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Fall Harvest of Activities Abound at Sandy Hook

As soon as Labor Day comes and summer ends, many visitors forget that a visit to Gateway's Sandy Hook Unit can be an incredible experience in the fall as well. Whether you watch migratory birds head south for the winter, climb inside America's oldest lighthouse, or marvel at the granite gun batteries of Fort Hancock, there are plenty of indoor and outdoor activities to enjoy during what many describe as "the most beautiful time of year" at Sandy Hook.

"No matter what your interests, don't let the cooler weather keep you from enjoying the park this time of year," says General Superintendent Barry Sullivan. "We have quite a few opportunities for visitors to not only have a relaxing day strolling on the beach, but to also enjoy the sites of Fort Hancock or to take part in the dozens of visitor programs given by park rangers or our many park partners."

Special programs this coming week:

See the Light: Sandy Hook Lighthouse Keeper's Quarters Art Exhibit

While stationed in the army in Hawaii, Robert Hillman became interested in photography. Since arriving at Sandy Hook he has continued to develop his passion for taking photographs. A ten-year employee of the National Park Service, Hillman also enjoys drawing and wood carving. Visit the Sandy Hook Lighthouse Keepers Quarters Art Exhibit daily from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This exhibit ends September 30 and a new exhibit showcasing the work of Melissa Wuerthner will open on October 1.

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Birding for Beginners –

Saturday September 27 at 10 a.m.

Join a naturalist from the New Jersey Audubon Society for a two-hour bird walk. September is a great time to see warblers, orioles, tanagers, and other migrant species. Meet at the Sandy Hook Visitor Center. Call the New Jersey Audubon Society at 732-872-2500 for more information on this free program.

Hooked on Art: Fort Hancock Post Chapel –

Saturday, September 27

Join Sandy Hook Partners for a morning talk and evening cocktail reception to benefit the Fort Foundation for Arts and Education. Artist Stephen Alpert will be discussing the realities of being a working professional artist. The reception will be held at the Post Chapel. Reservations are required and there is a fee to attend this program. Contact Sandy Hook Partners at 732-708-9013 or Dfeingold@thefortatsandyhook.net for details and reservations.

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