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Purchase your 47th Annual House Tour Tickets now!

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Photo: Ocean Grove Great Auditorium, by Katherine Schultheis

Welcome to the 2015 Season!

The 2015 season is beginning here at the Historical Society of Ocean Grove. Early this spring, the Society hosted the Questers, a national non-profit organization dedicated to preservation, restoration, and education.

In May, the Historical Society partnered with the Shore Action League to sponsor a Victorian Tea as part of Ocean Grove's "Paint the Town Pink" month-long benefit for breast cancer awareness. Also in May, the Society took its bi-annual Theatre Trip into New York City to see *On the Town*. During Memorial Day weekend, the Society hosted another successful Spring Auction in the Ocean Grove Youth Temple.

And now entering the summer months, the Historical Society is looking forward to a busy summer season ahead!

The Society has adopted some new exciting features! QR codes are in the process of being mounted on exhibit items in the Museum and Centennial Cottage. What are QR codes? QR stands for "quick response" and a QR code is a mobile phone-readable barcode that is used for a variety of purposes. You may see them on products, letterheads, business cards, newspapers, magazines, and some have even been applied artistically as tattoos! For the Society's purposes, they will be posted alongside some of our displays and artifacts to convey instantaneous information to visitors. In order to read the QR codes, a QR decoding app must be download on your mobile phone to process the encoded information. We hope you will give this a try when you visit!



Try this sample QR code!

The Historical Society is also starting a new feature in the Newsletter, entitled "Then and Now." In each "Then and Now" article, a historic image of a location in Ocean Grove will be highlighted, juxtaposed with a photo of the same site today. Please turn to page 6 to view our first "Then and Now" story.

Visit the Historical Society of Ocean Grove Museum at 50 Pitman Avenue and Centennial Cottage at 43 McClintock Street!

MISSION

Since its founding in 1970, the Historical Society of Ocean Grove has pledged itself to preserve, document, and encourage community interest in the history of Ocean Grove. The purpose of this non-profit Society is to sustain the heritage and honor of being designated a National Historic District. The Historical Society aims to:

- Advocate for the protection of Ocean Grove's historic structures, material culture, and built environment
- Maintain Ocean Grove as the largest assemblage of authentic Victorian architecture in the nation, and its establishment as a nineteenth century planned resort community
- Enrich the Camp Meeting heritage of Ocean Grove and the town's unique heritage.

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President's Message

Happy 2015 season, my first season as President of the Historical Society!

Our first big news is Anna Critelli, our Museum Administrator, has left the Society to be a stay-at-home mom, as she and her husband Andrew became parents of a beautiful baby girl, Malina.

We are fortunate to have been able to fill her position with Katherine Schultheis, most recently of Charleston, South Carolina. Katie received her bachelor's degree in Historic Preservation and Community Planning from the College of Charleston and is completing her master's degree from Clemson University and College of Charleston's Graduate Program in Historic Preservation. Please do stop into the Museum to meet Katie!

The Museum is open for the season Monday through Saturday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

I hope you will join us for our various events and activities this summer! We have an array of workshops at the Centennial Cottage, the 47th Annual House Tour on July 17, Walking Tours three times per week, and Women's History Walking Tours, to name a few of our activities. We look forward to seeing you this season!

Liz Ogden, HSOG President

Like us on Facebook to stay up to date with all the day-to-day happenings of the HSOG!

ACCOUNT:	5/31/2015
Operational/Payroll Account	\$24,776.03
Fountain Fund	\$4,819.42
Angel of Victory Fund	\$8,427.82
Mary Buckman Cottage Endowment Fund	\$5360.25
Endowment Fund	\$3,496.85
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Support the Historical Society of Ocean Grove: Become a Member!

The Historical Society of Ocean Grove has much to offer its members. Unique programs are provided to those who live in Ocean Grove as well as to those who visit.

