

Cape May's 400th Anniversary Celebration

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Director at the East Lynne Theater Company (ELTC). Since 1995, Judge Visser has become well-known throughout Holland as a traveling judge who settles civil disputes on his popular nationally televised show. He was knighted by the Dutch Queen as a Knight of the Order of Orange-Nassau in April and has served as a wedding magistrate, substitute and ongoing judge in several District Courts of Appeals in Haarlem, Netherlands since 1989. Margot Ahlers Visser will be accompanying her husband to Cape May and will also participate in the show. The play is set in the mid-1600s and is designed to high-

light the almost-forgotten rivalry between the Dutch and Swedish settlers for control of the Delaware River region. Cast members include many local ELTC favorites. Stahlhuth has been corresponding by email with Judge Visser on this project for several months, and she will also direct the show. Other visitors expected in town that week are Dr. Cees Bakker, Curator of the West Fries Museum in Hoorn, and he is offering a lecture on the History of the East India Company on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 1:30 p.m. at Cape Island Baptist Church; Onno vanVeldhuizen, Mayor of the City of Hoorn (birthplace of Captain Cornelius J. May); and two officials from the

Office of the Consul General of the Netherlands located in New York City, Hugo Gajus Scheltema and Marielle van der Linden. An extensive itinerary is planned for these guests, with a tour and graduation ceremony at the U.S. Coast Guard Base, a visit to the Cape May Lighthouse and Sunset Beach, lunch at the Carriage House Tearoom at the Emlen Physick Estate hosted by MAC, and horse-drawn carriage rides in Cape May. Lodging for the guests is being provided by local proprietors, and gift baskets are being assembled for them, filled with souvenirs of the trip, such as pottery trays made by Susan Ross, with fudge and soaps, canvas

beach bags, towels and sunscreen donated by Sue Lotozo of the Flying Fish Studio, Half Moon note cards designed and printed by John Bailey and seashell-embedded candles made by Jim Skinker. At a private reception at the Chalfonte Hotel special gifts made by other local artisans will be presented to the visitors and dignitaries, including copper wine buckets by Steve Bradway, leaded-glass boxes by Diane Flanagan and an oil print of Cape May Point by Rich Flanagan, scrimshaw ornaments designed by John Bailey and produced by Steve Barlow, and leather coin purses made by John Bailey and filled with 400th Anniversary wooden nickels.

Invitations to the Beachfront Celebration activities have been sent to Governor Jon Corzine, U.S. Representative Frank LoBiondo, State Senator Jeff Van Drew, Assemblymen Matt Milam and Nelson Albano, the Cape May County Freeholders, and many other local officials, and it is hoped that most of them will attend. The Beachfront Celebration activities on Saturday, Aug. 29 are the culmination of countless hours of planning and hard work throughout the year by the City of Cape May, the Greater Cape May Chamber of Commerce, numerous local organizations, and the members of the all-volunteer 400th Anniversary Celebration

Committee, co-chaired by Carol Boyd and Robert Elwell. These events are anticipated to bring loads of excitement and fun to the local area, so be sure to put them on your calendar and attend, as residents and visitors alike celebrate the anniversary in style. For additional information, please contact the Cape May Civic Affairs department at 884-9565, the Greater Cape May Chamber of Commerce at 884-5508, and the 400th website, www.capemay400.info. (Editor's note: The planned Lenni-Lenape Pow Wow scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 29 has been postponed until next year.)

Arts and entertainment briefs

Controversial film 'The Cartel' comes to Cape May

CAPE MAY - When an award-winning feature documentary about New Jersey's education system is titled "The Cartel," you know you're in for a controversial, hard-hitting film. This film has won awards in North Jersey and Philadelphia, and now Cape May Film Society is hosting its South Jersey Premiere with a special Meet the Filmmaker Reception on Monday, Aug. 24, at Cape May Stage at 7 p.m. The film starts around 8 p.m. Come see why this documentary has been called a "must see" movie by several newspapers throughout the region! Film is followed by a special Q&A session with the Director, Bob Bowden. Tickets are \$15 general public and \$12 for

members of the Film Society and current season patrons of Cape May Stage. You can buy tickets online at www.capemayfilm.org or make reservations by calling 609-884-6700.

Fifth annual "Best of Cape May" survey

CAPE MAY - This year's "Best of Cape May" survey will be the biggest and best to date, featuring 60 categories ranging from accommodations to restaurants to leisure. In past years, the survey's most heated category has been ghost tours, with local tour companies battling up until minutes before the survey closed. CapeMay.com expects a record number of votes this year, thanks to a re-designed website that launched in July and a substantial following on

Facebook. Local businesses are encouraged to ask customers for votes. The "Best of Cape May" logo is now available for download at www.capemay.com/best.

CapeMay.com's Fifth Annual "Best of Cape May" survey runs through Aug. 26. Votes can be placed online at www.capemay.com/best.

There are over 60 categories, including best seafood, bed and breakfast, golf course, cocktail bar, website or publication, and architectural building. Survey winners will be announced Sept. 1 on CapeMay.com.

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Red Cross says be prepared

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advantage of these opportunities?

Grites says that the Southern Shore Chapter does its best to cover a wide net of people by offering courses in three ways.

"People can take community classes which are held at our chapter offices; or we can provide a full-service work place course where people can be trained at a hosted location with an instructor, materials, and the mannequins; and then there are authorized instructors who train their co-workers, who can then train more people and can then train people in

community. This way, instruction grows exponentially," said Grites.

"We're just trying to increase our community and full-authorization training, to cover as much ground in the area as possible."

As important as it is to become certified, it is just as important to recertify when needed.

"For First Aid, you need to recertify every three years. CPR is every year. CPR for the Professional Rescuer is every 2 years. Someone who takes a class and doesn't actively use the skill needs to refresh," said Grites. And finally, "Another good reason to recertify is that changes in

the methodology occur every few years. Training is updated as needed."

On Aug. 25, an Adult-Child CPR class will be held at the Atlantic County office. Successful completion of the course will result in certification.

For more upcoming certification training dates, visit the Southern Shore Chapter's website at www.acredcross.org. If you are interested in signing up for a course or would like to learn more about being an instructor, call the closest county office, Cape May at (609) 465-7382, Pleasantville at (609) 646-8330, or Millville at (856) 413-0909.

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