



Meet Authors and Much More at the Cape May City Green Festival

Cape May City, NJ – Come to the Cape May City Green Festival to meet famous local authors, view some beautiful nature films, gather goodies and information from local groups, and be enlightened by great entertainment on the main stage. Be there for all of the action Saturday, April 13th from 10 am to 4 pm at Cape May Convention Hall.

Michael Hogan, a noted conservationist and professional photographer who works with environmental groups will be on hand to display and sign “Natural Wonders of the Jersey Pines and Shores,” a coffee-table book written by the late Robert A Peterson and photographed largely by Mr. Hogan.

The 57 chapters are informative vignettes, covering nearly every imaginable facet of the natural world in South Jersey: blueberries and blue holes, cranberries and crabs, monarch butterflies and mushrooms, honeybees and hawks, beavers and bog iron, sand and snow. A few pages are dedicated to the mainstream Jersey Shore of saltwater taffy and boardwalks. The word shore in the book’s title is more appropriately applied to the Delaware Bay region, a place of secluded beaches, expansive wetlands, and abundant wildlife.

Susan Puder the President of the South Jersey Birding Group and the author of “New Jersey Birds and Beyond” will also be at the Green Festival. Puder’s book includes 434 full color photographs that bring the reader into the beautiful world of birding.

Other authors will be displaying their books and photographs and they will be joined by local vendors that represent environmental groups, the local utilities, energy conservation programs and a whole lot more.

“Opposable Chums: Guts & Glory at the World Series of Birding” starring Pete Dunne the Director of the New Jersey Audubon’s Cape May Bird Observatory will be shown as well as other short films about the local environment.

The Turtle Singers will entertain children in the morning starting at 10 am and an eco-friendly fashion show is planned at 12:30 pm. Live music and other events will continue throughout the day. Valerie Vaughn a multi-talented musician, talespinner, and educator

will take the stage at 1 pm. Healthy food will be available and there will be games for the kids.

This year's theme will be "Cape May – Home of the World Series of Birding" to stress the importance of ecotourism and birding in particular to our region's economy.

Cape May City is a statewide leader in sustainability, having won the Champion Award from Sustainable Jersey in 2011 and 2012. The City has also achieved the highly regarded Silver Certification from Sustainable Jersey in each of the past two years.