



THE CRANBERRY SCOOP

New Jersey Questers Newsletter

THE QUESTERS MISSION STATEMENT:

"QUESTERS KEEP HISTORY ALIVE BY SUPPORTING PRESERVATION,
RESTORATION AND EDUCATION"



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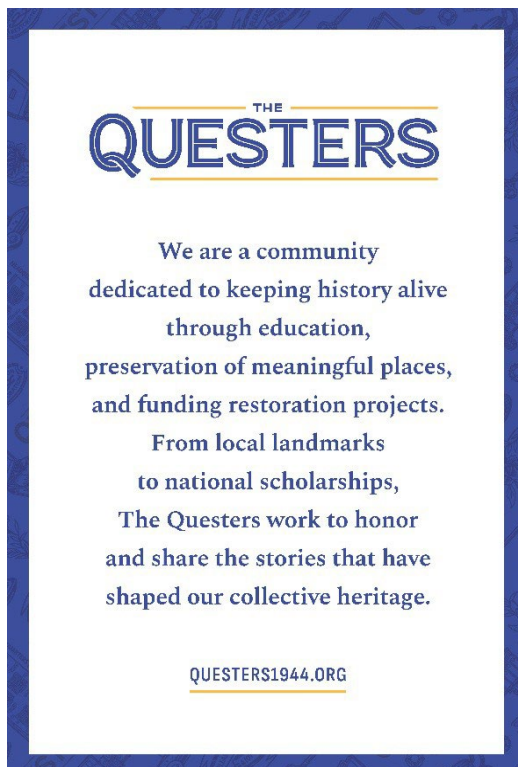
Fall 2025



The President's Message

Dear Members,

At the International Convention in Nashville, TN we learned we will have a new International website. They have also updated our **Q** to be more user friendly and modern. All the states now have their own **Q**. Ours is on page 2 & 3. They have also updated who the Questers are!



I have been working with Kelly Demeri to update our website. Please send her pictures of your projects. kelly.demeri@gmail.com We would love to show the public what we do!!

As the United States will be celebrating its 250th Anniversary next year I would love you, as members, to write a study paper on "New Jersey and what we have accomplished in the last 250 years". I will put together a team of NJ Questers to read the papers, to comment on them, and to post them on our Website. When we hosted the International Convention in 2015 the Founder's Award theme paper was "Patriots, Pirates and Paleontologists of New Jersey". The winner was Kathy Hall from Ohio. I am going to email you all a PDF copy of the winning paper to get your writing juices flowing. I will also have Kelly post it on our website for the public to read.

I came up with this idea when Nancy Call received this email from a newsletter in South Jersey.

"Hi Nancy,

The Questers group was listed on a list of member organizations for The League of Historical Societies of New Jersey, and your email was listed as the contact.

We're not looking for advertisers - just partnerships with historical societies - to help share their existing work with our audience. If you ever have any projects going on in South Jersey, feel free to send us information or press releases here at this address or at

publisher@thesouthjerseylocal.com.

You can see an e-reader version of our paper here: <https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/70581926/south-jersey-local-june-issue-2>

Visit our website here:

www.thesouthjerseylocal.com

Thank you for getting back to us so quickly and I look forward to possibly working with you in some capacity in the future.

Joe D'Aquila <joedaquila1@gmail.com>

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New Jersey Questers Incoming Board Members

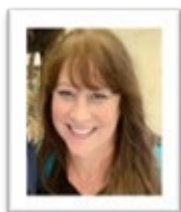


Second Vice President:

Judy MacMillan- Indian Springs #973

Bio: Being a member of Indian Springs Chapter #973 for 10 years has taught me a lot about our tri-state history. Early on my initiation began as 1st VP. I am now chapter president. I earned my BA at SMU, & my MA at Rowan University. I have been an LPC (Licensed Professional Counselor) for over 30 years; and I was the CEO & board president of a local non-profit pregnancy care center for 14 years. I love to draw & write. I am published. I dance (hip hop & jazz). For me, playing the piano is my daily exercise.

I surmise that living on a 200-year-old estate as a young child in Moorestown precipitated my appreciation for historic places. Our current, home was built in 1886. Although I was born a westerner, my husband and I raised our 5 children in south Jersey. Each time our Quester chapter visits a new site or hears a speaker sharing memorable stories of our old Quaker town, founded in 1682, it never disappoints.



