

# The Village Star

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## Upcoming Events

### MARCH EVENTS –

Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup> – Welcome Spring with the Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt. \$6:00pp, under 1 year free. Hunts are from 11:30am – 4pm. Bonnet Parade and Contest – 3pm, Guess the Jelly Beans – winner announced at 2:30pm Face painting with Freckles the Clown – Balloon Animals and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

### APRIL EVENTS –

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunrise Service at the Allaire Chapel 6:00am – Join us for a beautiful and inspiring morning. Free to the public.

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – Opening Day Celebration – featuring tours, craft demonstrations and entertainment. \$5 per adult, \$3 children 6- and up.

Evening Lantern Tours – 7-9pm - \$15 pp Purchase tickets online at: [www.allairevillage.org](http://www.allairevillage.org).

Saturday, April 14 – Early Spring Flea Market – 8am – 3pm (Rain date April 15)

Saturday, April 21 – 11am-4pm - 4 Paws Sake Family Fun Fest

Saturday, April 21 – Allaire Auxiliary Spring Tea Party \$20 pp call 732-796-4847

Saturday/Sunday April 28/29 – BBQ and Brew Festival - \$10 pp over 18years.

### MAY EVENTS –

Saturday, May 5 – Camp Burton at Allaire, 1929. Celebrate the Boy Scouts with a return to the past and an eye to the future.

Saturday May 12 - Late Spring Flea Market – 8am-3pm (Rain date May 13<sup>th</sup>)

Saturday, May 12 – Mommy and Me Tea - \$5 pp – pre-register early – sells out quickly.

Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - Spring Festival and Craft Market – Join us for a spring day in the village, flowers, crafters, demonstrations, silent auction, and more! \$5 adults, \$3 children 6 and up, under 5 years old Free. (Rain date May 20) Vendor spaces \$50

### JUNE EVENTS –

Saturday and Sunday, June 2 & 3 – Civil War Encampment – Saturday Evening Lantern Tour and Concert. Fee - \$5 per car

Lantern Tour - \$15 pp – pre-reservations suggested. 7 – 9 pm

Saturday, June 9 – Early Summer Flea Market – 8am – 3pm (rain date June 10

### WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Want to take a trip to the past every weekend? Do you like to learn new things? Are you like to learn new things? Are you crafty? Would you like to become a part of something unique and exciting?

The Historic Village is recruiting new volunteers to take a role in the life of the village. We need tinsmiths, woodworkers, blacksmiths, weavers, hearth cooks, gardeners and more! Interested? Call: 732-919-3500 ext. 12 Come Join Us!

Spring 2018

## Meet Daryl O'Connell



DARYL LYNN O'CONNELL IS NEW TO THE ALLAIRE TEAM FOR 2018 AS THE EVENTS AND MARKETING COORDINATOR. DARYL WAS BORN AND RAISED ON THE JERSEY SHORE AND VISITED ALLAIRE STATE PARK MANY TIMES GROWING UP. SHE HAS OVER 25 YEARS OF MARKETING AND EVENT EXPERIENCE ALONG WITH A STRONG BACKGROUND IN SOCIAL MEDIA, RETAIL AND PUBLIC RELATIONS.

DARYL LOVES ANYTHING VINTAGE, CRAFTING AND WRITING. SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF TWO CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND LOVES SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY IN POINT PLEASANT.

CONTACT DARYL AT 732.919.3500 EXT. 11 FOR ANY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES OR ANY GENERAL COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, AND/OR IDEAS ON EVENTS AT THE HISTORIC VILLAGE AT ALLAIRE.



## Welcome to Spring At The Historic Allaire Village!

### A LITTLE BIT ABOUT "LIVING HISTORY"

So often our study of history focuses on the unique or extraordinary such as wars, inventors, political figures, etc. The common elements of everyday life are often lost in the wider currents of history. Living history strives to tell the everyday of ordinary people including their art, music, gender roles, crafts, speech, dress, and food. By addressing these common elements, we as interpreters are able to speak directly to the public and draw parallels between our modern lives and those of our historic counterparts. Unlike a book, static museum displays or a documentary, living history creates conversations between interpreters and the public. This can assist in dispelling common myths about "the good old days" and show that the past was as

complex as today.

Jay Anderson, a historian and folklorist, calls living history a time machine that allows the public to take a step back from their modern lives in order to evaluate them. Living history is, in many ways, a large diorama that allows the museum visitors to experience history with all of their senses. To accomplish this overall presentation, period costumes, speech and activities are used to create an allusion to the past. However, it is not possible to create a 100 percent accurate picture of the past. Many times we must balance historic truths with public expectations, what is often called heritage. The villagers of Allaire invite you to join them this season, in the exploration!

