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NCHGS was Part of Mariska Hargitay's New Movie, My Mom Jayne.

By Megan van Ravenswaay / Executive Director Northampton County Historical & Genealogical Society (NCHGS)

EASTON - The secret is out! After almost a year of anticipation, I am proud to share our role in Mariska Hargitay's new MAX movie, "My Mom Jayne."

About a year ago, members of Mariska's team reached out to the Jane S. Moyer Library & Archives anonymously to see if we had materials related to her mother,

Jayne Mansfield. As you know, our library and archives are staffed by a team of incredibly talented volunteers. Howard McGinn, one of our long-time librarians, performed extensive research on Jayne's family which resulted in a treasure trove of numerous photographs, newspaper articles, and family material.

The wealth of material caused Mariska to come to Sigal Museum from her home in New York City with her husband, assistant, and film crew. They spent a full day in the library.

Mariska explored the material, interviewed Howard, and filmed for the movie. She marveled at the material Howard pulled from our library and archive collection.

Mariska, her husband, and her entire team were delighted to host at Sigal Museum. They were highly professional, fun, and extremely respectful of the museum and our priceless collection.

You'll notice in the images on the right, the production team wanted to film inside the reading room at the Jane S. Moyer Library & Archives. Furniture had to be moved and lighting had to be softened. In just a few hours, they moved everything, filmed, and returned it all back to "normal" before they left.

We are very proud to be a small part of this remarkable movie. We hope after you watch the movie, Mariska inspires you to explore the history of your family and community.



Barley Creek's Blue Zone Gin Wins Best Gin Martini in America

By Sarah O'Fee / Director of Marketing Barley Creek Brewing Company & Distillery

Tannersville, PA. – Barley Creek Brewing Company is proud to announce that its Blue Zone Gin has been awarded Best Gin Martini in America by the prestigious American Distilling Institute (ADI).

Named after the famed "Blue Zones"—regions of the world known for the happiest, healthiest, and longest-living populations—Barley Creek's Blue Zone Gin is a celebration of well-being and craftsmanship. Infused with cardamom and goji berries, this premium gin boasts a crisp, clean flavor profile that stood out among entries from across the country.

"This award is an incredible honor for our entire team," said Trip Ruvane, Publican & Co-Founder at Barley Creek Brewing Company. "We created Blue Zone Gin to reflect balance, vitality, and flavor, and it's exciting to see our vision recognized on a national stage. We extend a heartfelt thank you to our talented team, especially Matt Doughty and Michael Stratton, whose skill, creativity, and dedication helped make this achievement possible."

The American Distilling Institute is the oldest and largest organization representing craft distillers, and its annual awards are among the most respected in the industry.

Barley Creek invites guests to try the award-winning Blue Zone Gin at its Tannersville brewpub, The Barley Creek Taproom at Pocono Premium Outlets or look for it at select retailers and restaurants throughout the region. It is also available for purchase on BarleyCreek.com.

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