



Port Norris

The Past for the Future

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Port Norris Historical Society is dedicated to preserving the history of our unique village, located in Commercial Township in Cumberland County, NJ.

PNHS Next meeting: November 12, 2019 7:00 pm • 1723 Main Street

[Visit our website for more details.](#)



The Newest Neighbors of Port Norris



Big Dag!
Local Farmer

Again, this year, we partnered with the Lousie E. Moore Senior Center and created 12 Scarecrows that are now the newest neighbors in Port Norris. We all feel like kids again when just diving into a pile of old cloths and creating this character. And of course they need names and stories.

We all felt like kids again diving into the piles of old clothes to create each one, all of whom were given names and stories to enhance their character. We hope you enjoy this year's gallery of scarecrows. They can all be seen on our website, along with photos and stories, and if you are driving through town, slow down, take a selfie (or two) and post on our facebook page.

[Facebook Click Here](#)

[Scarecrow Website Click Here](#)



Scarecrow workshop

BOOK SIGNING EVENT

November 17, 2019

The Mauricetown Historical Society and the Port Norris Historical Society will host a book signing with the recently released book *The Drowning of Money Island: A Forgotten Community's Fight Against the Rising Seas Forever Changing Coastal America* by Andrew Lewis.

SPECIAL EVENT

Please join us.

**When: Sunday November 17, 2019
1:00 - 4:00 pm**

**Where: Mauricetown Historical Society
1229 Front Street, Mauricetown, New Jersey 08329**

1:00 - 1:10 Book reading by Andrew

1:10 - 1:40 Talk by Andrew

1:40 - 2:00 Q&A

2:00 - 4:00 Book signing

(All times are subject to change, just an anticipated schedule.)

\$ 20.00 Each Book • Cash Preferred

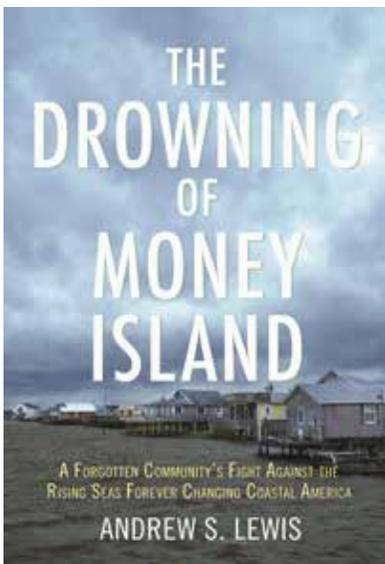
Please RSVP by November 12. Please email pnhsh@historicportnorris.org

Please note: The Mauricetown Historical Society will have its scheduled tours at the same time.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Great gift idea, the holidays will be just around the corner.

**See more details about this event and the book visit
mauricetownhistoricalsociety.org or historicportnorris.org**



Andrew is a native of Cumberland County, and is a contributing writer for Outside Magazine and The New York Times Magazine. In 2015, he received an MFA in Nonfiction Writing from Columbia University, and in October he was selected to be among the first class of Connected Coastlines grantees at the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting. Website: andrewslewis.com

The Drowning of Money Island is an intimate yet unbiased, lyrical yet investigative portrait of a rural community ravaged by sea level rise and economic hardship, as well as the increasingly divisive politics those factors have helped spawn. It invites us to confront how climate change is already intensifying preexisting inequality.



Glory Always styling
Nancy Lady of the town



Claudia Senior Senior Center Guest
Lazy Jane





Olive Local Clown



Matilda Waitress at the Palomino

Riggin Owns a thrift shop



Norman The News Paper Boy



Professor Know-it-all

Math and science teacher - the PN Middle School

Gordy Shop Keeper



Rosie Lampshade Telephone Operator

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Port Norris Pickings

October 1, 1890

A party from Dividing Creek drove over to Port Norris night before last and then drove to Long Reach where they were soon regaled with oysters. Among the party were: Misses Lillie Pepper, Annie Pepper, Mary Bacon and Lizzie Evans.

Albert Ogden, of Cedarville, and Addington Campbell, of Newport, were doing Port Norris night before last for a while. Then they drove to Dividing Creek where they were to stop for the night.

Thirty car-loads of oysters were shipped yesterday.

Mrs. John Hollinger is slowly improving.

The tug-boat had a snap yesterday, as the wind was so light that boat had to get the tug to tow them up.

October 4, 1890

There is some talk of putting another teacher in the Primary Department of our schools. Our schools are very full this year.

Thirty car-loads of oysters were shipped to-day.

Miss Hannie Hand is on the sick list.

Mrs. Archie Campbell is still improving.

George Sheldon is working down at the river.

The yacht which Capt. Fred Haley has had charge of for two years has been laid up for the winter.

One of our blacksmiths, while driving down to work, drove too fast for he lost his dinner somewhere on the road.

Membership and Renew for 2019

We would love to add your name to our growing list of members. Please give some thought to joining the PNHS.

Membership fees are for Individual - \$10, Family - \$15, Benefactor - \$50 and over, and Student - \$1 (no voting privileges) and entitles you to discounts on our merchandise.

Click here to renew or join, historicportnorris.org/membership.htm

Or mail your check to: Port Norris Historical Society, PO Box 187 Port Norris, NJ 08349.

Thank you for your support. Membership is key to applying for grants as well as your dollars help us continue with all of our endeavours.

Membership fees are tax deductible.

See us on Facebook and our website historicportnorris.org

If you are getting this email from a friend and would like to be added to our list, please [click here](#) and we will add you. If we received your email at one of our events, and if you do not wish to receive this newsletter, click here web@historicportnorris.org, we will remove you from the list. We do not sell or share your email with anyone!

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For a complete list of committees see our website. [View Here](#)



NORRIS ASKS

Do you know where Money Island is located?

Money Island is the smallest and most remote of five rural communities that make up Downe Township in Cumberland County in the U.S. state of New Jersey. The community is located on the shore of the Delaware Bay on the southern side of Nantuxent Creek. Its location

may be described as the southwest corner of New Jersey.

Please join us. Sunday November 17, 2019 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm for a booksigning of *The Drowning of Money Island*. See page 2



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Please Note: Meeting dates and times are posted on the website each month along with the approved minutes from the last meeting. Everyone is always welcome. [Click here to view.](#)