



Friends of Historic Vineland

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THE MILLENNIUM COMMISSION



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 Millennium Commission

At the end of 1999 the Freeholders of Cumberland County created a “Millennium Commission” to officially involve the County in millennium activities of a historical and cultural nature. The Millennium Commission set as it’s first task the articulation of it’s purpose and decided that it wanted to “HONOR THE PAST, IMAGINE THE FUTURE, AND FOSTER PRIDE IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY.”

The Millennium Commission feels that to “honor the past” it must pay homage to the original Americans and the immigrant groups that came to this area, cleared the land, built the homes, and raised the families that have resulted in that which we see about us today.

The Commission also feels that the various groups, businesses, and ethnic organizations should not only be encouraged to demonstrate their heritage but also show their present accomplishments. This will demonstrate their pride in what they are currently doing which will also honor their heritage and show others the pride that we have in our county.

Finally, the Commission would like to see some concrete expression of what the citizens envision for the future of Cumberland and what they feel is obtainable for the future. We especially hope to involve the youth of the county in this aspect of our activities, as the future does belong to them!

Any organization or group that has carried out cultural activities in the past and intends to do so during the year 2000 will be eligible to receive publicity and help in the coordination of that activity if they indicate that the activity will pay tribute to the new millennium and they would like to consider that activity as part of our county millennium activities. Their event will be publicized in the newsletter of the *Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission*. The Millennium Commission is especially interested in fostering the attitude that all such events be considered a part of county activities and not just of a local nature. For example, when Vineland has its Christmas parades, we would like the county citizens

● News Flash

- The big event of the year is coming up soon. We are talking of Founder’s Day.
- Even though the real birthday of Vineland is August 8, 1861, we celebrate the day in May so that the students of Vineland can participate.
- Again this year we will hold the event at the Landis Middle School. We will have an antique car show in front of the school, 20 tents filled with Vinelanders talking about history, Civil War Reenactors, and many other events. Read the local newspaper for details.
- Save the Date!!! Saturday, May 13, 2000—at the Landis Middle School—
 from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

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The people from other towns in the area would hopefully look upon them as their events being held in Vineland. The Commission would help with publicity or in any other way it could.

The Millennium Commission is also planning a major event that will take place on Saturday, October 21 on the grounds of the Cumberland County College. The College has graciously offered their facilities, including their beautiful theater, for the event. There will be some preliminary events on Friday evening, but the main event will be on Saturday. The event will feature three distinct time periods--the past, the present, and the future. We are asking all groups that are interested in participating to make known to us their desire to do so. This would include as many ethnic groups as possible that can explain their heritage by way of displays, dances, music and so forth. This should include Civil War Reenactors, clubs, and ethnic societies among others. We also encourage these groups to show what they are doing at the present time. For example, businesses can show what they sell or manufacture, farming groups can show their produce, ethnic groups can show how they are keeping alive the culture of their nation of

origin, and philanthropic groups can show what activities they sponsor. Finally, we encourage groups to produce displays or activities that would give us a picture of what they imagine would be the future of the county. Again, we hope that the youth of the county will be very active in this part of the program.

The calendar of events in the Cultural Newsletter comes out four times a year. Hence, **it is essential that the Commission receive notice at a very early date on any activity from groups that would like us to help them with their plans.** Also, if you are interested in being a part of the October event, please call Kim Wood, executive director of the Millennium Commission, at 856 453 2177 and she will explain things in detail and save a spot for you. In addition, if you would like to discuss the event further, Dr. Frank De Maio is available and can be reached at 691 7111.

Dues are now due!!

We hope you enjoy reading our news letter and hope you support our activities. To do all of this, we depend on income from our members. We will have many activities this year, especially during Founder's Day, and need money to pay for it. So, could you please get your dues in early this year to help??

Also, all paying their dues will be given a T shirt of good quality that has the "Friends" logo on it. Also, you will become entitled to the same discounts offered to members of the Chamber of Commerce as a gift for joining. Those who become sponsors (cost \$50) will **also** be sent a pack of 25 postcards of old Vineland as our way of thanking you. They are great little cards.