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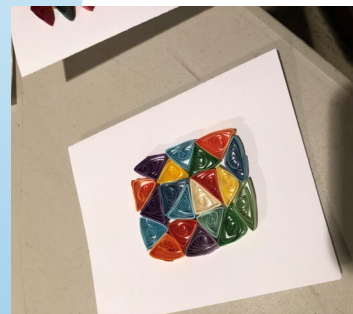
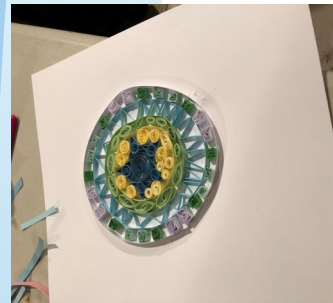




## Have a Look!

### Quilling Workshop Has Beautiful Results

Some of our volunteers, along with members of the public, took the Quilling Workshop offered in February over two weekends. During the workshop, they designed and executed projects aimed at teaching techniques and exploring the many uses for the art of quilling – a very popular craft throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> century that has found a resurgence in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Below are some of the results.



# Thank you to our Allaire Village Volunteers

## Annual Luncheon Fetes Our Volunteers and Names Award Recipients for Service in 2017



February 24<sup>th</sup> Marked the date of the Annual Allaire Village Luncheon taking place this year at the South Wall Banquet Hall. The day celebrates the fantastic effort put forth by our volunteers in service to the mission of the organization. In the past year, our volunteers donated over 15,000 hours to helping interpret the village, learning and demonstrating crafts of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, leading tours, helping with fund-raising events, mentoring students and welcoming over 400,000 visitors to The Historic Village at Allaire. Without these dedicated individuals the “living history” of the village could not be presented as a dynamic and impactful experience for the public to enjoy.

### Kudos to Tim Brown, Howard Moses, Eileen Cleary, Jim Gibson, Olivia Gmitter and Cynthia Turner 2017 AWARD WINNERS

The Special awards segment of the program recognizes individuals who stood out over the past year as being particularly noteworthy for their contributions to the village.

Awards were given in six categories and the winners were as follows:

Special Auxiliary Award – to Cynthia Turner

Youth Volunteer of the Year – to Olivia Gmitter

Guild Master of the Year - to Eileen Cleary –Blacksmith

New Volunteer of the Year – to Jim Gibson

Allaire Spirit Award – to Howard Moses

Volunteer of the Year – to Tim Brown

Once again, our congratulations and heartfelt thanks to all.

In addition, the attendees at the luncheon were treated to a presentation by Susanna Anastasia of the Manasquan River Group of Artists. Members of the group have been busy this past year painting scenes around the village to be placed in kiosks, currently under construction by the Boy Scouts as part of several Eagle Scout projects. Some of the buildings depicted are still standing; some are gone but brought to life again by the artists’ brush. We hope to have many of these placed in the village throughout this year and welcome everyone to come and watch the project take shape and grow in 2018.



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# Membership at Allaire Village

### A YEAR OF EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES!

Our Membership Benefits have changed in order to offer all of our supporters experiences that fit their interests and ability to participate in village activities.

Some of our new benefits include:

A Village tour with a guild master or participation as an interpreter for a day with a guild master or village elder.

Discounts to members on workshops and special programs such as behind the scenes tours.

Free admission to Flea Markets and Craft Markets.

Some memberships levels will include free tickets to special events, advertising for your business, guided tours and “A day in the Life” program.

Discounts in the Bakery and General Store

The Historic Village at Allaire is a 501(c)3 non-profit living history museum that celebrates the life and times of James P. Allaire’s Howell Works Company, a major industrial center in the 1830’s.



Allaire Village, Inc. relies solely on the generous support of its members, visitors, donors, and granters to the organization. The museum’s educational, interpretive and fundraising programs are primarily staffed by our volunteers and are funded by contributions from loyal supporters. All of our membership levels are tax deductible.

### EYE ON IT!

## Take a look at What’s New

For those of our friends who visit us regularly you may notice some changes since your last visit. The Bakery has a fresh new look thanks to O’Mahoney Painting to celebrate our new management team. In the Blacksmith Shop –our four new forges are now joined by our tool storage and project work space – more “elbow” room for all of our artisans!



## Thanks to Our Funders!

Grants received in this quarter to help support our mission through workshops and outreach include:

*The Fairleigh Dickinson Jr. Foundation*

*The Provident Bank Foundation*

*The Monmouth County Historical Commission*

And thanks to Mary Allen Hill for her donation of Camp Burton memorabilia. **Camp Burton at Allaire is May 5<sup>th</sup> Mark the Date!**



## Welcome to the Village Offices



As you can see by the picture above, our office entrance has a new look! Our framed quilted chapel sampler, donated by Auxiliary member Nancy Herbert, is complimented by a beautiful table top arrangement curtesy of Daryl O’Connell. Stop by and say hello anytime – we’re always glad to see you.

The season is getting busier with each passing moment. The Easter Egg Hunt is right around the corner on March 31<sup>st</sup> and we’ll be hoping for a large volunteer turnout since we’re expecting several thousand visitors all “hopping” for a look at the Easter Bunny and Clifford AKA The Big Red Dog. Opening Day is April 7<sup>th</sup> and we’re looking forward to launching a year of exciting demonstrations and hands-on opportunities for our visitors and volunteers.