For the membership year of 2015, new levels of membership and added benefits were introduced. As a result, many new individuals were welcomed to the Historical Society.

Join us and become a new member today! Call the Museum at 732-774-1869 for more information and to receive a brochure highlighting the benefits of membership in the HSOG.

Come on One of Our Ocean Grove History Walking Tours!

Gain insight into the architectural, social, and general history of Ocean Grove from our expert volunteer tour guides!

Walking Tours are held three times per week throughout the season and depart from the Historical Society Museum at 50 Pitman Avenue. Please see below for Walking Tour departure times:

Wednesdays 1:00 PM

Fridays 1:00 PM

Saturdays 11:00 AM

Walking Tours include access to the Great Auditorium, the Centennial Cottage, and one of Ocean Grove's renowned Tent Homes.

Special group tours may also be arranged. Please call the HSOG Museum at 732-774-1869 or email info@oceangrovehistory.org for more information.

Wonderful Renovations, Ocean Views, and Fantastic Kitchens are Featured on the Historical Society of Ocean Grove's 47th Annual House Tour

As a National Historic District, Ocean Grove is a leading example of nineteenth century town planning and today it still retains its historic atmosphere with over 1,000 Victorian structures, from vernacular to high-style inns, mixed-use buildings, and private residences. On Friday, July 17, 2015, from 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM, the Historical Society will host its 47th Annual House Tour. This self-guided tour will include an array of private houses, tents, and historic inns. Several of the buildings featured on the House Tour have received the Historical Society's Beersheba Award for Historic Preservation.

Featured this year is a once-neglected cottage which has been restored to its former splendor. Another residence includes an array of historic prints, artwork, and furnishings that once belonged to President Grover Cleveland. A Stick style house with Italianate details dating from the 1890s features a two-tiered wrap-around porch and is a premier representation of Ocean Grove's vernacular Victorian architecture. Another residence includes breathtaking waterfront views, which will prove to be the envy of many!

Tickets for the House Tour are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the tour. They can be purchased at the Historical Society Museum located at 50 Pitman Avenue and at Gingerbreads located at 49 Main Avenue. You may also purchase tickets with a Visa or MasterCard by calling the Museum at 732-774-1869 or online at www.oceangrovehistory.org. A \$1.00 processing fee will be charged for all online purchases.

On the day of the tour, tickets will be available only at the Museum at 50 Pitman Avenue from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All guests will need to come to the Historical Society Museum on the day of the tour to pick up their booklets and maps of the properties on tour.

The House Tour will be held rain or shine. If needed, complimentary transportation to each tour stop is available. Children under 12 are not admitted to the tour. Advance ticket purchases are recommended, as the House Tour often sells out.

For further information, please call the Historical Society Museum at 732-774-1869 or email info@oceangrovehistory.org.



Featured Tour House, photo by Katherine Schultheis

Visit the Historical Society's House Museum, the Centennial Cottage, this Summer!

The Centennial Cottage is looking forward to another year of meeting new visitors and welcoming returning guests! The Cottage opened for the season on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 and will be operating Monday 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; Wednesday 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM; Thursday 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; Friday 11:00 - 3:00 PM; Saturday 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

The exterior of the Cottage has been painted this spring, thanks to Classical Painting of Ocean Grove, and is looking wonderful! As always, additional volunteers are welcomed to spend two hours per week greeting visitors and sharing the history of the Cottage and Ocean Grove. If you feel you are interested in volunteering, please call the Historical Society Museum at 732-774-1869 or email info@oceangrovehistory.org.

We hope you'll stop by, say hello, and visit us this summer!



Centennial Cottage Garden, photo by Mary Solecki

Women's History in Ocean Grove Explored Through Walking Tours

Back by popular demand, Women's History Walking Tours return this summer. Fascinating aspects of Ocean Grove's unique women's history will be explored through these live history tours on July 23 at 1:00 PM and August 20 at 1:00 PM.

