



# TWO RIVER PEOPLE

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## CANTERBURY ART SHOW'S MEET THE ARTISTS RECEPTION



The Canterbury Art Show was recently held at St. George's-by-the-River Church in Rumson and featured juried and non-juried works of art by over 80 local artists and photographers. Proceeds from the sale of the art will benefit St. George's many ministries and local outreach efforts. The Canterbury Art Show co-chairs included (from left) **Maggie Raynor, Denise Weiner, Beth Sherrard and Connie Lefferts**. The Meet the Artists Reception was well attended with over 200 guests.



**Bob** (above left) and **Kim Honecker** (right), of the Monmouth County Arts Council are pictured with event co-chair **Maggie Raynor** and **The Rev. Ophelia Laughlin**, Rector of St. George's.



There were many artists in attendance on the first night of the show. This group includes **Denise Weiner, Leslie Daley, Thomas and Sandra Jackowski**, and **Annette Mastrolia-Tynan** (honorable mention award).

**Frank Scheuer, Leigh Royer and Deane and Jim Hiles** had a wonderful time at the Art Show.



**Cheryl Griesbach** (center) won the award for Best in Show for her oil painting titled, "Home." Cheryl is pictured with (from left): **John Forrester** (honorable mention award), **Jeff Roy** (associate rector at St. George's), **Anna Grace Howie** and **Gail & Guy Hembling**.



**Michael Scherfen** (right) won the Award in Excellence for his painting titled, "The Gondoliers, Venice, Italy." Michael is joined by artists (from left): **Jan Barthold, Mary Ann Goodwin, Eileen Petruch, Sandra Thwaites and Frank Calaguori** (honorable mention award).

Another group of artists above: **Wendy Murphy, Maureen Bonney, Tamia Karlinski, Gail Joseph, Richard Buntzen and Cindy Barham**.



From above left: **John Blake, Chris & Robin Colman and Becky Lucas**.



Proceeds from the children's art section will benefit **Amanda's Easel**, a nationally recognized creative arts therapy program for children and families offered through 180 Turning Lives Around. **Dianne Zeigler** (left) is in charge of the Young Artists Project for Amanda's Easel. Dianne is joined by **Brenda Pilon** (center) and **Nicole Houston**.

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## COUNT BASIE THEATRE PRESENTED INAUGURAL VANGUARD AWARDS



The Inaugural Vanguard Awards recently held at the Count Basie Theatre honored Freeholder Director **Lillian Burry** (left), Monmouth Arts executive director **Mary Eileen Fouratt** (right), and **Maureen & Steven Van Zandt**. In addition to honoring 'Vanguards' for their lifetime of devotion to the arts, the night raised money for future Rockit! At The Basie scholarships, various CBT Performing Arts Academy education and community outreach programs, and for future implementation of Steven Van Zandt's Rock and Roll Forever Foundation's "Rock & Roll: An American Story" curriculum into Rockit! and other CBT educational programs.



Steven Van Zandt spent time rehearsing with Rockit! students including **Tristan Garrity** a few days prior to the performance, while his wife Maureen coached students on choreography, costuming and appearance.

The Count Basie Theatre leadership team and event VIPs include (from left): events manager **Joe Pulito**; CBT President/CEO **Adam Philipson**; VP of Operations **Izzy Sackowitz**; Maureen and Steven Van Zandt; Director of Marketing and Public Relations **Jonathan Vena**; and **Dr. Warren Zanes**, executive director of Van Zandt's 'Rock and Roll Forever' Foundation. The foundation's history / social studies curriculum, "Rock & Roll: An American Story," will be implemented into the Middletown school district this fall, as well as at future Rockit! Performances and other professional development and educational programs conducted by the Basie.



From left: Monmouth County Freeholder **Tom Arnone**; Vanguard Award recipient and Freeholder Director **Lillian Burry**; Freeholder Deputy Director **Gary Rich**; and Freeholder **Serena DiMaso**.



Steven Van Zandt closed out the night with the Rockit! At The Basie students with a resounding version of Joe Cocker's "With A Little Help From My Friends."



Steven Van Zandt takes the mic with Rockit! At The Basie vocalist, bassist and guitarist **Christine Meisenhelter**.



Pictured above are New Jersey Council on the Arts President **Nick Paleologos**; Vanguard honoree **Mary Eileen Fouratt**; Monmouth Arts' new media manager **Tammy Laverty**; and Count Basie Theatre President/CEO **Adam Philipson**.



