

# Cape May Forum to host 'Secret Garden' walking tour



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Artist Barbara Hammon, homeowner Pam Gory and Myra Kurkowski, of Cape May Forum, show off a painting of the garden at the Franklin Hughes House that will be on the tour.

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CAPE MAY — Cape May Forum will host a walking garden tour, "The Secret Garden," through private gardens in Cape May on Saturday, June 11. The tour will also feature paintings of the selected gardens by local artists. The self-guided 10-garden tour runs from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by a Victorian lunch at the Chalfonte Hotel from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Typically, garden tours in Cape May feature local bed and breakfast inns.

"A garden tour hadn't been done in Cape May in years," said Myra Kurkowski, Cape May Forum board member. "Usually it would be done with bed and breakfasts in town. The committee and I lined up 10 private gardens, 10 homes that have never been opened to the public."

The luncheon at the Chalfonte will give the public an opportunity to bid on the artwork that each local artist created, so they can take a piece of Cape May's gardens home with them. All proceeds of the luncheon and the auction go toward Cape May Forum's future programs, which include free and low-cost cultural and artistic events.

Cape May Forum's mission is to educate, stimulate discussion and explore ideas that are socially relevant to the nation and the

world. In Cape May, gardens are extremely relevant to local homeowners and visitors alike, as the spring brings fresh colors, fragrant blooms and beautiful sights to Cape May's gardens.

In years past, Cape May Forum has focused on one or two large events, but this year the group wants to run several programs that would be easily accessible to the public. The programs are reasonably priced or free and most of the events sell out.

"Instead of offering one weekend, we wanted to offer smaller programs which would be tied in coordination with other nonprofits in Cape May. This year we chose the theme of 'For liberty and Justice for all,'" Kurkowski said.

After the Secret Garden tour, Cape May Forum will run a second event June 16. It will host a dinner at Fresco's followed by Cape May Stage's production of "The Whipping Man," with a special menu created by chef Ido of Fresco's.

For July, Cape May Forum welcomes Judge Nelson Johnson, who will speak on the legacy of slavery based on his new book, "The Northside: African-Americans and the Creation of Atlantic City." Johnson is the award-winning author of "Boardwalk Empire."

West Cape May resident and artist Barbara Hammon is a featured artist

on the tour. She painted the Franklin Hughes House at 665 Hughes St. This garden offers an eclectic scene that Hammon was able to capture, complete with a picket fence and flowers carefully chosen to attract the bees,

birds and butterflies.

The Secret Garden walking garden tour is a sweet way to open up the summer season. To purchase tickets, get involved or learn more about these events, visit [capemayforum.org](http://capemayforum.org).



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## County museum kicks off women's lecture series

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE — The Museum of Cape May County is kicking off its 2016 women's history lecture series with noted author and educator Patricia Chappine at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 14.

According to Chappine, real-life Rosie the Riveters worked the lines in New Jersey's factories, such as those of General Motors Eastern Aircraft Division, while women on the vulnerable coast enforced blackout orders. Others sold war bonds, planted victory gardens and conserved materials for the war effort. Thousands more served as nurses and in branches of the armed forces such as the Women's Army Corps and the U.S. Navy's Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service. African American women fought a double war: one against the nation's enemies and another against discrimination.

During her lecture, Chappine, au-



Patty Chappine will speak at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 14.

thor of "New Jersey Women in World War II," will explore the pivotal roles played by New Jersey women during the war.

"Ms. Chappine's book shines a light

on an important part of New Jersey history," museum Director Donna Matalucci said. "We're excited that she has accepted our offer to come to the museum."

This afternoon lecture will be held inside the museum's historic 1780 barn, which houses one of the county's most comprehensive collections of military memorabilia.

"What better date than June 14, Flag Day, to learn about New Jersey women's participation in the Second World War? We hope anyone who has a connection to any of these heroic women, or who simply have an interest in hearing about their sacrifices, will come and learn," Matalucci said.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Copies of Chappine's book will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be served.

For additional information, call (609) 465-3535 or visit [cmcmuseum.org](http://cmcmuseum.org).

## Pile driving may be harming homes

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lar method is to "wash" the piling in by using a telephone pole-size log and a jet stream of water that displaces and brings up soil from below the surface. Coupland said the pile sinks down close to its desired location but is pounded into the ground for the last few feet, the time when damage occurs to nearby structures.

Another method of pile driving is a hot-dipped galvanized steel helical piling that is screwed into the ground, he said, comparing the two processes to driving a nail into a board with a hammer or inserting a screw into a board with a screwdriver.

Coupland said the HPC believes the galvanized helical piling is the solution for Cape May.

"We believe we're going to see more of this activity with FEMA looking at raising buildings or architects looking for deep-foundation solutions even when there's not a problem," he said.

The equipment for helical piling and trained contractors are sufficient to use the method locally with the cost comparable to traditional pile driving, Coupland said.

He said soil east of Lafayette Street is ideal for helical piling. Coupland said wood piling and helical piling are both estimated to last 75 years. He said wood piling are impregnated

with a chemical compound known as CCA to prevent damage from insects that the Environmental Protection Agency took off the market in 2003 with the wood piling industry granted an exception.

"The issue for us is the vibration impact on significant and important historic buildings," Coupland said.

He said helical piling

have been used in Strathmere, Sea Isle City and Ocean City as well as the Asbury Park Boardwalk. Coupland said the HPC is suggesting only helical piling be used in Cape May in the future.

City Engineer Tom Thornton said helical piling are being used more frequently in bulkheads.

City Manager Bruce Ma-

cleod said the city does not allow pile driving from Memorial Day to Labor Day. He said if helical piling turn out to be a non-invasive method, the city may want to consider the summer moratorium on pile driving.

Mayor Edward Mahaney said the city could look at helical piling as a preferred option.

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