In the nineteenth century, when women had few civil and economic rights, the female population of Ocean Grove pursued their passions and talents as physicians, entrepreneurs, hotel owners and managers, real estate moguls, preachers, evangelists, and state and national leaders of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

The tour begins with an overview of the first 30 years of Ocean Grove's history, centering on how the tenets of the Methodist Camp Meeting town provided a place of opportunity for women. By 1900, 63% of the town population was female, the largest proportion being single and widowed women. The tour highlights the remarkable roles these women played in the growth and development of Ocean Grove, through their own voices, as stops include visits with Sarah Corson Downs, Phoebe Palmer, Matilda and Lydia Bull, and Margaret Coleman, each portrayed by members of the Historical Society.

Each tour departs from the Historical Society Museum at 50 Pitman Avenue. The tours are limited to 20 people each, so it is recommended to make reservations in advance. Please call the Museum at 732-774-1869 to make a reservation. Tickets are \$10 per person and \$8 for senior citizens.

Dr. Lyndell O'Hara, Historical Society Historian and Professor of History at Nyack College, leads the tour. Dr. O'Hara's expertise centers on American women's history. She is also developing the new exhibit opening later this summer at the Historical Society Museum, entitled "A Step Back in Time: Ocean Grove in 1890," with its primary focus on the summer season. This exhibit invites the visitor to explore the hotels and boarding houses, businesses, "modern conveniences," religious meetings, organizations and lectures, food, fashion, and music of the town 125 years ago when Ocean Grove was the "Jewel" of the Methodist Camp Meetings.



Charm Me Again Beach Towel \$39.99

Be the Belle of the Beach this Summer!

Purchase your limited edition Ocean Grove beach towel and beach tote designed by a local artist exclusively for the Historical Society of Ocean Grove! These fantastic new items are for sale online at:

www.SupportHSOG.wordpress.com

If you have limited or no access to the internet, you may call the Museum at 732-774-1869 to place your order with a Visa or MasterCard.

100% of the profits are donated to Ocean Grove's one and only Historical Society!



Beautiful Since 1869 Beach Tote \$33.99

Celebrate the 4th of July in Style!

The fabulous Ocean Grove Fourth of July Parade will be held this year on (wait for it...) Saturday, July 4th! And speaking of fabulous, last year we invited folks to dress up in period outfits and march with the Historical Society. The Society entourage was a big hit with the bystanders, who took lots of pictures of the dresses, hats, bathing suits, and even a unicyclist in our troop. We felt like rock stars!

The Society is extending the invitation again, so if you want to join the fun, please call Gayle Aanensen at 732-775-7101 to register with us. It does not take a lot of effort to look like a true Victorian! The classic outfit is a long white or black skirt, white blouse, and of course a hat. Parasols, gloves, and purses all add to the fun. For gentlemen, we request the pleasure of your company, as well. Snap on some suspenders, a straw hat (or derby), black pants and join us! You are all welcome to use your creativity and become part of the history of Ocean Grove!



2014 4th of July Parade Participants and HSOG Board Members

Bring Your Favorite Teddy Bear for Our Annual Teddy Bear Picnic!

The Historical Society continues its tradition of the Annual Teddy Bear Picnic held this summer on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This special children's event begins at the Historical Society Museum, includes a visit to the Centennial Cottage garden for games and stories, and proceeds to the Starving Artist for fun arts and crafts projects. The event will end with afternoon refreshments and Days' infamous ice cream!

Reservations are required. The cost is \$25 for one adult, one child, and one teddy bear. Each additional child is \$5. Please call the Museum at 732-774-1869 for more information and to reserve your spot, as tickets for this event are limited.

Be sure to bring your favorite teddy bear for the cutest teddy bear contest!

Join Us for Our Labor Day Ocean Grove Antiques Auction

Friday, September 4, 2015
5:00 PM

Preview 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Ocean Grove Youth Temple
22 Pilgrim Pathway

*12% BUYER PREMIUM
3% ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR CREDIT CARDS
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Estate Planning?

