

# Southampton Creative Assets Inventory

Southampton Township is a rural community, with much of its land being farms, varying sized developments or in the protected Pine Barrens. At the center of the township is the Village of Vincentown. Vincentown historically was and still is a main focal point and gathering place for the expansive township. As a result of our geography, however, the arts community has not been as strong or organized as in other more densely populated communities.



In an effort to improve communication, increase use of our assets and create a place where arts and creative events can thrive, a Creative Team is working to gather information on all the yearly happenings in the township. We will create a centralized Community Events webpage to serve and engage our residents.

A request went out to our many organizations to determine what is going on in the community. These are the responses that were received:

1. Historical Society
  - a. Lecture Series
  - b. Museum Open Houses
  - c. Christmas in November
  - d. Walking Tour of the Village
  - e. Geranium Sale
2. Southampton Township and School
  - a. Olde Town Hall Classes
  - b. Arbor Day Ceremony
  - c. Memorial Day Parade
  - d. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fire Works
  - e. Summer Concert Series
  - f. Halloween Parade
  - g. Holiday Tree Lighting and Evening with Santa
3. Sally Stretch Keen Memorial Library/Children's Library
  - a. Art Show
  - b. Jade Run
  - c. Yard Sale
  - d. Book Sale
  - e. Adult Book Club
  - f. Children's Book Club
  - g. Lego Hour
  - h. Bike Brigade
  - i. Summer Reading Programs
4. Trinity Church
  - a. Everything Blue Festival
5. Methodist Church
  - a. December Concert
6. Pinelands Preservation Alliance
  - a. Art Shows
  - b. Lectures
7. Southampton Township Recreation Association (STRA)
  - a. Parade and Baseball Opening Day
  - b. Soccer Family Fun Day
  - c. Family Movie Nights
8. Boy Scout Sponsored Events

- a. Flag Retirement Ceremony
  - b. Scouting for Food
  - c. Eagle Walk (Nature Trail)
  - d. Eagle Projects
  - e. Annual Car Show
9. Jack Allen Memorial Early Country Living Museum
- a. Pancake Breakfast on the Farm
- 10. New this year – Arts in the Village Market Day in May**

**1. The Southampton Historical Society 1974 – 2014 - Celebrating 40 Years!**

Southampton is rich in preserving the history and restoring older buildings. The Olde Town Hall is one of the buildings where the Historical Society conducts meetings and seminars as well as the home of the Mason's.



The Southampton Historical Society (SHS) was founded in 1974. The first meeting of the society was held on September 16, 1974 in the Sally Stretch Keen Memorial Library. On October 7 of the same year, the name "Southampton Historical Society" was adopted. In 1975, the Township quilt was started by Mary Robbins and on May 26 of that year, the first SHS float appeared in the Vincentown Memorial Day Parade. In October, 1975, the Society adopted its first Constitution and Bylaws.

1976 was the U.S. Bicentennial year, and on May 3, the elected officers were installed by the light of kerosene lamps at the first meeting held in the historic Telephone Building on Mill Street, Vincentown.

In 1981, the SHS moved the Haines School to its present site in Millpond Park on Race Street, Vincentown. SHS hosts many visitors each year to its lovingly restored and furnished building. During the same year, New Jersey Bell contributed a 1900-era switchboard to the Telephone Museum and the SHS hosted a Silver Tea at the Telephone Building for former telephone employees.

In May of 1986, SHS held its first Geranium Sale. On April 14, 1987, Vincentown was entered into the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. On September 21, 1988, the oldest sections of Vincentown were entered onto the National Register of Historic Places.

In 1992, the SHS provided docents for the Columbian Quincentenary Museum on Main St., Vincentown. In September, Mr. George Klein and Arthur Leary were honored at a lawn reception, celebrating the installation of the historic switchboard, rebuilt and restored to working order by Mr. Klein.

In September, 1993, SHS' third museum, in the Olde Town Hall, opened to the public. During the period 1994-1998, the SHS restored the old Vincentown Lockup (jail) at the rear of the Olde Town Hall, and supported the efforts to restore the Vincentown Millpond, which collapsed in the spring of 1993.

