

# Island Heights Cultural & Heritage

**2026 Speaker Series ~ Presents Betsy Ross**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> 2026**



Kim Hanley brings one of the most iconic figures of American Independence to life. She introduces us to the myth that Betsy Ross's descendants claim, that she designed and made the very first flag of our nation. Betsy herself never made that claim, but we do know that she lived a fascinating and inspiring life during very difficult times. Born Elizabeth Griscom Ross on January 1, 1752 in Gloucester, NJ, she was the eighth child of a fourth-generation American family. She made flags for the Pennsylvania Navy during the American Revolution and is purported to have designed the first American symbol of our newly formed nation.

**7 pm Ocean County Artist Guild ~ 22 Chestnut Street, Island Heights**

**Free Admission ~ Public Welcome ~ Donations Appreciated**

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