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The **Garibaldi-Meucci Museum**, a gem nestled in Rosebank, was home to true inventor of the telephone Antonio Meucci and his wife while they lived on Staten Island. An Italian immigrant and inventor, Meucci welcomed freedom fighter Giuseppe Garibaldi into his home for nearly two years while he was in the New York City area. After leaving his friend in 1854, Garibaldi led the military forces that would ultimately lead to the unification of Italy, making him a hero throughout the world. Open as a museum under the Order of the Sons of Italy, the home houses



Garibaldi Meucci Museum



artifacts of both Garibaldi and Meucci. There is also a library of texts of Italian

culture and history on the second level.

The **Alice Austen House** was

home to one of America's earliest and most accomplished female photographers. Alice Austen captured more than 8,000 photographs over the course of her life and is best known for her Street Photography, images of immigrants arriving from Ellis Island, shoe-shiners and policemen. Her

seaside home, Clear Comfort, dates from the 1690s and provides one-of-a-kind views of New York Harbor. In addition, the museum displays Austen's work, an exhibit about her life and contemporary photo exhibits.

The **Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art** was founded in 1945 as the result of one woman's passion for the ancient art and culture of Tibet. Built into the hillside, the Museum resembles a Himalayan mountain monastery and houses the vast collection of Tibetan artifacts that Jacques Marchais amassed in her lifetime. When the Tibetan Museum opened, it was the first of its kind in the United States. Today, the Tibetan Museum features exhibits, a library, workshops and peaceful gardens that provide visitors with the opportunity to learn, reflect and relax.

Sandy Ground Historical Society Library Museum is the oldest continuously inhabited free Black settlement in the

United States. Founded in the early 19th Century, the community arose from a settlement of free Blacks from New York, Maryland and Delaware. By harvesting oysters and farming, this fledgling community thrived and became a safe haven on the Underground Railroad. Today, Sandy Ground is home to 10 families that are descendants of original settlers. The museum educates and inspires the public with exhibitions, photographs and art documenting the history of Sandy Ground and African Americans. A visit to Sandy Ground guarantees a lesson in our Nation's history.

Conference House Park is a great destination for both nature and history buffs. This 267-acre site features four historic buildings from Staten Island's history. The Conference House, the Billopp

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House, the Ward House and Rutan-Beckett House all tell of America's past. History surrounds you as you stroll along beautifully kept pathways. Nearby is the Conference House, named for an unsuccessful Revolutionary War peace attempt held between a British delegation and John Adams, Edward Rutledge and Benjamin Franklin in 1776. No agreement was reached and the war continued for another seven years. In addition to historic landmarks and breathtaking views, the park also boasts a newly refurbished playground, a Visitors Center, 2.5 miles of beach, paths for hiking and biking and a "South Pole," which marks New York's southernmost point.



Conference House Park

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is a bustling cultural center that is one of the predominant artistic hubs that Staten Island has to offer. With everything from gallery openings to live concerts, Snug is a vibrant and dynamic place to visit this summer. The New York Chinese Scholars Garden, botanical garden and museum are just some of the permanent specialties on site. On July 12, the Pridefest 5k Fun Run and Festival will be taking place on the North Meadow Lawn. Sponsored by the SI LGBT Center, the event will be free and all are welcome to attend. From July 18-27, the In The Wings Theater Company will be putting on their summer production of "Shrek: The Musical" in the Music Hall; tickets can be purchased for \$20, \$25, \$27, or \$30 and can be purchased at www.inthewingsproductionsny.com. There will be two SHARP exhibits opening this summer, allowing emerging artists to show their work in a supportive environment. The first exhibit was on June 14, showing Marcus Allen and Arjuna Rouette Prieur. The second exhibit will take place on August 9, featuring Lehna Huie and Eric Mapp. For more information about these events, and to see what other fun and enriching days you can plan at Snug Harbor, please visit www.snug-harbor.org.

The Staten Island Museum is a wonderful way to become acquainted with Staten Island. The museum - just steps from the Staten Island Ferry - is home to various exhibitions, from its extensive collection of insects to paintings and curiosities in jars. Founded in 1881, the Museum is home to more than two million artifacts and specimens from ancient to contemporary periods, including art, minerals and native animals. Visitors can also experience the life of the Lenape, the first Staten Islanders. With artifacts dating back 12,000 years, this is the most comprehensive exhibit about the region's Native Americans in New York City.

Learn more about the programs and to discover the amazing collections and exhibits the museum has to offer please visit www.statenislandmuseum.org.