The Historical Society hosts several open houses each year at the various historic museum buildings they curate and maintain throughout the village. And every child growing up in Southampton knows of the May tradition of the Third Grade Walking History Tour of Vincentown Village. The Society also holds an annual geranium sale in May and a Christmas in November bazaar where one can find antiques, arts and crafts, home baked treats and can learn about Southampton's rich past.

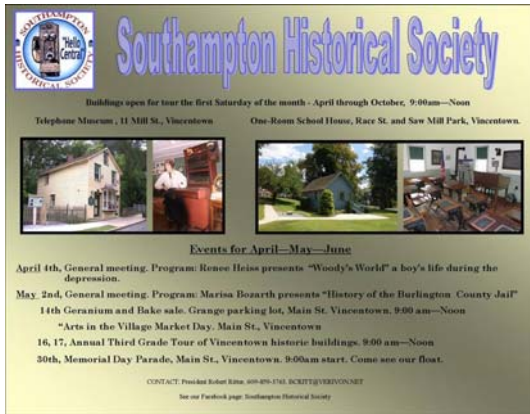
**Christmas in November**  
**BAZAAR**  
Benefits  
**SOUTHAMPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Date:** Saturday, November 14, 2015  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Place:** Vincent Fire House  
16 Race St. Vincentown, NJ

**Crafters! Gifts! Door Prize!**  
**Baked Goods! Chinese Auction!**  
**Lunch Available**  
Homemade Chili, Hot Dogs,  
Meatball Sandwiches and Drinks

Call (609) 859-0024 or (609) 953-9988 for further information

Events scheduled for 2015-2016:



**Southampton Historical Society**

Buildings open for tour the first Saturday of the month - April through October, 9:00am—Noon  
 Telephone Museum - 11 Mill St., Vincentown One-Room School House, Race St. and Saw Mill Park, Vincentown.

**Events for April—May—June**

April 4th, General meeting, Program: Renee Heiss presents "Woody's World" a boy's life during the depression.  
 May 2nd, General meeting, Program: Marisa Bozarth presents "History of the Burlington County Jail"  
 14th Geranium and Bake sale, Grange parking lot, Main St. Vincentown, 9:00 am—Noon  
 "Arts in the Village Market Day, Main St., Vincentown  
 16, 17, Annual Third Grade Tour of Vincentown historic buildings, 9:00 am—Noon  
 30th, Memorial Day Parade, Main St., Vincentown, 9:00am start. Come see our float.


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 See our Facebook page: Southampton Historical Society

**Southampton Historical Society**  
 Next General Meeting: Monday, March 7, 2016, 7:30 PM  
 Old Town Hall, 25 Plum Street, Vincentown, N.J.

**OUR PROGRAM**

A living history outreach program:  
 "Joe Mulliner: Dancing Tory Bandit of the Pines"  
 Meet the legendary American Revolution Loyalist "Pine Robber" Joe Mulliner (portrayed by Jeff Macechak) and learn his true story and perhaps learn an 18th century dance as well. A short powerpoint presentation on his life will be presented after the character portrayal.

Often referred to as "The Robin Hood Of The Pine Barrens," Joe Mulliner was a Tory outlaw who was forced to flee his home in 1779 to avoid arrest, then went on a crime spree throughout the Pine Barrens of Southern New Jersey, burning farmhouses, kidnapping, and holding up stagecoaches. But he often left poorer folks alone and preyed on the rich. He was captured in the Indian Cabin Mill Inn in Nesco after a night of drinking, dancing and debauchery. Convicted of high treason on August 8, 1781, he was sentenced to be hanged the same day at Calow's Hill. Afterward, his body was delivered by wagon, along the very route that he had terrorized, to his wife at Sweetwater, where he was buried along a high bank overlooking the Mullica River and the Cold Spring Swamp. His final resting place is a lonely grave in the pines marked by the stone seen here at the right, the most recent monument in a long line of stones, the previous markers having all been stolen over the years.



2. Southampton Township Creative Team programs

Southampton Township Creative Team welcomes Steve Carty, Basket Weaver

April 20 from 6 to 8 pm at the Vincentown Old Town Hall 25 Plum Street, Vincentown  
 Go home with a Garlic Basket that you make!!!

