

HISTORY

JOSEPH AND ANNE SALVATORE

The Power of Two! Joseph and Anne Salvatore have achieved extraordinary results in preserving New Jersey's historic and architectural heritage.



Here are just a few of their accomplishments: They have established two successful museums, both which preserve and interpret historic sites; they listed six properties and one object on the State and National Registrars of Historic Places; they have saved more than 26 threatened buildings by restoring or rehabilitating them; they hold key leadership positions in the volunteer sector, helping to develop policies and programs that promote research preservation and interpretation of New Jersey history; and they have been leaders in promoting the development of heritage tourism.

The Salvatores first became involved in historic preservation in 1973, when they founded and began to develop Historic Cold Spring Village in Cape May County. Between 1973 and 1983, they assembled a collection of 18th and 19th century houses and other historic buildings for the Village, most of them threatened with demolition or suffering from neglect. They moved the buildings from Cape May and nearby Cumberland counties to their 35 acre homestead three miles north of Cape May City.

The buildings were preserved and restored, and now form the core of a non-profit early American outdoor living-history museum, where the crafts and lifestyles of the early to mid 1800s are brought to life. Today, the Village and its 26 historic buildings attract over 35,000 visitors yearly.

They are also active in saving the World War II hangar at Naval Air Station Wildwood and converting it into a high quality air museum.

Dr. and Mrs. Salvatore have dedicated their lives to volunteer activities focusing on history and preservation, benefiting the community, the region, and the State of New Jersey for generations to come.