FROM THE EDITOR



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I'VE LONG HELD this somewhat weird truth about myself: sometimes I don't know what I think until I hear what I say. Often, I'm as surprised as anyone at what comes out of my mouth. Early in my adulthood, I was at a party and the conversation turned to "What's the first thing you would buy if you won the lottery?" My response was "A pool table, a horse, and a place for me and the horse to live."

It's typical of me to put the cart before the horse, or in this case, the horse before the house. While I managed to buy a second-hand pool table several years ago (which is now for sale, but I digress), the horse, I'm afraid, will have to wait for those theoretical lottery winnings. Or the best-selling book I'll write which will surely be optioned for a movie.

In our feature story about horses in this issue, Peaches Lukens introduces us to some of our equine friends in Cape May, and where they and their people live. Once upon a time pretty much everywhere, horses were the only mode of transport. But today is different. And when you add the combination of seashore and rural that is Cape May and the magnificence of these creatures together, well—they lend some extra magic. Between the horses we see in town pulling carriages, the picture-perfect serenity of them grazing on impossibly green grass, and the mere possibility of a glimpse of them on the beach or even in the water, they move the needle on what sets Cape May apart from other shore towns. With all due respect to Sea Isle, you're not going to see horses strolling down Landis Avenue there.

It is summer in Cape May, and all (or most) eyes are on the beach. Cassidy Jones gives us a rundown of which are which in her Beach by Beach guide—we think you'll find it both informative and entertaining. Nate Eldon walks us through what it's like to breathe new life into a house with quite a history, and Linda Scott takes us on a lovely visit to the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge, Two Mile Beach Unit. And we get a sneak peek at who's on deck for Cape May MAC's annual fall Lessons in History Distinguished Lecture Series.

Welcome to summer in Cape May. Whether you're here with us in town, or following us online or on social media, we're grateful to you. Thank you for reading *Cape May Magazine.*