Steven Van Zandt and **Bruce Gallipani**.



The night ended on a high note, with the entire **Rockit! At The Basie** cast and crew and Vanguard honorees **Maureen and Steven Van Zandt** taking a bow and flashing a unified sign of peace.

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### SANDY HOOK FOUNDATION'S END OF SUMMER PARTY



The Sandy Hook Foundation is the Official Friends Group of the National Park Service at Sandy Hook, dedicated to nurturing and protecting Sandy Hook's natural, cultural, and historic resources. The 2014 End of Summer Party was recently held at the Fort Hancock Historic Chapel with dinner, dancing, raffles, auctions and music by The Haven. Committee members **Maureen Schmid** (left) and **Cathryn Danielczyk** (right) are pictured here with End of Summer Party co-chairs **Ellen & Rich Phillips** (SHF board member).



**Jen Nersesian** (second from left) is the superintendent of the Gateway National Recreation Area. Jen is joined by **John Warren** (left, external affairs officer), and **Pete & Suzanne McCarthy**. Suzanne is the deputy superintendent of the Gateway National Recreation Area and Pete is the unit coordinator of the Sandy Hook area.



From left: **John Duffy**, **Stephanie Stokes**, **Bob & Betsy Barrett** (president, SHF board of trustees) and **Heather & Danon Robinson**.



**Jane Preziosi** (above left) with **Sarah Kiley** and **Dave & Chris Murphy**.

**Phyllis & Gerry Glaser** enjoyed the beautiful evening at the Fort Chapel grounds. Gerry is a SHF board member.



**Jim & Suzanne Lizotte** (couple on left) with **Heather & Scott Boyle**, and **Donna & Dave Hoder** (board member, VP special projects).



**Jason Wu** (left), **Betsy & Bob Barrett** and **Frank Sommerfield**.



Representing many important non-profits were **Patty Whittemore** (above left, board chairwoman of the YMCA), **Laurie Bratone** (development and communications director for the Monmouth County Historical Association), and **Dorothy Adler** (special events manager for the American Red Cross). Laurie designed the outstanding artwork for the cover of the party's invitation.



SHF supporters (from left) **Dick & Linda Cohen**, **Rich** (board secretary) & **Peggy Eittrreim**, **Joann & Jack McWilliam** and **Marilyn & Bob Broege**.



A fun group! From left: **Todd Herman**, **Sarah Kiley**, **Lanae Herman**, **Dr. Sharon Falco**, **Dr. Jonathan Lustgarten**, **Bob & Annie McGinty** and **Megan Tencza**. The group was being photo bombed by Chris Hempstead!



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## MONMOUTH CONSERVATION FOUNDATION HELD KICK-OFF EVENT FOR 37TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE



The Monmouth Conservation Foundation will hold its 37th Annual Dinner dance on Saturday, Sept. 27th (Celebrating the Year of the Horse) at Fairway Farm in Middletown. The MCF preserves parks, farmland, wetlands and open space throughout Monmouth County. Since 1977 the MCF has preserved over 22,500 acres of land, protecting the integrity of our county. A kick-off event for committee members, board members and sponsors was recently held at the Rumson home of **Andy and Linda Safran** (pictured). For more information on this upcoming event visit [monmouthconservation.org](http://monmouthconservation.org) or call 732-671-7000.

Event host **Andy Safran** (left, MCF board member) is pictured with Dinner Dance honorees **Nona Balaban** and **Dennis Drazin** as well as MCF executive director **Bill Kastning** (right).



**Lisa McKean** (left) is the director of marketing and development for the MCF. Lisa is joined by board member **Mark Gilbertson**, **Chris & Pari Harrison** (committee members) and **Quinn McKean**.



From above left: **Stephen Diefenderfer**, **Dan Ranger**, **Claire Knopf**, **Dr. Greg Greco** and **Woody Knopf**.



Junior committee members **Amanda McKean** and **Caroline Safran**.



**Rob Marrone** (left, of Wells Fargo Private Bank, Red Bank) is pictured with **John Caroli** (MCF board member) and **Dave Clapp** (also of Wells Fargo, an event sponsor).



**Andy Safran** with **Mike Holcombe** and **Brian Henke**.



**Mark Gilbertson** (left) with **Denise** and **Fritz Thomas**.

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