Don't forget the Historical Society of Ocean Grove!

Including the Historical Society in your will is an opportunity to ensure the legacy of Ocean Grove's unique architectural and preservation heritage.

Contact the Museum at 732-774-1869 for more information.

Nineteenth Century New Jersey Chair Exhibit

Be sure to visit Morven Museum at 55 Stockton Street in Princeton to see a special exhibition entitled "Of the Best Materials and Good Workmanship: Nineteenth Century New Jersey Chair Making." Historic chairs on display are from museums, historical societies, and private collections.

Special to Ocean Grove, one chair featured in the exhibit is from the former Arlington Hotel, once located on the block surrounded by McClintock Street, Central Avenue, Pitman Avenue, and Pilgrim Pathway.

The exhibit runs through October 18, 2015. For more information, call the Morven Museum at 609-924-8144 or visit morven.org.



Then and Now: Lane Villa

By Kim Brittingham
HSOG Recording Secretary

A structure as magnificent as 63 Cookman Avenue of the 1890s surely has a story to tell. I do not know what year the house was built, but I do know it operated as a guest house under the name "Lane Villa" as early as November 19, 1892, when it was mentioned in the *Ocean Grove Record*.

Jacob Lane and his wife Sarah Ann Middlesworth Lane came to Ocean Grove, New Jersey from Newark, where Jacob ran a merchant tailoring business at 506 Broad Street for over thirty years. According to a nineteenth century clipping from Blogfinger (blogfinger.net), it was Mr. Lane's failing health that brought the couple to Ocean Grove. The seaside was thought to be healing, and Ocean Grove's popularity as a resort town offered the Lanes an opportunity to make a living as many others did, operating a guest house.

The Lanes had five children, including two daughters, Mae and Laura, who relocated to Ocean Grove with their parents. I am taking a guess that Mrs. Lane and her daughters did most of the work at Lane Villa, considering Jacob's poor health. It is not surprising to note that Mrs. Lane's name appears in newspaper advertisements for Lane Villa as the proprietor. Looks like Sarah was the boss lady.

It seems the Lane ladies were well-suited to running a guest house. They kept Lane Villa open year-round and often entertained in the off-season. One would think tending to guests during a bustling Ocean Grove summer would be enough to send anyone to their bed for another eight months. But the Lanes thrived on providing hospitality. For example, in November of 1892, they held "An olde time sociable" to raise money for the building of a bridge over Fletcher Lake. Tickets were ten cents, "sweetmeats extra." Mae and Laura were still playing hostess as late as 1923, when their "Hallowe'en" party made the front page of the *Ocean Grove Times*.



place. While it was undoubtedly hard work, there must have been something idyllic about operating Lane Villa, because May and Edna purchased it from the Lanes in 1935. In doing so, they may have been fulfilling a girlhood dream. A newspaper article of that year reports that the Weeks daughters, since married, were calling themselves "the firm of Cottrell and Grammer" (that is, Mrs. Mae Weeks Cottrell and Mrs. Edna Weeks Grammer). They continued to run the guest house, still called Lane Villa, throughout 1935, as newspaper ads of that year show the proprietors as "Cottrell and Grammer." However, they did not advertise in the Ocean Grove newspaper after 1935. Lane Villa was still acknowledged as the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Grammer (Mrs. Grammer being Edna Weeks Grammer) as late as 1942.

The Lane sisters stayed in Ocean Grove upon selling to the Weeks sisters, Cottrell and Grammer. The November 24, 1950 edition of the *Ocean Grove Times* reported Laura Lane as celebrating her ninetieth birthday at home with her sister at 75 1/2 Mount Pisgah Way.

