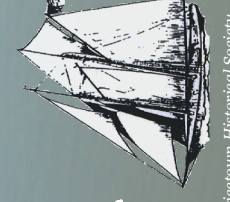


# Mauricetown RiverFest 2023

## Saturday

### September 16, 2023



Mauricetown Historical Society



**We welcome you to the Maurice River Watershed and the historic village of Mauricetown. This watershed is the second largest source of water to the Delaware Bay, second only to the Delaware River. Muaricetown was established in 1812 and quickly became a coastal schooner community for sea captains and shipwrights.**

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The Maurice River Watershed covers approximately 385 square miles and includes numerous millponds, the largest being Union Lake in Millville, New Jersey's second largest lake. A portion of the Maurice River has been designated as Wild and Scenic at the Federal level, meaning it holds Nationally significant recreational, environmental and cultural value.

The Watershed's environmental significance is profound. It holds some of the state's largest contiguous forest blocks, which support species that depend on unbroken forest habitat - some of the most rare and sensitive species in the state. The Watershed is home to 13 state endangered, 14 state threatened and 128 special concern wildlife species including the bald eagle, peregrine falcon, corn snake, short-eared owl, and the eastern tiger salamander to name a few.

The Village of Mauricetown is situated along the Maurice River in Cumberland County in Southern New Jersey. The land was first occupied by Lenno Lenape Indians of the Algonquin tribe. Dutch and Swedish settlers visited the area in the early part of the 17th century. This community became a ship building center with the founding of the Vanaman Shipyard in 1808. Vessels from Mauricetown plied the East coast from Maine to the Caribbean.



Your Opinion Matters!

Please scan the QR Code to fill out the survey that will help us learn what your priorities are for the Maurice River Corridor. Cumberland County, in partnership with SJTPO and Michael Baker International, is conducting a study of the Maurice River Corridor, focusing on eco-tourism and future greenway restorative initiatives. The Study is also analyzing the corridor's connectivity to existing businesses, recreation resources, education centers, and entertainment amenities.

Your input is valuable! For more information, please visit: [www.ExploreCumberlandNJ.com](http://www.ExploreCumberlandNJ.com).

In 1812 much of what is now Mauricetown was bought by the Compton brothers who laid out streets paving the way for its growth as a coastal schooner community. In time, many sea captains built their homes here to conduct business and oversee the building and repair of their ships. The railroad furnished the village's sea captains with easy transportation to their ships which were docked, loaded and off loaded in the ports of Philadelphia and New York.

The Edward Compton House Museum – headquarters of the Mauricetown Historical Society – is an 1864 Victorian Italianate structure purchased in 1984 and carefully restored to its present condition by volunteer efforts of Society members. The Museum houses a research library, books, deeds, maps, photographs, period clothing, furniture, artifacts and other objects of interest pertaining to life in the 17th, 18th & 19th century along the Maurice River and its environs.

Also on the property you can find a replica of the home's cookhouse and the 1830 Hoy House moved to this location in 2005 and now fully restored. All three structures are open to the public on the first and third Sundays of each month from 1:00 - 4:00 pm and by appointment.



Every effort has been made to make this event accessible to persons with disabilities. Please contact the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission at (856) 453-2175 for further accessibility details.

Stop by the Historical Society to meet authors: Judi Brett, Deborah Ein, and Rachel Dolhanczyk.

Tour the AJ Meerwald. It will be docked in Riverfront Park. Guests will be able to climb aboard and learn about NJ's Official Tall Ship.

Noon - 4 pm: Musical performances by The Snake Brothers (snakebrothers.com) and Steve Byrne (www.myspace.com/hekingelder) under the tent.

10 am - 11 am: Musical performances by Jim Albertson on the front porch of the Historical Society.

10 am - 4 pm: Artists will render their surroundings throughout the day. Guests are encouraged to ask questions and interact.

11 am - 3 pm: Hands-on art tent where children of all ages can paint will be open and guided by an art instructor for a kids eco art watercolor.

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### GUIDED WALKS

9 am: Maurice River Bluffs Trail Walk with CU Maurice River President Jane Galeto

1311 Silver Run Road, Millville, NJ 08332

12 pm (Noon): History of Mauricetown Architectural Walk

Matthew Pisarski, Director of Planning, Department Head of Department of Planning, Tourism, & Community Affairs County of Cumberland

Matt will be conducting an architectural walking tour of Mauricetown at noon starting at the Historical Society

3 pm: Mauricetown Preserve with CU Maurice River Naturalists Mary Watkins and Wendy Walker

### AJ MEERWALD SAILS

Enjoy a sail on the AJ Meerwald. This is a discounted half price of \$25, Kids under 17 sail free.

There will be a birding sail from Baysshore Center at Bivalve at 8:30 am to Mauricetown and an evening educational sail from Mauricetown to Bivalve at 3 pm.

### SPEAKERS

11 am: *Let's Talk Maurice: Down Jersey's Wild and Scenic Treasure*

Karla Rossini, Exec. Dir., CU Maurice River

1 pm: The Life of Mary Treat Deborah Ein

2 pm (Keynote): Along the River and Bay: Mauricetown and Cumberland County Historic Maritime Landscape

Dr. Michael Chiarappa





# Mauricetown RiverFest Events Map