Treasurer:

Marcella Perez- As Time Goes By #1513

Bio: Marcella Perez lives in Caldwell with her family and has been a member of the Questers, As Time Goes By chapter since 2018. She started on the state board as Website editor and helped to create it with current Web Editor, Kelly Demeri.

She has had a career in publishing and promotional work for many years. Since 2005 she has been active in the Caldwell school district and her church, organizing many fundraisers and events. She enjoys learning about history and has a great appreciation for historic homes.

* Recording Secretary: Our new Secretary had to step down for various reasons so, I am working on appointing a new one for the June 1 2025-2027 term.

New Jersey Questers Board News



New Jersey Questers' Memorial "Loved & Lost but Not Forgotten!"

Olde Cape Lighthouse #1212

Gail Capehart
Barbara Lamont



Cont. from Pres. message:

I would love if any of you have written anything you think would be interesting on NJ history you could send it to him. Make sure someone in your chapter proofs it please. Also, if doing a fundraiser for a project and you want to share with this new audience, then send that in too. Make sure you name yourself with your chapter name and NJ Questers. Use our new Q too. This is a great way to get our name out there. Also, for your chapter hosting a lunch and learn or speaker or event in a public space or doing a membership drive you should send it to the South Jersey Newsletter!

In this Scoop on page 14 is a Note from the International President on a Membership Drive with a prize of \$2000 !!! One of our chapters should be able to win this thing!!

I want to thank and acknowledge our Chapter Officers!!! Without you we couldn't function. Also, a big thank you to our state officers and chairs. I look forward to working with you all.

Yours,

Beth Wipperman

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Our New State Q
Be glad to send it to you.

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New Jersey Questers Chapters' P&R Fundraisers



"FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS"

SAVE THE DATE – OCTOBER 22, 2025

ONCE AGAIN **INDIAN SPRINGS QUESTERS OF MOORESTOWN** IS PARTICIPATING IN A UNIQUE FUNDRAISER BEING HELD AT **BOSCOVS DEPARTMENT STORE IN THE MOORESTOWN MALL ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 11:00 P.M.**

THIS ONE-DAY-ONLY BOSCOVS ANNUAL EVENT CALLED "FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS" ALLOWS ORGANIZATIONS TO RAISE MONEY AND, AT THE SAME TIME, GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROMOTE THEIR ORGANIZATION.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: ON OCT. 22nd A LIMITED NUMBER OF STATIONS WILL BE LOCATED THROUGHOUT EVERY BOSCOVS STORE IN THE COUNTRY WITH A FEW REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH SELECTED ORGANIZATION SELLING \$5 BOSCOVS SHOPPING PASSES OVER A FOUR-HOUR PERIOD. THESE PASSES ARE GOOD FOR IN-STORE AND ONLINE SHOPPING OCTOBER 22ND ONLY. BESIDES BOSCOVS OFFERING INCREDIBLE SALES ABOVE AND BEYOND THEIR EVERYDAY GREAT PRICES, EACH \$5 SHOPPING PASS SOLD ENTITLES THE CUSTOMER TO AN ADDITIONAL 25% DISCOUNT OFF THEIR ENTIRE PURCHASES THROUGHOUT MOST DEPARTMENTS.

SHOWING THEIR COMMUNITY SPIRIT, BOSCOVS SUPPLIES THESE SHOPPING PASSES FREE TO PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS AND ALLOWS THEM TO SELL AHEAD OF THE ACTUAL DAY OF THE EVENT AS WELL, GIVING THEM A GREATER CHANCE TO EARN MORE MONEY.

BOSCOVS, A FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS FOUNDED IN 1911, OPERATES THE LAST REMAINING TRUE DEPARTMENT STORES WITH LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE, NEW YORK AND ELSEWHERE.

IN NEW JERSEY, BOSCOVS DEPARTMENT STORES ARE LOCATED IN MOORESTOWN, VOORHEES TOWNSHIP, DEPTFORD, VINELAND, EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, TOMS RIVER, EATONTOWN AND WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP.

IF YOU LOVE SHOPPING, YOU'LL LOVE BOSCOVS. INDIAN SPRINGS #973 HOPES ALL OUR STATE CHAPTERS PARTICIPATE IN THIS UNIQUE, WIN-WIN FUNDRAISER. THE BEAUTY OF THIS FUNDRAISER IS THAT YOU CAN SHOP ONLINE OR AT ANY NEARBY BOSCOVS STORE WITHOUT NEEDING TO DRIVE TO THE MOORESTOWN MALL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR AMAZING SALES.

