SUPER TRIO
Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden
is a triple treat Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. * 10
ON THE FENCE

The Staten Island Museum’s Fence Show — the longest-running outdoor art show in New York City — hangs out from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the space adjacent to Building A.

More than 100 painters, printmakers, photographers and jewelry makers have already signed up for Saturday’s first-annual installment.

“After a soggy, yet heartfelt showing last year, we are happy to announce the inclusion of more rain date: Sept. 8th,” says Donna Pagan, exhibitions manager at the museum. “In case of bad weather, check the museum’s website (StatenIslandMuseum.org), twitter (SIvMuseum) and Facebook for up-to-the minute information.”

Admission is free to the public. Creative types spanning many generations (a junior division admits “mini Morors”—8-10) can rent a 10-foot length of fence: $50 for full students 18 or younger, $40 for members and $65 for a space and a one-year museum membership. Renters are permitted to share their space with one other artist. Reserved spaces are still available by calling Pagan at 718-483-7206 or emailing dpagan@statenislandmuseum.org.

And people could probably still show up the day of and get a space,” she adds.

Most of the featured art is for sale, with prices ranging anywhere from $20 back to several hundred dollars. Of course, some artists will show large and pricey works that are unlikely to sell at an informal outdoor showcase. Still, the day can be a money-maker.

“Last year, some exhibitors went home with a pocket full of money,” she said.

The rules: Mass-produced items are not welcome, “so everything has to be handmade,” Pagan said. Oh, and keep it clean. The Fence Show is a family event, so erotic art and/or X-rated art is inappropriate.

During the event, the museum will also offer guided nature walks of the Snug Harbor grounds, tours of the Staten Island History Center & Archives, rocket lessons and launches with Clay Wulfsberg’s Junior Science Club (launches at 1:30 and 3 p.m.) and various souvenir and publications. Plus, food trucks will be on site.

“So come spend the day, browse the art, take a tour and have a bite and a beverage,” Pagan said.
MEALS ON WHEELS

The Fence Show also provides Islanders a chance to embrace a different kind of artis- nal craze (don't believe us? Have you watched the Food Network lately?) via the NYC Parks Food Truck Festival. Multiple vendors will rev up multi-ethnic food from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. near Building C.

Foodie alert: Snug Harbor isn’t the only North Shore destination serving a smorgasbord of exotic truck tastes Saturday. The St. George Bazaar’s Let A is being transformed into a culinary car lot thanks to NYC and Company. After being delayed a few weeks back by Hurricane Irene, the city’s official tourism agency is hosting The Great Staten Island Foodie Truck-a-thon from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Some of the hottest trendsetters in the mobile movement will be there, including Van Leeuwen Artisan Ice Cream, Red Hook Lobster Pound, Rickshaw Dumplings Bar, Cupcake Crew and many more. Plus, Manhattan City Music DJs will spin while attendees vie to win limited-edition T-shirts.

"SN is New York City’s most bucolic borough drawing millions of visitors each year to its parks, museums, restaurants and more," said George Fortista, CEO of NYC & Company. "We encourage all New Yorkers to visit — and enjoy a day of great food, music and some of the best cultural offerings in the city!"

For tourists, perhaps the best option is to follow your stomach from the ferry terminal to Snug Harbor. Hey, hoofing the roughly one-mile distance will surely work up an appetite.

Anyway, too often these types of trendy events leave S.I. out. It’s about time the rest of NYC served us.

OVER THE MOON

As day turns to night, cap off your day at the New York Chinese Scholar’s Garden.

And move over, Man in the Moon. The 15th annual Autumn Moon Festival aims the spotlight at another lunar legend this time of year: Chang-e, a legendary Chinese goddess lifted to the moon after drinking an eternal life elixir.

As is tradition, the garden tells the story of Chang-e — whose face supposedly appears on the 15th day of the eighth month on the lunar calendar — in conjunction with the seasonal harvest fest in East Asia, a celebration dating back to at least 2000 B.C.

The garden party is set for 4-9 p.m. In addition to self-guided tours, the celebration will include demonstrations of traditional Chinese dance, martial arts, calligraphy and a Chinese buffet (add separately). Admission is $8 for adults, $6 for seniors and students and free for children 5 years old and younger. Advance tickets are available at the gift shop (718-445-5507) and ShowTix4U.com.
TRIPLE TREAT

WHAT DO YOU CALL A DAY PACKED WITH NEW YORK’S LONGEST-RUNNING OUTDOOR ART SHOW, OVER-THE-MOON ASIAN CULTURE & FOOD TRUCKS FULL OF GLOBAL CUISINE?

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This week’s biggest bang for your buck: Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden will host three major events Saturday on its campus.

So, get this straight — it’s not just the 6th Annual Fence Show. And it’s not just the 12th Annual Autumn Moon Festival at the New York Chinese Scholar’s Garden, either. Same goes for the NYC Parks Food Truck Festival.

No, from this day forward, Sept. 17 will henceforth be known as Snug Harbor’s “Super September Saturday.”

“We are thrilled to be able to offer three unique events at our campus on the same day which will attract a diverse audience to Snug Harbor and allow us to let the public know that we are a cultural destination for everyone,” says Lynn Bodnar Kelly, CEO of Snug Harbor. “So plan ahead as there will be something for everyone to enjoy.”

The refreshingly diverse hybrid of visual art, multicultural celebration and foodie fun takes place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at 1000 Richmond Ter., Livingston, Abq. perhaps, the best part? Admission is 100 percent free.

For the tourist crowd (or the local and clueless):
Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is the largest, ongoing adaptive reuse project in America, consisting of 25 historic buildings including several New York City landmarks on a 80-acre campus. Formerly a home for retired sailors built in 1801, the venue is a distinguished regional arts center where history, architecture, visual art, theater, dance, music, environmental science, and a botanical garden provide dynamic experiences for all ages. The campus is also home to the Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, the Noble Maritime Collection, Staten Island Children’s Museum and the Staten Island Museum & Archives. Visit SnugHarbor.org for more information.