Steven R. Carty is a local basket weaver from Mount Holly who enjoys introducing people to the art form of basketry. Basketry reaches beyond the set borders of established basket patterns and leaves plenty of room for artistic exploration. These are borders that Steven continuously strives to break down by bridging both traditional and contemporary basket styles. The basket that he will be teaching is a small garlic basket with a woven bottom. Though this is a simple basket which teaches the basic techniques of the craft, it also leaves a lot of room for creative expression. This basket is well suited for someone who is new to basketry.



Workshop limited to 20 Adults and children (over 10 with adult)  
 Pre registration is required  
 Cost is \$10 to make a Garlic Basket  
 To register call 609-656-0507 or send an email to [rlawson@townshipofvincentown.net](mailto:rlawson@townshipofvincentown.net) or [robert@townshipofvincentown.net](mailto:robert@townshipofvincentown.net)




The recently renovated Olde Town Hall is the site of many activities. The creative Team continues to hold classes in the Old Town Hall. These family events bring more people into the Village and teach about our history and the arts. Classes are forming for the third Wednesday of the month. In addition, art classes are offered on Saturdays. The following classes: First Thursday of every Month - Fun and Games

**SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP CREATIVE TEAM**  
 presents Charcoal Drawing Classes at the Old Town Hall, 25 Plum Street, Vincentown, NJ  
 Instructor: RJ Haas, Local Artist

Classes will be held on Saturdays  
 April 16, 23, 30 and  
 May 7, 21, 28

Charcoal Drawing Classes for ages 14 and up

Time: 11am to 1 pm  
 Learn to sketch and draw using charcoal  
 This series will concentrate on landscapes  
 With step by step instructions  
 Come to one class (each class \$10) or  
 Come to all 6 classes (\$65 for all six sessions)




Call 609-656-0507 and leave a message to sign up  
 send an email to [rlawson@townshipofvincentown.net](mailto:rlawson@townshipofvincentown.net)  
 or [robert@townshipofvincentown.net](mailto:robert@townshipofvincentown.net)  
 (Copies included for each class)  
**Pre-registration required!!!**

Charcoal Drawing; April 20 – Basket Weaving; May 14 – Arts In the Village; May 18 - Creating Slate Signs; June 15 – Photography; July 20 – Facebook; August 17 - Basic First Aide; September 21 – Corn Husk Dolls; October 26 – Pumpkin Painting; November 16 – TBD; December 21 - Floral Arranging.

**Arbor Day**

The month of April is a time for planting and the students in grades K through 3 celebrate **Arbor Day** by singing at an outdoor concert and displaying their artwork. After the program, the students are given a seedling to take home to plant and nurture in their yard. The township also celebrates Arbor Day by requesting donations of trees from residents and local florists as well as from the Tree Federation. In 2013, 50 seedlings were planted as well as 8 donated trees and in 2015 100 seedlings were planted.

## Vincetown's Memorial Day Parade



Vincetown's Memorial Day parade is one of the oldest and most traditional in Burlington County. It has proudly been held without interruption for 135 consecutive years - rain or shine. Our parade is also one of the earliest in the nation, first stepping off on "Decoration Day," only 14 years after the end of the Civil War.



## 4th of July Celebration

The annual "4<sup>th</sup> of July" fireworks start off the summer activities. Thousands come out to enjoy the evening display over the historic Mill Pond Park and visit with friends on the field, in town or the many great viewing areas in the rolling farm fields around town. After the fireworks, stay for a late night Merchants baseball game under the big lights.

## Summer Concerts

In July and August, bring a chair and snacks, sit back and enjoy the Township sponsored free concert series at the municipal building. Southampton has hosted the concerts for over 30 years and they are well attended by the local residents.

## Halloween Parade



School students in grades K through 5, approximately 500 students, get to show their stuff at the annual Halloween Parade. About 250 adults watch the students as they march throughout the town "scaring" the local residents disguised as clowns, fairies, princesses, space monsters and anything else their minds and hands can create.

Also in celebration of Halloween, the Children's Library is also open for tricks or treats.

## Holiday Tree Trimming/Lighting

Each year the township erects and decorates with the help of resident volunteers a tree in the heart of historic Vincetown. This longstanding tradition includes the school band and chorus performing a sing along of Christmas songs on a grand, Victorian porch. The tree lighting is accompanied by a visit from Santa who arrives riding on one of the local fire trucks. The Vincetones a cappella group performs while refreshments are served and the kids sit on Santa's lap with their requests for the season. It is a classic, small town Christmas celebration.



