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Staten Island Museum's 61st Annual Fence Show

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2011

* Rain date: Sunday, September 18, 2011

Time: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Location: Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden (Adjacent to Building A)

Price: Free to the general public

(Staten Island, NY – September 2011) The longest running outdoor art show in New York City history is back. New and seasoned artists will be showing and selling their works at the Staten Island Museum's charming art show on Saturday, September 17th from 11 am – 5 pm (Rain date, Sunday, September 18th), on the grounds of the historic Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden.

Held inside the gates of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, adjacent to Building A, this year, the show will feature over 75 artists displaying and selling their original work. There will also be a smattering of artist demonstrations throughout the day. After a soggy, yet heartfelt showing last year, we are happy to announce the inclusion of a rain date (Sunday, September 18)! In case of bad weather, check the Museum's website, facebook and twitter (SIMuseum) for up-to-the-minute information.

Returning again this year is the vibrant, creative Junior Division for artists aged 8-18 making the show an enjoyable showcase of the Island's artistic talents. The next mini Monet is waiting to be discovered and for the right price, people may even bring one home.

During the event, the Museum will also offer guided nature walks of the grounds, tours of the Staten Island History Center & Archives, Rocket Lessons & Launches with Clay Wollney's Junior Science Club (Blast off at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm) and of course Museum souvenirs and publications will also be available to purchase. Food trucks are scheduled to be on site, so come spend the day, browse the art, take a tour, and have a bite and a beverage.

There are still artist spaces available, interested parties can contact Donna Pagano, or visit statenismuseum.org to register.

Snug Harbor Cultural Center is just 10 minutes away from the ferry on bus #40. Free street parking is available right outside of both the East and West gates. For more information, please contact Donna Pagano at 718-483-7106, or dpagano@statenismuseum.org.

Fences for this year's show have been generously sponsored by:

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