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## Peddler's Village to Present Free Display of Large Sand Sculptures

***Bucks County Beach Days: Sand Sculptures in the Village* will be on view from June 8 through August 31, 2022;**

**Visitors can watch sand artists at work starting May 21**

Lahaska, PA — Peddler's Village, a countryside shopping, dining, lodging, and family entertainment destination in the heart of historic Bucks County, PA, will host a major summer-long event featuring large sand sculptures. Free and open to the public from June 8 through August 31, *Bucks County Beach Days: Sand Sculptures in the Village* will showcase six 12-foot-tall sculptures and two smaller ones created by four world-renowned master sand sculptors. The spectacular sculptures, all of which are due to be completed by June 8 (weather depending), will pay homage to Bucks County's rich history, landmarks, and scenery. Sandboxes designed for family play will also be placed throughout the property. The event is one of many planned during Peddler's Village's celebratory 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.

Starting on May 21 (weather permitting), Peddler's Village guests will have the opportunity to watch sand sculpting teams in turn as they create magnificent sand sculptures on the property. The creation phase will span a total of three weeks, with staggered schedules for the sculptors. The four sculptor teams involved in the project will be: the Sand Sculpture Company, led by Ted Seibert; Team Sandtastic; Sand Pounders, led by Chuck Feld; and John Gowdy and Laura Gowdy.

The finished sculptures will showcase numerous Bucks County landmarks and themes, including Peddler's Village, Washington's Crossing Historic Park, covered bridges, Fonthill Castle, and the Bucks County Playhouse, among others. Visitors who come to the Peddler's Village sand sculpture show are encouraged to visit these and other nearby attractions as well. Financial support for *Bucks County Beach Days: Sand Sculptures in the Village* is



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This is not the first time Peddler's Village has been adorned with larger-than-life sand art; large sand pieces were periodically created on the property in the 1990s, capturing regional attention and drawing many thousands of viewers. Two of the teams that were directly involved in those projects are returning to Peddler's Village this summer after the decades-long hiatus: Ted Seibert, who was selected by founder Earl Jamison to create sand sculptures in celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1992, and Team Sandtastic, who created a series of whimsical sand sculptures from 1997 through 1999.

"We wanted to commemorate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary not only by celebrating the history and success of Peddler's Village, but also by recognizing some of the many other historical and cultural treasures of Bucks County," said Bob McGowan, chief operating officer of Peddler's Village. "Through this major, free event and our close partnership with Visit Bucks County, we hope to attract many new and returning visitors, including families, to see these remarkable sculptures as well as the incredible and fascinating landmarks that surround us."

Patrick Harsch of Team Sandtastic said he is glad to return to Peddler's Village, which played a key role in launching his professional career. "I look forward to returning to the first place I was ever left alone with a huge pile of sand and time," he said. "Projects like the one at Peddler's Village helped me decide to be a full-time sand carver."

Ted Seibert of the Sand Sculpture Company, who grew up in the Pacific Northwest, recalled his introduction to Peddler's Village in the 1990s. "It was one of those magical places you get to visit and never forget the charm and the beauty," he said. "To be able to visit Bucks County and know some of the history of the area was another big plus that made Peddler's Village one of the most enjoyable places I have personally ever worked. I am just thrilled to be coming back some twenty years later."

Details about *Bucks County Beach Days: Sand Sculptures in the Village* will be shared on [PeddlersVillage.com](http://PeddlersVillage.com) and on





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## **Peddler's Village**

Peddler's Village is a 42-acre shopping, dining, lodging, and family entertainment destination in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, that features graceful 18th-century-style buildings, lush gardens, and winding brick walkways. The site, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2022, is one of Pennsylvania's premier attractions, drawing more than two million visitors each year. Its historical storybook setting includes 60-plus distinctive retail shops, seven restaurants, the 66-room Golden Plough Inn, and the Giggleberry Fair indoor family fun center. Peddler's Village hosts numerous year-round festivals and seasonal events for the public, and is a popular site for weddings, corporate events, reunions, picnics, birthdays, and holiday parties.

Peddler's Village is located in the heart of Bucks County in Lahaska, Pennsylvania, just 40 miles north of Philadelphia and 80 miles southwest of New York City. For more information, visit [PeddlersVillage.com](http://PeddlersVillage.com) or call 215-794-4000.

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