## 3. The Sally Stretch Keen Memorial Library



The Sally Stretch Keen Memorial Library of Vincetown, New Jersey, was incorporated in 1898 to establish and maintain a free public library for the use and benefit of the residents of Southampton Township. Its mission was and is to help, aid, and encourage the reading of good literature and the promotion of the general education of the residents of the township and surrounding area. The Sally Stretch Keen Memorial Library of Vincetown was built and endowed by Mary Stretch Irick Drexel of Bryn Mawr, Pa., in memory of her mother, Sally Stretch Keen, a resident of Vincetown, in 1923. The library

building is located at the corner of Main and Race streets, on the “old saw-mill lot”. June 18, 1923, the dedication of the library took place, a real social event for the quiet village of Vincenttown. In 1976, in an agreement with the Township Committee, the firehouse next door was converted into a Children’s Library. The library has served its community well for over 90 years.

Activities supported by the library include:

- The Sally Stretch Keen Memorial Library held their second art show and sale. There were 60 works on display by local artists of local scenes, many painted right in Vincenttown. This is an annual event.
- The library hosts the annual Stop the Jade Run 5k Run/1k Family Walk every March. The family walk includes a written self-guided tour of the historic buildings in Vincenttown.
- The library helps support the biennial Vincenttown Village Community Yard sale in May. Between 20-30 families participate with sales and hundreds visit the village in search of a bargain.
- The Book/Yard sale is held in October. Folks from the community are invited to come set up a table behind the library to sell all the unwanted items from their fall garage, attic clean-up. The library also sets up tables to sell items collected. Proceeds from the library sales benefit the library.
- The second Thursday evening of each month at 7 pm the Keen Readers book group gather at the library to discuss a book decided upon at a previous meeting. The selections range from popular new titles to the classics.
- The First Friday Books and Brunch group gather to recommend books and share a light meal. The group meets at 11 am the first Friday of the month. Registration is requested.
- The Children’s Library has story hour with Mrs. King each Wednesday morning at 10:30 am. The program is held every Wednesday for 4-6 weeks with a short break between sessions.
- The library participates in the Independent summer reading program each year. This year the theme is “Fizz, Boom, READ!” Children of all ages are encouraged to sign-up to continue reading throughout the summer. Small prizes are awarded as goals are met and medals are awarded to the top readers at the conclusion of the program.
- The Summer Reading Book Club for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, encourages the kids to get a jump on their required reading and projects. Last year a small group met every other week to talk about some of the suggested titles and discuss their projects.
- The library traditionally has school visits near the close of the school year and has an art show for the students in the middle school. The works of art are usually based on the summer reading theme. This year bookmarks will be made to display the works of the winning artists.
- At Lego hour, elementary school students work alone or in teams to create anything imaginable. Creations are proudly displayed in the meeting area of the Children’s Library.
- The town Memorial Day Parade provides the perfect opportunity for kids to decorate their bikes, trikes, wagons, strollers, anything with wheels in red, white and blue and ride in the parade. Decorations are provided prior to the parade behind the library.



4. **Trinity Church** on Mill Street holds an Everything Blue Festival in June includes local arts, crafts, bluegrass music, and even a blueberry inspired bake sale.

5. **The Methodist Church** holds an organ concert in December. This traditional pipe organ concert including classical music and traditional Christmas pieces is a new addition to our holiday season.
6. **Pinelands Preservation Alliance** located in the historic Bishop Irick Farmstead just on the edge of Vincentown, the PPA has art shows inspired by nature. Local artists are invited to display their work periodically throughout the year. In addition, local musicians perform at the receptions. The PPA also holds lectures open to the public and book release parties. See the calendar for yearly events <http://www.pinelandsalliance.org/calendar/>

**7. Southampton Township Recreation Association**

Southampton Township Recreation Association (STRA) was established in 1974 to provide opportunities for the youth of Southampton Township, to participate in healthy, competitive sports. Volunteers and the community support its many programs.

STRA opens the youth baseball season with a parade through Vincentown, followed by a fun family day at Memorial Field. Festivities include bounces for the kids, home run derby, corn hole tournament, as well as food concessions and music. STRA also holds a family event at the Buddtown soccer fields in the fall. Several times a year, STRA hosts a free family movie night.



