



Hello Friends of the Stone Harbor Museum,

We may not be open just yet, but we are working hard to keep you entertained and informed about the History of Stone Harbor. There is a lot going on behind the scenes at the Museum. Here are some of the details.



Our Director, Kim Park, is in constant contact with the other Cape May museums, working on directions for opening and keeping everyone safe. At this point, we are still restricted from opening until we hear from the Governor. Rest assured that we are doing everything possible to make the Museum a safe environment before and after opening and that we will adhere to all safety regulations. At this time, we expect to have a soft opening in early July, with reduced hours, most likely running from 10 AM to 1 PM from Monday through Saturday.

Museum to Go

Are you ready for a busy summer? We certainly are! We are working hard to create some projects and contests about the history of Stone Harbor that you will be able to enjoy while staying safe.

- **Crossword puzzle** We have created a crossword puzzle built on the history of Stone Harbor. It is available on our website and will be placed in the welcome baskets of all who rent here.
- **Vintage House Scavenger Hunt** This is still in the planning

stage but we will have a 10 item scavenger hunt based on our Vintage houses. Will you be able to find all ten houses?

- **Ice Cream eating photos** Who's here in Stone Harbor having fun and eating ice cream in the Summer of 2020? If you are, we want to put you on our website! This Ice Cream Fun is being sponsored by our friends at Springer's! Just email your cute photo to contest@stoneharbormuseum.org and you will be entered in a drawing to win a tasty, cold treat from Springer's Homemade Ice Cream!.
- **Art & Writing Contest** You already knew that lovers of Stone Harbor had talent. Well, the Museum is hosting an Art and Writing Contest for people of all ages. Originally planned for the Summer months, we kick started this contest early while everyone was sheltering-in-place. Let your heart and your creativity guide your hand to create images and memories that will be celebrated this year and archived for the future. There will be \$100 prizes for four winners and each entry will be posted on our website for all to enjoy. The whole contest will be hosted and judged digitally, but the best images and writings will be displayed at the museum in mid-August. Last chance to enter will be August 12 and the winners will be announced at our "Tour Through Time" on August 26th. So far, we have received 26 Art entries and 10 Writing entries. Each of them is beautiful to view and read.
- **Pandemic Portraits** The Museum Web Site hosted 102 portraits of people posing for a 'Pandemic Portrait'. Pictures of people living in Stone Harbor, sheltering-in-place here, from the surrounding communities, and from their home were posted. Local businesses also joined in to make this challenging time a little less maddening. The portraits part of this project is over but Ted Burke, Craig Miller and Jim Talone are working on a video that will document the history of this time.

2020 Membership Drive

We ran our annual membership drive in the Spring. Even though this is a difficult time to ask people for money, we were pleasantly surprised to find that we added 110 new members and made nearly as much in dues as last year. We are still waiting for many of our past supporters to sign up. Our membership drive is very important as it pays our mortgage and operating expenses. If you plan on renewing, there is still time. A contribution form can be printed here ([Membership Form](#)). Dues can also be paid online using



Reeds Gala

For the past two years, the Reeds has been a generous sponsor of our Annual Gala. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Reeds for their support. Unfortunately, we are sad to report that at this time, we will not be hosting our typical Reeds Gala. This could change as the season progresses. If it does, we will let you know immediately. Until then we are hard at work developing a digital version of the Gala that would include music, auctions, announcements of the winners of the Art & Writing contest, and possibly take-out food.



'Wednesdays at the Museum' Lecture Series

The Wednesday evening Lectures at the Museum are a wonderful opportunity to hear from local historians. From stories about shipwrecks, to an update from Sister James on Villa Maria by the Sea, these Lectures are sure to peak your interest in Stone Harbor and the surrounding area.

Despite the restrictions, we have decided to forge ahead with the Lectures, using digital technology. The Lectures will be presented Live on Facebook, then stored on Facebook and the Museum Web Page where you can view them at any time.

Our first Lecture will be co-sponsored by the Woman's Civic Society and will feature Cape May County Clerk and Historian, Rita Marie Fulginiti, who will talk about the Women's Suffrage movement in Cape May County. Later in July we will help produce a lecture on the Life Saving Station and the American Legion.



Facebook

Many of you have viewed the excellent videos on Facebook produced by our own Ted Burke. So far, Ted has produced (12) videos we call 'Tranquility Tuesdays' and (10) Museum Minutes starring our President, Jim Talone. If you do not have access to Facebook, the videos can be viewed on our Web Site ([Tranquility Tuesdays](#), [Museum Minutes](#)). In addition to the videos, there is a daily post about Stone

Harbor history. Stop by and 'Like' and 'Follow' our Page. Enjoy!



Web Site

If you have not visited the web site lately, there is quite of bit of information available for you to see. From [Stone Harbor Stories](#), [Exhibits](#), [Museum Minutes](#), [Tranquility Tuesdays](#), and [Contests](#), there's sure to be something to keep you entertained and informed of the history of Stone Harbor.

In closing, please remember to support the local businesses of Stone Harbor and the surrounding communities in Cape May County. Stay safe, and we hope to see you at the Museum!

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