Grab the kids and get ready for a day of fun at **The Staten Island Children's Museum** is a great way to spend the day, with exhibits that foster a child's imagination and help them learn valuable lessons in a fun and creative way. This summer the museum is hosting events like Kidz Cook, Clay Day, Up4Art, Tot's Time and Paint Day. Each day focuses on a different aspect that will teach children to hone their creativity and produce something they can be proud of. For more information on the wonderful programs, exhibits and events that are taking place at the Staten Island Children's Museum please visit www.sichildrensmuseum.org.

In addition to the wonderful historical experience that **Historic Richmond Town** provides, it also hosts a plethora



Snug Harbor Maze

of entertaining and informative programs and special events. Known as America's historic town, the town is authentically restored, educating visitors about life in the mid 1600s. Audiences have the opportunity to learn about everything from quilt making to colonial cooking to candle making. Richmond Town also hosts many special events throughout the summer to enrich and bring together the community. On Saturday June 21, the "Make Music Day" festival will be taking place throughout Historic Richmond Town. It is the largest outdoor, free, music festival to ever happen in New York City! The festival is entering its eighth year and offers a variety of music styles so there is something for everyone to enjoy. The local Staten Island band, Tom Cintula & The Buffalo 24, will be playing on the steps of the historic Third County Courthouse in Richmond Town. Their music is infused with the eclectic styles of rock, pop, funk, folk, R&B, jazz and some qualities of a jam band. What historic town would be complete without a fantastic Independence Day Celebration! On July 4 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Richmond Town will be hosting a spectacular Fourth of July celebration. Bring home-made pies and enter into the pie competition that pits the expert colonial pie bakers against their modern day competitors, or watch a pie-baking demonstration. March along in the Pinwheel Parade and help churn old time ice cream; there is something for everyone at the Independence Day Celebration. You can purchase your admission at the Visitor's Center and the event is included in regular admission prices. Like movies? Experience a classic drive-in theater at the All-American Drive In! The event will be taking place in August. Movies will run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will happen rain or shine. This year's films include the original "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," "Rocky," and "Jaws."

Before each feature film, short film clips will be played from filmmakers from all across America. Parking is first come first serve and the vehicle line will open up at 6 p.m. For the pricing (based on car type), please visit the Historic Richmond Town website. Last but certainly not least is the wonderful Richmond County Fair. With spectacular rides, over 100 vendors, carnival foods, pony rides and more, there is no better way to close out the summer. The fair will take place on Aug. 30, 31 and Sept. 1, and proceeds go towards the educational programs at Historic Richmond Town. For more information about any of these events, or to



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learn about the history of the town please visit www.historicrichmondtown.org.

New Carousel and wildlife at The Staten Island Zoo

This summer, don't miss the Staten Island Zoo's newest attraction - a colorful Conservation Carousel. Take a ride on the back of a soaring bald eagle, a baby giraffe or a racing rhino. There is even a baby friendly "infant seat" on a pink flamingo. Two Amur Leopards, the world's rarest big cats, prowl their new three story high outdoor exhibit. Also new at the Zoo: giant anteater, ostrich and Galapagos Tortoises. There is a Children's Farm Yard (where you can feed the animals), a Tropical Forest, African Savannah, Aquarium and world-famous Reptile Wing.

For more information call (718)442-3100 or visit statenislandzoo.org.

Zoo Cool

- Zoo Cool : Summer Series
Sponsored by Con Edison**
- The Mighty Rainforest**
Saturday, June 14: Noon to 3 p.m.
Atka the Wolf
Sunday, June 22: Noon to 1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m.
 - Gyotaku (Japanese fish printing)
Sunday, June 29: Noon to 3 p.m.
ZooQuest!
 - Saturday, July 5: Noon to 3 p.m.
Dinosaurs and Fossils
 - Saturday, July 12: Noon to 3 p.m.
Penguin Visit
 - Sunday, July 20: Noon to 3 p.m.
Origami USA
 - Sunday, July 27: Noon to 3 p.m.
Serpent Day
 - Saturday, Aug. 9: Noon to 3 p.m.
Animal Photography
 - Saturday, Aug. 9: Noon to 3 p.m.
Forensic Entomology
 - Sunday, Aug. 17: Noon to 3 p.m.
Animal Training Demonstrations
 - Sunday, Aug. 24: Noon to 3 p.m.
Monkey Monkey Music
 - Sunday, Aug. 31: Noon to 3 p.m.