A relative of the Lanes wrote to Paul Goldfinger of Blogfinger in 2013 and shared some photos and family anecdotes (definitely worth a look). Goldfinger wrote that, "According to family lore, the sisters lost the Villa sometime in the 1930s 'to a shady lawyer.'" In fact, it seems it was the Weeks sisters who lost Lane Villa, and probably to one Ross R. Beck, Esquire, who advertised his business at 63 Cookman Avenue as early as 1951, and as late as 1959. (I do not know if Beck was "shady," but now that the suggestion has been put in my head, I find myself imagining that he was the villain who removed the second-story porch, window and door surrounds, eclectic roofline, and wonderful gingerbread!)

Today, 63 Cookman Avenue is divided into apartments.



If the Lanes had not enjoyed running a guest house, they probably would not have inspired such affection in their guests. There was at least one family that returned to Lane Villa year after year. In the early part of the twentieth century, the Weeks family of Newark — Wilbur, his wife, and their two daughters, May and Edna — spent their summers in Ocean Grove, always at Lane Villa. Perhaps they had known the Lanes in Newark. They knew them well enough to be in attendance at Jacob Lane's eighty-first birthday party at Lane Villa in May 1911.

Those summers in Ocean Grove made quite an impression on young May and Edna Weeks. Perhaps as they watched Mae and Laura Lane assisting their parents in the running of Lane Villa, they envied them, even imagined themselves in their



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Advanced registration is required. For more information and to register, call 732-774-1869.

JULY 6 MONDAY 10:30-12:30 - ZENTANGLES - Mindy Shapiro

This art form is relaxing, creative, meditative, and fun. You will learn up to six Zentangle-inspired designs. Made on small, paper tiles with a black drawing pen, you will create your own pieces and learn the skills to Zentangle on your own. **\$22**

JULY 8 WEDNESDAY 10:30-1:00 - MACRAME - Laura McHugh

Learn to create interesting Macramé designs with a few simple steps. Use beads and shells to incorporate into a bracelet, necklace, key ring, and more. **\$20**

JULY 10 FRIDAY 10:30-1:00 - FELT EYE GLASSES & CELL PHONE CASES - Laura McHugh

Learn how to create and embellish unique cases with flowers and other creative motifs. **\$20**

JULY 13 MONDAY 10:30-1:00 - BEADED FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS - Laura McHugh

Learn how to make colorful friendship bracelets for you and your buddies. Once you make one, you'll be enticed to make many, many more to keep and to share. **\$20**

JULY 16 THURSDAY 10:30-3:30 - BEACH SCENE PAINTING: ACRYLIC ON CANVAS - Judy Alberta

Students will have the opportunity to create one seascape painting, while learning how to think like an artist and acquiring time-honored painting techniques. This class is for beginners and experienced artists. **\$35**

JULY 20 MONDAY 10:30-1:00 - WATERCOLOR BEACH PAINTINGS - Laura McHugh

Learn how to use watercolor paints to create that quintessential beach scene, great for framing, making greeting cards, and much more. **\$20**

JULY 22 WEDNESDAY 10:30-1:00 - WATERCOLOR COLLAGE - Barbara Calvo

Participants will learn some fun watercolor techniques to create three small paintings as well as a final collage combining all techniques. **\$20**

JULY 30 THURSDAY 10:30-1:00 - COLLAGE ARM CUFFS - Nicole Strafacci

Students will create a beautiful, one-of-a-kind collage cuff with fabric, buttons, lace, and more. Get creative with your favorite colors, patterns, and textures. **\$20**

AUGUST 3 MONDAY 10:30-1:00 - BEGINNING HAND PIECING - Carol Grant

Learn traditional techniques to combine fabric patches to make a small quilt block. Students will learn to use templates to mark fabric patches to be stitched together for a complete quilt block. **\$20**

AUGUST 6 THURSDAY 10:30-1:00 - CATHEDRAL WINDOW PIN CUSHION - Carol Grant

Students will learn to stitch this time-honored pattern to make a small pin cushion. **\$20**

