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Staten Island Museum Construction in full swing at Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden

(Staten Island, NY – August 2011) Construction has begun on the extensive interior renovations of what is to be the Staten Island Museum’s flagship location in Building A, a triple landmarked (city, state, federal) facility on the Snug Harbor Cultural Center campus, a Historic District on the National Registry.

Once Building A is completed (projected for 2013) the expanded Museum will add over 18,000 square feet for changing exhibitions, permanent collection displays and public program space. It will be the first historic landmark on Staten Island to earn a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification.

General contractors for the project, C&L Contracting, have sectioned off the parking lot adjacent to the Staten Island Museum’s History Center & Archives in Building H to use as a construction staging area during the 2-year long renovation process.

Sensitive to the parking and traffic flow issues of the site, the Museum has installed a loading and unloading area for the Art Lab to aide in the pick-up and drop-off of students. In addition the Museum has also funded the improvement of stone-paving the Music Hall’s parking lot and contributed a new gravel lot by the East Gate entrance in an effort to expand on-site parking for all patrons visiting Snug Harbor Cultural Center. These improvements were contributed by the Staten Island Museum from the Building A construction budget.

“The Staten Island Museum is fully committed to helping the Snug Harbor site develop into a major New York City attraction and is combining forces with other agencies where possible to achieve this goal”, said Staten Island Museum President and CEO, Elizabeth Egbert.

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For 130 years, the Staten Island Museum has been fostering and sustaining scientific and cultural heritage on Staten Island. Founded in 1881, NYC's only general interest museum explores the arts, natural science, and local history through permanent and changing exhibitions and welcomes about 80,000 adults and school children to a comprehensive array of programs every year. Located two blocks from the Ferry Terminal, visitors can embark on a voyage through time in the Staten Island Ferry exhibit; see rocks glow in the dark in the Hall of Natural Sciences; and experience the lives of Staten Island's first inhabitants. Down the road in Building H on the Snug Harbor Campus, visitors can explore the latest exhibitions in the History Center Gallery, or make a research appointment for the History Archives & Library. Staten Island Museum is owned by the City of New York and

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benefits from public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs. For current exhibitions, visit statenlandmuseum.org.

Staten Island Museum (St. George)

75 Stuyvesant Pl.

Staten Island, NY 10301

Museum Hours:

Monday: 11am– 5pm

Tuesday-Friday: 11am – 6pm

Saturday 10am–5pm

Sunday 12pm-5pm

Main number: (718) 727-1135

The museum building is wheelchair accessible. Call (718) 727-1135 for assistance.

Admission

Adults \$3.

Students and Seniors: \$2.

FREE to members and children under 12.

FREE Lunchtime Break: Every Tuesday between 12–2pm

History Center & Archives *New Location*

1000 Richmond Terrace, Snug Harbor Campus, Building H, Staten Island, NY 10301

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10am – 4pm by appointment

Please contact Cara Dellatte at (718) 727-1135, ext. 122

Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 1pm – 4pm (FREE ADMISSION)