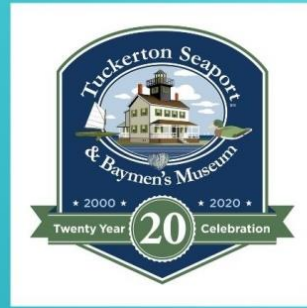


The Weather Vane



Hey, is it windy outside today? How can you tell? You feel it, see the leaves blowing.

But you might want to discover which way the wind is blowing. In past times, especially for farmers and sailors, knowing the direction of the wind was very important.

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Weather vanes have been an important tool for mankind for centuries and can be found all around New Jersey, even at the Tuckerton Seaport. The first recorded use of a weather vane was in Athens, Greece in the year 48 B.C. Maritime navigators would begin using the tool shortly after. Scientists use advanced and more modern weather vanes in order to predict the weather, take measurements for storms and monitor a changing climate.

Perhaps you have your own ideas for how to make one, but if you need some directions, you can find them on pbskids.org. Please send us a picture of what you've made in the comments below.



The Seaport wants your ideas for a weather vane. When the Seaport first opened, all of the original buildings had one of a kind weather vanes. Each weather vane was a symbol for the stories that were told in that building. As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we want all of our buildings to have weather vanes so we are asking for your ideas. Please visit our website (www.tuckertonseaport.org) for the buildings onsite.