AUGUST 7 FRIDAY 10:30-1:00 - PAPEL PICADO: MEXICAN PAPER CUTTING - Mindy Shapiro

Papel Picado is the name of the Mexican school of paper cutting. You've likely seen paper banners hanging on display to honor the Mexican holiday the Day of the Dead. You will make a banner using the traditional material of multi-colored tissue paper. **\$20**

AUGUST 10 MONDAY 10:30-1:00 - HAND QUILTING - Carol Grant

Learn the art of the quilt stitch. Students will concentrate on the quilt stitch used to hold layers of quilts together. Your finished class sample can be turned into a small pillow. **\$20**

AUGUST 12 WEDNESDAY 10:30-4:00 - HAND PIECED PILLOW TOPPER - Carol Grant

Hand piece a quilt block to turn it into a unique pillow topper. Students will also make a back to attach to the quilt block to complete the pillow topper. **\$38**

AUGUST 17 MONDAY 10:30-1:00 - ABSTRACT SELFIES - Laura McHugh

Students will create abstract self portraits using watercolors, acrylics, and markers. This activity is a unique, fun activity that really allows students to delve into their creative side. **\$20**

AUGUST 18 TUESDAY 10:30-1:00 - CALLIGRAPHY I - Margaret Cotton

Derived from the two Greek words, "kallos" and "graphos," meaning beautiful and writing, calligraphy is a most unique art form. Students will learn the basics of calligraphy in this workshop. **\$21**

AUGUST 18 TUESDAY 2:00-4:30 - CALLIGRAPHY II - Margaret Cotton

This class is a follow-up to the Calligraphy I workshop. Enhance and improve your calligraphy skills. **\$21**

AUGUST 19 WEDNESDAY 10:30-1:00 - EARRINGS - Laura McHugh

Students will learn the art of creating a variety of earrings and learn the proper use of basic jewelry tools to create their own pair of handmade earrings. **\$25**

AUGUST 21 FRIDAY 10:30-1:00 - FUN WITH TASSELS & POMPOMS - Laura McHugh

Participants will learn how to create tassels and pompoms to use in home decorating, gift wrapping, and jewelry designs. **\$20**

AUGUST 22 SATURDAY 10:30-1:00 - CARD MAKING - Robin Elodie Dabler

Make three beautiful greeting cards by use of a variety of techniques, including watercolors, stamps, and much more. **\$20**

AUGUST 24 MONDAY 10:30-1:00 - KIDS PAPER CRAFTS - Laura McHugh

Children will get creative making adorable animals, banners, and other fun things out of construction paper. These creations can be displayed in their room, or shared as gifts. We will cut, glue, glitter, and have a blast. **\$20**

OCTOBER 3 SATURDAY 10:30-1:00 - CRAZY QUILTING FOR BEGINNERS - Vicki Bacolo

This class is designed for those who have not been exposed to this form of quilting but are interested in expanding their knowledge of quilting. Learn how to cut fabric shapes, make arrangements, and hand-stitch, as well as do some basic embroidery stitchery. **\$20 LOCATION: MUSEUM**



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Vivian Beaumont Theatre
150 West 65th Street, New York, NY 10023

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015, 7:00 PM
COST: \$175*

(Cost includes ticket and bus transportation from Ocean Grove)

Bus arrives at 2:30 PM at Fireman’s Park, Main Avenue, Ocean Grove

(Bus will leave as soon as everyone arrives, but no later than 3:00 PM)

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Please make check payable to the Historical Society of Ocean Grove (HSOG) and send to:
HSOG, P. O. Box 446, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756.

You may also purchase tickets with a Visa or MasterCard by calling 732-774-1869, or by stopping into the Historical Society Museum located at 50 Pitman Avenue.

**For more information please call the Historical Society at 732-774-1869,
email info@oceangrovehistory.org, or call Phil May, Theatre Party Chairperson at 732-604-3011.**

****Regular box office tickets are at least \$200***