EVEN THOUGH OUR FALL CONFERENCE FALLS ON THE SAME DAY, THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF TIME LEFT FOR SHOPPING. **TO PURCHASE YOUR \$5 SHOPPING PASSES TO USE IN A BOSCOVS LOCATION NEAR YOU OR ONLINE, PLEASE CONTACT LYNDA BRADY AT 609-234-0935 OR 856-840-0785 OR EMAIL AT lynda365@comcast.net**



OLDE CAPE LIGHTHOUSE #1212
TREASURES TABLE
AT THE VICTORIAN WEEKEND
CRAFTS AND COLLECTIBLES SHOW

DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2025
TIME: 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

THE EMLÉN PHYSICK ESTATE
1048 WASHINGTON STREET, CAPE MAY

Enjoy a day of food and fun and support our chapter's fundraiser for **Preservation & Restoration projects** by visiting our "Treasures Table" at this outdoor show. You will find lots of great bargains on gently used items such as jewelry, books, household décor and more! While there, take a tour of the Physick House to see some of the projects funded by Questers. Visit www.capemaymac.org for more information on Victorian Weekend and the Crafts and Collectibles Show.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT BARBARA OBERHOLTZER:
BARBARA.SUE319@GMAIL.COM

New Jersey Questers Spring Council 2025

The Spring Council was a wonderful day of “**LILLY PULITZER**”

LEARN HOW DESIGNER LILLY PULITZER TURNED A JUICE STAND INTO A BILLION DOLLAR BUSINESS!

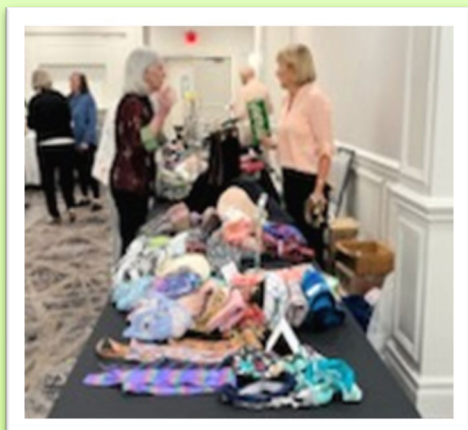
BY CATHY PETER, AS TIME GOES BY #1513



A special Thank you to our Spring Council Chairs, Barbara Baron and Patricia Stegeland for your decorations and fun event. Also to Cathy Peter for a great program and Ginny Cutaio for helping to set up the night before. Also thank you to our host chapters of the ACCESSORIES TABLE— HOSTED BY INDIAN SPRINGS AND NOOKS & CRANNIES. **Enjoy the pictures!**



Incoming Board members: Kelly Powers, Judy MacMillan and Marcella Perez. Beth Wipperman & Sally Bertellotti



New Jersey Questers Chapter News

Nooks and Crannies #1521

QUESTERS VISIT OCEAN CITY

On Tuesday, May 6, 2025, four Shore Area chapters visited Ocean City on a trip organized by Marilyn Kilrain, President of the Nooks and Crannies Chapter. Twenty-five Questers from Nooks and Crannies, Sweetgrass, Barnegat Windjammers, and Metedeconk chapters enjoyed a tour conducted by Sommers Point member, Carol Dotts, of the Ocean City Museum, followed by lunch at the Flanders Hotel's Emily's Restaurant. Ken Cooper, of the Ocean City Historical Society, gave a talk about the history of Ocean City and the Flanders Hotel.

It was unanimously praised by everyone as one of the best museums we have seen in New Jersey.

Submitted by Doris Czarnecki and Marilyn Kilrain



Attending members from Barnegat Windjammers #989,
Metedeconk #859, Nooks and Crannies #1521
and Sweetgrass #1432

New Jersey Questers Chapter News

Metedeconk #859

Metedeconk Questers Fund Raiser for the State's P&R Fund

Because Metedeconk Questers had a State Questers payment coming due in Fall 2025, we decided to start thinking about how to raise \$1500 (the expected contribution at the time) in the Fall of 2023. We explored several possibilities before past president Sheila Williams suggested that we team with the Algonquin Theater in Manasquan who planned a May 2024 presentation of Grease.