As always, you have a historic calendar sent to you at the end of the year!! All of this is our way of saying "Thank You" for your help.

A PROGRESS NOTE ON OUR NEW MEDICAL MUSEUM

The South Jersey Hospital System continues to move along in its plans to have a medical museum. We now have a large storage area for medical artifacts next to the Bridgeton division of SJHS. All of the antique items that had been stored in the various hospitals are being moved there. We will be setting up shelves, placing the material on them, and then putting a description of the material in a database for easy retrieval of material for future displays.

We also have display cases in Bridgeton, Millville and Newcomb branches of the SJHS and are setting up medical displays.

We are actively collecting artifacts and really wish that individuals donate items for us to archive. Remember, one man's junk is another man's treasure! Do you have something in your attic that grandma thought was the latest of medical wonders, but now is junk? Do some of you old nurses have a nursing cap that you will never wear again?? How about an old enema bag??? Chances are, future generations will be fascinated to see those items. Don't throw them away. Give them to us and let us make it a part of the history of south Jersey medicine. Our rule is—if it is big enough to see without a microscope or light enough for two strong men to carry up a flight of stairs, we want it!! Also, please give us a brief history of who owned it and how it was used (except for the enema bag)!

Recipe for the season: Pescado en Escabeche

Maria Perez tells us that this is one of the main meals served on Holy Thursday and Holy Friday during the Easter holiday by most Spanish Catholics. It serves 10.

Ingredients: 4 lbs. of fresh cod fish sliced 1 inch thick; 4 teaspoons of salt, 3/4 cup of vegetable oil.

Sauce: 2 1/2 cups of olive oil, 1 cup of vinegar, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, 1 oz of whole black pepper, 3 bay leaves, 4 crushed garlic cloves, 4 large Spanish sliced onions, 2 1/2 cups of olive oil.

Procedure: Wash and salt the fish and let it sit 1/2 hour. In a 3 liter bowl, mix the olive oil, vinegar, salt, pepper, bay leaves and garlic. Simmer this in a low heat for 20 minutes. Then add the onions and simmer for 10 more minutes. Turn off the heat and let the sauce cool.

Fry the cod fish in low heat for 8 minutes, turning the slices of cod while frying so they do not stick and the fish does not become hard. After the fish is fried, put it in a large, dry glass bowl with a lid. Pour the sauce over the fish to cover the fish completely.

Leave the bowl with the covered fish in the refrigerator for 24 hours to make sure all the ingredients are absorbed. Then, on the happy day, serve this, still cold!

If you are interested in other aspects of Puerto Rican history and culture, call for an appointment to visit the Puerto Rican Festival Cultural Library, 121 N. Main Rd, Vineland. Tours are by appointment only on Saturday. Call coordinator Sonia Lorenzana at (856) 825 7374.

Board Members of the Friends Announced

At the February meeting of the Friends, the Board Members of the organization were announced. They are as follows: Antonio Mennone, Carol Paterson, De Campanella, Dr. Frank DeMaio, Janice Olivio, Jeannette Fisler, John Makos, Kevin Kirchner, Linda Schimmel, Maria Perez, Mary Ribaud, MaryAnn Kirchner, Matthew Jordan, Mayor Anthony Campanella, Nina Orlando, Pearl Giordano, Peter Di Stefano, Robert Trivellini, and Rosanne Hughes.

These people are all faithful, and hard working members of the "Friends" that have spent hours bringing alive the illustrious history of Vineland to their community. They deserve a lot of praise and thanks. If you know any of them, why don't you give them a big show of appreciation!! Thanks!



I decided to stay home so I can go to the Founder's Day celebration. You go on and visit your mother!!!

TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS

- BENEFACTOR.....\$100
- SPONSOR..... \$50
- FAMILY..... \$35
- INDIVIDUAL..... \$30
- STUDENT.....\$ 5

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FRIENDS OF HISTORIC VINELAND HAS NO CONNECTION WITH THE VINELAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION

SAVE THE DAY
Founder's Day celebration will be
May 13 at the Landis Middle
School. It will be a blast. See
you there!!!

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