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The Friends of The Ocean County Library – Toms River to Host Bus Trip Fundraiser

TOMS RIVER – The Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River will host a deluxe motor coach day tour to the Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center followed by a luncheon at the Tomasello Winery on Thursday, July 26.

The Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center (formerly known as Wheaton Village) is located in Millville, one of the country's oldest glass manufacturing centers, and is the site of The Museum of American Glass (attendees will have a guided tour of the museum and a narrated glass blowing demonstration).

In addition to the museum, Wheaton Arts houses craft studios where visitors have the opportunity to view artisans at work. Original art works and crafts are available for sale in the Center's gift shop (the tour schedule includes time for shopping). Wheaton Arts also hosts special exhibits and events throughout the year. At the time of this bus trip, the Center will be featuring "20 Years of Excellence: Celebrating the Festival of Fine Craft Artists."

Following the visit to Wheaton, the bus will travel to the famed Tomasello Winery in Hammonton for a lovely sit down, three course luncheon (choice of chicken marsala or almond encrusted in-season whitefish). Luncheon includes salad, glass of wine, dessert and coffee or tea. Wine sampling is available prior to the luncheon. The Tomasello family runs a nationally renowned winery that has been in continuous operation since the 1920s and is now being managed by the third generation of Tomasello vintners.

The motor coach will leave the parking area at the Ocean County Parking Garage (Hooper and Madison avenues, Toms River) at 8:45 a.m. and will return approximately 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$89 per person, and includes bus, admission to Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, luncheon at Tomasello, taxes and gratuities.

Make your reservation for this summer event today. Send your check for \$89 per person, made out to Friends of the Library and mail to: Friends of the Library – Bus Trip, C/O Ocean County Library, 101 Washington St., Toms River, N.J. 08753.

Checks must be received by June 19 to reserve a seat. Reservations should include name, address, telephone number and e-mail address for each person attending. Also include the choice of luncheon—chicken or fish.

For more information, contact: Pat at 732-286-7611, Karen at 732-864-0286 or Carol at 732-255-5434. The Friends of the Ocean County Library - Toms River is a non-profit 501(c)3 entity that raises funds to support library programs and events. All proceeds from fund raising directly benefits the Toms River Branch.