We all loved the idea and pursued how we could turn this concept into a success! We asked all our Metedeconk members to either purchase two tickets, sell two tickets, or contribute to the profit we would make from the sale of two tickets, 100% of our members agreed and did this! In addition, we received support from another Questers chapter, Olde Cape Lighthouse, as well as members from other chapters purchasing tickets for this great show. So, we settled our bill with the Algonquin months before the show in May and realized a profit of \$1,780.00 with NO expenses incurred. Then, NJ State Questers approved reducing the donation to them to \$1,250.00. We ended up adding \$530.00 to Metedeconk's P&R fund raising account! It was a win-win all around!!

Submitted by Anne Marie Diehl



Our Presidents who worked on this project from 2022- to 2024.

***Mary Peters, Ginny Cutaio, Anne Marie Diehl, Priscila Lake,
(Metedeconk Officers 2022 to 2024)
and Sheila Williams, Past President***

New Jersey Questers Chapter News

SANDPIPERS #1501

In June we had a wonderful, educational trip to the Mickleton, Swedesboro and Pittman area of New Jersey. Many of us had never been to this area of New Jersey before and we were fascinated by all the history the area offers.

We visited the Little Red Schoolhouse (built in 1809), the Quaker Friends Meeting House (Quakers have been in the area since 1726), and the Pollinator Garden in Mickleton. After lunch had a tour of the Trinity Episcopal Old Swedes Church, whose history dates back to 1706, and the Schorn Cabin, circa 1750 or earlier. Many of us stayed overnight in the area and the next day had a docent-led tour of the Pitman Historical Museum in Pitman Grove. The Pitman Grove Area is on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places and developed from a summer "tent camp" meeting beginning in 1870. In the center of the park is the Pitman Grove Auditorium. Twelve avenues, numbered one through twelve, radiate like spokes on the hub of a wheel from the park circle. The community is much like Ocean Grove in Monmouth County. Several Sandpipers then visited Duffield's Farm Market in Sewell, NJ, before heading home.



**Trinity Church
graveyard**



**Sandpiper members who went on
the trip**



**Path to the Pitman
Grove Auditorium**

On Saturday, July 19th, several Sandpipers attended the dedication of our "Sandpipers Revolutionary Herbal Tea Garden" at the Historic Village at Allaire. NJ Questers State President, Beth Wipperman, gave a short speech explaining the purpose and mission of our Questers organization to the audience gathered. Beth also mentioned the many projects the NJ Questers have supported and helped finance at the Village including a fireplace hearth restoration and the repair and restoration of a "Star and Eagle" flag c. 1850s, the History Kid's Club, as well as the herbal tea garden. Also being celebrated that day was Mr. James Allaire, founder of Allaire Village on what would have been his 240th birthday. We enjoyed birthday cake and lemonade in what was Mr. Allaire's home on the property. It was a lovely event!



**Sandpipers
Revolutionary
Herbal Tea Garden
Dedication at the
Historic Village at
Allaire**



**Submitted by Carol Duffy
Chapter President, Sandpipers #1501**

New Jersey Questers In Nashville, TN for the International Convention



Lynn Stulz
Immediate Past
State President



Nancy Call, outgoing
State Treasurer and
now Information
Liaison Chair



The Belmont Mansion
was the largest house
built in Tennessee prior
to the Civil War.
Constructed 1849-1860. TN
Questers' chapter Granny
White #874 has done
several projects at the
Belmont Mansion.



Questers friends.
Barry and MaryAnn
Bingham- MaryAnn is
Int'l Web Editor, MO,
Nancy Call and Lynn
Stulz, Judith Roblyer-
MD President and
Micheal Roblyer

The 2026 International
Convention will be in
Springfield, IL at
President Abraham
Lincoln,
Doubletree by Hilton,
701 E. Adams St.
Springfield, IL-
May 12-17

Some of the
85 +
Questers
who
attended!



New Jersey Questers Chapter Matching Grant

Olde Cape Lighthouse #1212 received \$1,000.00 NJ State Questers Matching Grant for the restoration of Dr. Physick's Davenport Sofa at the 1879 Emlen Physick Estate in Cape May.

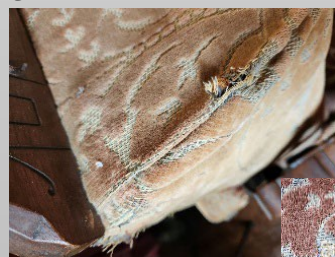
Olde Cape Lighthouse #1212, based in Cape May County, has always had a special interest in the historic sites maintained by the non-profit organization Cape May M.A.C.

