



## New Jersey Meadowlands Commission

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**FLYWAY GALLERY**  
"Art Association of Rutherford 63rd Anniversary Open-Juried Exhibition"



Nature-themed paintings and photography by members of the Art Association of Rutherford will be on display at the NJMC's Flyway Gallery through Oct. 29. An awards reception for the artists is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Flyway Gallery is located in the Meadowlands Environment Center, in DeKorte Park, in Lyndhurst, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekends. For more information, [click here](#) or call 201-460-8300.

# NJMC Today

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## Greetings from Chairman Lori Grifa



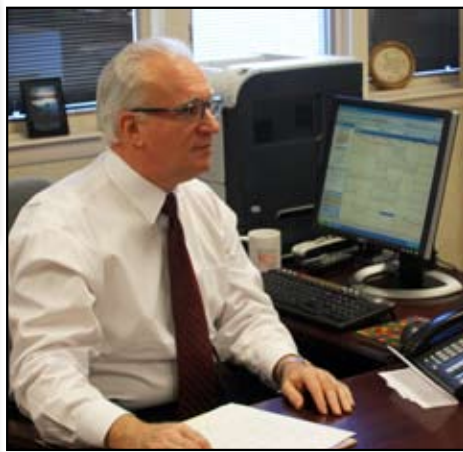
Welcome to the latest edition of NJMC Today, the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission's monthly electronic newsletter. In September the Commission's Executive Director, Robert Ceberio, announced that he would retire at year's end. Throughout his 30-year career at the Commission, Bob has worked tirelessly to help transform the Meadowlands into an economic engine, environmental jewel and educational resource. He leaves behind a long list of accomplishments, and I will miss his wise counsel and steady hand. The Commission in September also launched its fall public programming schedule featuring educational and cultural events for all ages, and hosted the annual Meadowlands Festival of Birding. Autumn is a great time to discover the natural beauty of the Meadowlands, and the Commission is hosting several free guided bird walks in October. We hope to see you out on the trails.

Thanks for reading.

**Lori Grifa**

*Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
Chairman, New Jersey Meadowlands Commission*

## Executive Director Set to Retire



At the NJMC's Sept. 15 board meeting, longtime Commission Executive Director Robert Ceberio announced that he will retire on Dec. 31. Ceberio has worked for the NJMC for nearly 30 years, the last eight as executive director. Under his leadership the Commission has launched many successful economic, environmental and educational initiatives that have helped improve District residents' quality of life while reducing the local tax burden. "This has been the dream job; a job that has given me such joy and satisfaction for so many years," Ceberio said at the meeting. "I am proud of everything that has been accomplished and look forward to watching the many goals that this agency will accomplish in coming years."

## Visitors Flock to Bird Fest



More than 175 bird enthusiasts visited DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst – the home of the NJMC – in September for the seventh annual Meadowlands Festival of Birding. The event, hosted by the Commission and organized by the Hackensack Riverkeeper and the New Jersey Audubon Society, featured bird walks and lectures, bird banding demonstrations, pontoon boat cruises, and birding workshops for all experience levels. The NJMC and the Bergen County Audubon Society continue their regular free Meadowlands monthly bird walks in October with outings scheduled for Oct. 3, Oct. 19 and Oct. 24 to observe migrating raptors, shorebirds, waterfowl and other wildlife. For more information [click here](#) or call 201-636-4022.

## Public Programming Underway



The NJMC's fall season of free and low-cost public programming presented by the Meadowlands Environment Center kicked off on Sept. 25 with a nature hike up Snake Hill in Secaucus. Educational and cultural events for all ages in October include a workshop for children on home composting on Oct. 9 and an environmentally themed stage performance

on Oct. 16. A discussion on Hudson River lighthouses is scheduled for Oct. 5, and the delicate sound of classical music will be heard on Oct. 17. All programs take place at the Meadowlands Environment Center in DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst. For more information and to register for these and other programs, [click here](#) or call 201-460-8300.

## Observatory Begins Fall Hours



The Commission's William D. McDowell Observatory is open for free public stargazing on Monday and Wednesday nights, weather permitting, from 8 to 10 p.m. The observatory features a 20-inch diameter research grade telescope. Observatory staff help visitors locate constellations, planets and other celestial bodies. "Let's Talk Astronomy!" learning sessions are offered

on Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. Registration and a small fee are required. To learn more about the observatory, and to sign up for the Tuesday night classes, [click here](#) or call 201-460-8300.