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of a Holiday
Craft Show
Sat, 12/2
Vendors in
(3) different
locations

Holiday
Concert
Wed, 12/13
Featuring
the Western
Atlantic Wind
Ensemble

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EVENTS
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### In The Spotlight



Congratulations to **Cheryl Fetty** for having organized another successful Art In The Park event on September 16th. There was plenty of vendors, attendees and SUNSHINE. It was a FALL-tastic Day!



# Hamilton Historical Society Newsletter

October 2023



#### **HAVE YOU SEEN PETE?**

No? You are not alone. It has been awhile since anyone has seen Pete, but I for one keep looking. You need to look along Main Street or the bulkhead of the Egg Harbor River. Those are his favorite spots. In 1996, Mildred was lucky enough to talk with him as she worried and cried about her Grandmother and the financial trouble they were in. Bills needed to be

paid and Pete knew of some treasure that was buried on Captain Hudson's property. As luck would have it, Mildred lived on the land of Hudson's home. Mildred then spent time planting a garden and finally found the buried tin can with the valuable stash inside.

Mildred could see and speak to Pete. Others would often be too scared. You see Pete is the ghost cat of Captain Hudson. Pete died in 1879 according to The Mays Landing Record after being found dead in the cellar of The American Hotel across the street from Captain Hudson's house. Pete chose to be a ghost cat instead of going to Cat Heaven. Pete so loved Main Street he wanted to wander around and talk to the people of Mays Landing. He did so for more than 100 years before finding Mildred who was not afraid to talk to him. Alas, after helping Mildred find the treasure he did go to Cat Heaven. But as you walk along Main Street keep an eye out for a grey tiger striped cat. It could very well be Pete!

Summarized from "Pete, The Ghost Cat" written by Jo DiStefano Kapus, 1996. The full story is available at the Museum to read. Other ghost stories can be heard during the 23rd Annual Ghost Walk, Oct. 20, 2023.

#### **October Views**

Autumn makes the wildwood

A wonder to behold

Turns the emerald of the summer

To a vivid red and gold.

Paintings by great artists

Much admired o'er and o'er

But the one who tints the landscape

Is the Master evermore.

By George H. Liepe



## Volunteers Wanted

We offer a very flexible Volunteer Program. Come join the FUN.