The chapter was named for the iconic lighthouse at the tip of the Cape, the second structure to be restored by M.A.C., and over the years many of the chapter members have been volunteers and/or employees of the organization. While the chapter has given funds for a variety of preservation and restoration projects around the region, most recently for window restoration at Naval Air Station Wildwood Hangar #1, we return time and again to Cape May M.A.C.'s original P&R project, the Emlen Physick Estate Victorian House Museum. Over the years Olde Cape Lighthouse #1212 has contributed funds for the restoration of multiple objects in the museum including a commemorative book from the 1876 Centennial celebration, a hand-colored etching which belonged to Dr. Physick, several oil paintings and the reupholstery of Dr. Physick's Morris Chair. Most of these projects were accomplished with State Grants from our NJ State Board.

This year we were delighted to receive another Grant from the NJ Board that will go toward the reupholstery and refurbishing of Dr. Physick's Davenport that is displayed in the Family Parlor of the museum. This unusual piece is the "original futon," as some have claimed, since the arms of the sofa can be adjusted to allow the back to drop down making it into a "sofa-bed" of sorts.

The fabric on the Davenport has faded and worn due to its many years of exposure to light and humidity, and the wooden frame is also in need of repair and refreshing. A team from the museum division of M.A.C. has worked with an expert in restoration to choose a fabric that will most closely reflect the original, and our chapter members are anxiously awaiting the completion of the project.

Submitted by Barbara Oberholtzer, President



New Jersey Questers Board News



New Jersey Questers New Member Form

Chapter Name & Number: _____

New Member Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Effective Date: _____

Sponsored by: _____

Dues Paid: \$45 _____

Please mail this form and a check payable to "NJ Questers" for \$45 to the State Treasurer.

Marcella Perez

28 Hillside Ave.

Caldwell, NJ 07006

FOR TREASURER'S USE

Deposit check _____

Check to HQ _____

Roster _____

New Member List _____

Note to EB _____

New Jersey Questers Board News

INTERNATIONAL P&R GRANTS PROGRAM

3RD VICE PRESIDENT REPORT, Carol Duffy

This is the year New Jersey Questers chapters can apply for International Preservation & Restoration Grants. Application forms and guidelines are available at www.questers1944.org under "Grants."

All completed application forms must be postmarked on or before the deadline date of November 15th of this year and submitted to:

International PRESERVATION & RESTORATION Chair

Gene Serbus

p-r@questers1944.org

It is suggested to start early and send in application to P&R chair to make sure you have sent in everything before the deadline date. He will let you know if missing anything.

All chapter projects must be completed within one year from the date of the award. The chapter must contribute at least 20% of the grant requested, i.e. grant requested = \$5,000; chapter must contribute at least \$1,000 (20%). A copy of the Project Approval Letter(s) from your State/Provincial Board must be submitted with this application: 1. Project approval 2. Fundraising approval if done OUTSIDE of the chapter. It is important to follow all instructions!

Applications that do not TOTALLY COMPLY with instructions WILL NOT be considered. Return completed application with copies of required forms, letters, and any additional information to THE QUESTERS International P&R Chair. Keep a copy of this application for your file. All fundraising Approved grants are announced and checks awarded at the Annual Luncheon held during the Questers International Convention. At the 2024 International Questers Convention, 17 international grants were awarded going to 11 states.

Any questions regarding the International P&R Program, please contact **Questers International P&R Chair, Gene Serbus, p-r@questers1944.org**

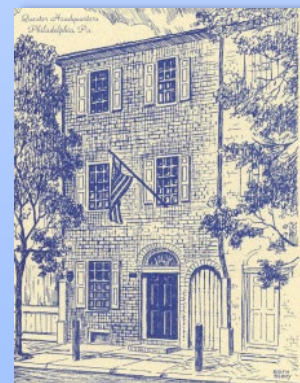
**** Reminder to those chapters who received NJ Questers Matching Grant this year – Nooks & Crannies #1521, Olde Cape Lighthouse #1212 & Sandpipers #1501 – don't forget to file your 6-month Progress Report with me by October 15th, 2025. ****

Carol Duffy

NJ State Questers 3rd VP

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News for Qs

International Membership Challenge 2025-2026

The International Executive Board voted to sponsor a membership challenge for each chapter. The challenge will run from June 1st, 2025, to April 1, 2026. The chapter with the most new members will receive \$2,000 from the International P & R Fund for their

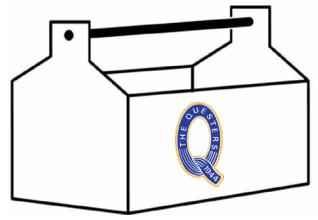
local P & R Fund. If there is a tie, the \$2,000 will be divided equally with the chapters who tied.

