made possible through funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/ Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment of the Arts. Local History Program Grant funding has been made possible through funds from the New Jersey Historical Commission.

Local Arts Program Grant

The following arts organizations received a total of \$65,000 in grant awards from the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission's Local Arts Program Grant towards General Operating or Special Project support in 2012:

Brick Children's Community Theatre, Brick Township Municipal Alliance Committee, Brick Township Recreation Department, Georgian Court University, The Island Singers, Jackson Township, the John F. Peto Studio Museum, Laurelton Art Society, the Borough of Lavallette, Lighthouse International Film Festival, Little Egg Harbor Theatre Company, Inc., Manchester Township, Murray Grove Association, Ocean County Artists' Guild, Ocean County Chapter, Barbershop Harmony Society, Ocean County College, Ocean County YMCA, Our Gang Players, Inc., Pine Shores Art Association, the Borough of Ship Bottom Recreation Department, Stellar Theatre Group, Inc., and the Toms River Business Development Corporation.

Local History Program Grant

The following heritage organizations received a total of \$13,056 in grant awards from Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission's Local History Program Grant towards General Operating or Special Project Support in FY 2011/2012:

Barneget Historical Society, Brick Township Historical Society, Lacey Township Historical Society, Georgian Court University, Long Beach Island Historical Association, Stafford Township Historical Society, Vintage Automobile Museum of New Jersey, and the Waretown Historical Society.