**8. Boy Scouts**

Troop 31 of Vincentown located in Southampton Township has been serving our community for more than 35 years. Cub Scout Pack 31 serves boys of 5 1/2 to 11 and their families; Boy Scout Troop 31 serves young men ages 11 to 18; and The Venturing Crew, a coed group serves young women and young men ages 14 to 21.

1. The Boy Scouts will be holding their Twelfth Annual Boy Scout Car Show on May 3, 2014 with over 50 participating drivers showing off their special vehicles.
2. The Scouts hold an annual flag retirement ceremony held on Flag Day with the Veterans of Leisuretown Organization. This ceremony properly destroys flags that are no longer fit to display.
3. Scouting for Food is an annual food drive that typically gathers over 2,000 food items for a local food bank. This effort takes place over two weekends in November and covers most of the township neighborhoods.
4. The Scouts maintain and improve the Eagle Walk walking trail located off of Mill Street in Vincentown Village. The two mile long trail provides recreation as well as an opportunity to experience the local flora and fauna of the area.

**9. Jack Allen Early Country Living Museum**

**The mission of the Jack Allen Early Country Living** Museum is to preserve and exhibit farm and early country living artifacts for the purposes of education, demonstration and research.

Allen's hosts a "breakfast on the farm event" on the second Saturday each month from May through October. The museum is also home to the Pine Barons RC club. The group flies remote control planes on the weekends in the summer and other times of year as weather permits. The War Eagle Fly-in is held in July. The public is welcome.

Branching off from the Pine Barons is the newly created South Jersey Heligroup, which flies remote control Helicopters. A three day flying festival is in the works.

**10. Antique Car Show**

Evergreen Dairy bar on Rte 70 hosts an antique car show every Wednesday evening throughout the summer. See some of South Jersey's finest antique cars while you enjoy an ice cream treat.

## 11. Annual DQ Triathalon



Annual DQ Triathalon at Vincentown is a July tradition. The Triathlon Distances - 1/4 mile swim , 15 mile Bike and 5k Run; Duathlon Distances - 2 mile run, 15 mile Bike and 5k Run; Aqua Distances - 1/4 mile swim and 21.5 mile Bike - The swim is in a fresh water lake. The bike and run will be contested on roads though scenic farmland. The course is flat and fast.

### **Fire Prevention/Open House**

The Fire Company holds an annual fire and safety open house in October. Includes K-9, Jaws of Life, fire control and escape demonstrations, games and food for the kids. This is a chance to meet the dedicated members of the Vincent Fire Company.



Number of participants for the following events:

Event	Number of Attendees
1. Historical Society	
a. Lecture Series	100
b. Museum Open House	50
c. Christmas in November	200-250
d. Walking tour of the Village	120
e. Geranium Sale	60
2. Southampton Township and School	
a. Olde Town Hall Classes	40
b. Arbor Day Ceremony	500
c. Memorial Day Parade	1000
d. 4th of July Fireworks	3000
e. Summer Concert Series	400 to 600
f. Halloween Parade	700
g. Holiday Tree Lighting and Evening with Santa	250
3. Sally Stretch Keen Memorial Library/Children's Library	
a. Art Classes	20
b. Art Show	200
c. Jade Run	250
d. Yard Sale	150
e. Book Sale	100
f. Adult Book Club	12
g. Children's Book Club	24
h. Lego Hour	15
i. Bike Brigade	50
j. Summer Reading Program	28
4. Trinity Church	
a. Everything Blue Festival	150
5. Methodist Church	
a. December Concert	50
6. Pinelands Preservation Alliance	
a. Art Shows	200
b. Lectures	100
7. Southampton Township Recreation Association (STRA)	
a. Parade and Baseball Opening Day	300
b. Soccer Family Fun Day	300
c. Family Movie Night	50-75
8. Boy Scout sponsored events	
a. Flag Retirement Ceremony	20
b. Scouting for Food	60
c. Eagle Walk (nature trail)	40
d. Eagle Projects	50
e. Annual Car Show	50 cars +200 visitors
9. Jack Allen memorial Early Country Living	
a. Pancake Breakfast on the Farm	100-125
10. <b>Antique Car Show - evergreen</b>	