Participating in the international membership challenge is a fun way for local chapters to increase their attendance at a specific business meeting or chapter event. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with new friends who are also interested in the mission of THE QUESTERS.

Plan a guest day or days!

- Create a theme or plan fun activities.
- Consider sending invitations and decorating your room to make this meeting special.
- Call members who do not regularly attend and let them know about this meeting.
- Offer rides to your elderly members.
- Make sure that everyone in your chapter is invited and feels welcome.
- Celebrate your results as you make new friendships. Follow up with an invitation to join your chapter.

An example of a formal invitation and letter is on our website under the Members tab, then the Chapters tab and finally click to open the Chapter Tool Box.



The Toolbox

- A new feature on our website.
- Provides local chapter officer information.
- Invitation/welcome letter and orientation ideas for a local chapter.
- A sample agenda, signup sheet for a meeting, and other information for our local officers.



New Jersey Questers

Fall Conference 2025

Jerri Chadwick & The Barnegat
Windjammers present

“LIFE DURING THE CIVIL WAR”

including

4th New Jersey Infantry

FASHION &
WOMEN'S ROLES
IN THE
1860S

DISPLAYS OF
HISTORIC PICTURES
&
MEMORABILIA





New Jersey Questers Fall Conference Invitation

“LIFE DURING THE
CIVIL WAR”

Barnegat Windjammers #989
invites you to the New Jersey Fall
Conference

Wednesday October 22, 2025
Spring Lake Manor
415 Highway 71 Spring Lake, NJ

9 am to 2 pm \$55. per person

9:00 - 10:00 am:
Check-in and continental
breakfast, cash bar
available



Before our program
starts, we invite you to
browse the host chapter
boutique table, purchase
50/50 raffle tickets, and
P&R baskets



New Jersey Questers Fall Conference 2025

“Life During the Civil War”

**LUNCHEON MENU - order will be
taken at the table**

-Salad-

-Penne Vodka-

**-Choice of Chicken Francaise or
Stuffed Sole both with Vegetables-**

**-Assortment of Cookies, Cannoli,
Biscotti, and Brownies-**

**Preservation & Restoration
Opportunity Baskets,
50/50 and Themes**

OLD ONE HORN #464 -
“A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD”
BETSEYMULFORD CRANE#725-
“CHEERS AND CHOCOLATE”

METEDECONK#859-
“BUONAPPETITO”

POSOMOKIN#875-
“CELEBRATENJ”

Fall Conference, Wednesday, October 22, 2025

will be at *Spring Lake Manor, 415 Highway 71, Spring Lake, NJ*

Directions:

From the North: Follow Garden State Pkwy S to NJ-34 S in Wall Township. Take exit 98 from Garden State Pkwy S

37 min (41.4 mi)

Merge onto Garden State Pkwy S

Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 98 for NJ-34 N/NJ-34 S toward I-195 W/Trenton

Use the left lane to merge onto NJ-34 S via the ramp to Brielle

Merge onto NJ-34 S- go thru light south ↻

At the traffic circle, exit onto Allaire Rd- 3rd turn 2.2 mi

Travel thru 2 lights

Turn right onto Warren Ave after 2nd light 1.0 mi

At 3rd light Turn right onto NJ-71 S, travel down road to Spring Lake Manor on right side of road. Will have just missed it if you hit a light.

Western NJ:

Get on I-295 N in Mount Laurel Township from Mt Laurel Rd and NJ-38 E

7 min (2.8 mi)

Continue to Wall Township 47 min (53.5 mi). 195 changes to NJ 138. Continue on NJ-138 E to 3rd light New Bedford Road turn right at light. Travel to 2nd light, turn left onto Allaire Rd. take the immediate right onto Warren Ave.

At 3rd light Turn right onto NJ-71 S, travel down road to Spring Lake Manor on right side of road. Will have just missed it if you hit a light.

South New Jersey using the NJ Parkway:

Get onto NJ Parkway north and travel to Exit 98 towards NJ- 138 East

Keep right, follow signs for NJ 138 E and merge onto 138 E. Travel to third light New Bedford Road turn right at light. Travel to 2nd light, turn left onto Allaire Rd. take the immediate right onto Warren Ave.

At 3rd light, Turn right onto NJ-71 S, travel down road to Spring Lake Manor on right side of road. Will have just missed it if you hit a light at the 7/11.