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Grand opening of revamped Staten Island Museum



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Staten Island's newest museum is ready to be unveiled. After four years of construction, the \$26.8 million city-funded renovation of Building A at Snug Harbor for The Staten Island Museum is now complete. The building is now a state-of-the-art facility with climate-controlled galleries. As New York City's only general interest museum,

the Staten Island Museum explores the dynamic connections between natural science, art and history.

Admission will be free to the public on opening day, Saturday, September 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., followed by a full-day celebration of Staten Island's history and culture. Festivities

will include lawn games for all ages, food, live music, crafts for children, and some special surprises. The merriment will continue on Sunday, Sept. 20, with a members-only preview from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by free admission for all from noon to 5 p.m., museum-led tours, music, food, and special guests.

The museum's inaugural exhibits will include Remember the Mastodon, which discusses the importance of biodiversity, exposes the harsh realities of extinction, and features a full-size replica of a Mastodon; Opening the Treasure Box: Bringing the World Home, which presents art objects from five continents; Staten Island SEEN, which traces the borough's unique history and landscape from the 17th

century to the present; and From Farm to City, which strives to reunite Islanders with their past and share the evolving story of New York City's Borough of Parks with visitors by focusing on the people and themes that have defined the Island throughout history.

Plan your visit: call (718) 727-1135 or www.statenislandmuseum.org.

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Get immersed in art at Snug Harbor

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is one of the largest ongoing adaptive reuse projects in America. It consists of 26 historical buildings, numerous distinctive botanical gardens and 10 acres of wetlands on a unique 83-acre campus. Formerly Sailors' Snug Harbor, a home for retired sailors built in the 1800s, Snug Harbor is now a distinguished regional arts center where history, architecture, visual and performing arts, environmental science, agriculture and horticulture provide dynamic experiences for all ages. Snug Harbor is also home to the Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, the Noble Maritime Collection, the Staten Island Children's Museum and the Staten Island Museum. Snug Harbor is a proud Smithsonian Affiliate.

This summer, check out the "FLUID" exhibit located at the Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art in Building C. This exhibit features work by 23 artists from Staten Island and around the world. View the many original sculptures, paintings, photographs and sound and video installations that use the theme of water as a source of inspiration. While you're at it, stroll through the 83-acre campus' unique botanical gardens, historic landmark buildings and farm. Live performances in dance, music and multimedia will occur all summer and fall.

Events: June through November Heritage Farm Stand

Snug Harbor's Heritage Farm Stand features seasonally fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs produced on Snug Harbor's Heritage Farm. It is open to the public on Fridays from 3-6 p.m. while supplies last. This year, the Heritage Farm Stand will include a neighborhood organics drop-off that will be composted locally at sites managed by NYC Compost Project staff. So bring your compostable food scraps and buy some veggies from the farm. For questions call (718) 425-3504.

"Fluid"

This group exhibition explores the theme of water and features interactive public art. Guest curator is Jesse Hamerman of the Public Art Fund. It includes work of 23 local and international artists. For more information, call (718)

425-3524 or visit newhouse@snug-harbor.org.

Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, Building C

Tuesdays-Sundays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

\$5

June 6

SHARP Artist Residency Exhibit

See the work of emerging artists, Sonia Louise Davis and Stephanie Lindquist as they culminate their two-month living residency at Snug Harbor through July 7.

Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, Building C

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\$5

June 24

New York Philharmonic

Virtuoso musicians of the New York Philharmonic join together for a delightful evening of chamber music at this free indoor concert in Staten Island, as part of the 50th anniversary of the New York Philharmonic Concerts in the Parks. Presented by Didi and Oscar Schaffer. Admission by RSVP only via brownpapertickets.com

Music Hall

8 p.m.

Free

June 27

The Equus Projects "Grazing Gracefully"

The dancers of JoAnna Mendl Shaw's EQUUS Project will perform a site-specific dance alongside local Staten Island horses in this dance for horse and human.

"Grazing Gracefully" is a project by EQUUS commissioned by Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden. It was created with cellist/composer Chris Lancaster.

South Meadow

4 p.m.

\$15

Performing Arts Salon Saturdays (PASS): Dance with Vicky Shick & Yoshiko Chuma

Curated by former-SHARP artist, Melissa West, this performance features two award-winning female choreographers, Vicky Shick & Yoshiko Chuma. Join us as they transform the Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art into a landscape of movement.

Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art

5 p.m. (reception); 6 p.m. (performance)

\$10

July 7

Turn and Learn: an interactive composting workshop

Enjoy the fresh air and beautiful surroundings while working on the NYC Compost Project demonstration site. Learn sustainable landscape management practices and help us make compost. Bring a water bottle, wear closed toe shoes and clothes you don't mind getting dirty. This event is free but registration is recommended..

Compost Demo Site

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

July 10

The Platters and The Drifters

Presented by the SI

Conservatory of Music & Pro Musica Corp. Tickets available online at brownpapertickets.com or by calling (718) 816-6153.

South Meadow Stage (Music Hall if it rains)

8 p.m.

\$35

July 11

Compost 101

What is compost? How do I make it? Do I need a bin? Do I need worms? This workshop will introduce you to compost, how it's made and what to do with it when it's done.

Compost Demonstration Site

11 a.m.-noon

\$5

Pride Fest

Celebrate 11 years of Pride on Staten Island. There will be music, food vendors, art, dance and more, including a 5k run/walk in the morning. For more information, visit www.pridecentersi.org/pridefest-events/.

11 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Aug. 6

Tropical Border Tour

Join us for a tour of one of our most popular gardens, the Tropical Border at the Tribute Center. Come learn about the plants in flower and how Snug Harbor over-winters the various types of tender perennials. Rain or shine.

1 p.m.

\$10

Aug. 8

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Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, Building C



July 17

Sprinklerfest

A day of fun on campus includes sprinklers for kids, entertainment, food and more. *This event is funded by a grant from the NYC & Company Foundation

Noon-4 p.m.

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Wormshop

Learn how to compost all year long with red wigglers. No bending, lifting, turning or outdoor space required.

Lobby of Building P

11 a.m.-noon

Free

Aug. 13

Borough President's Sunset Summer Concert Series (Artist TBA)

South Meadow Stage

8 p.m.

Free

Aug. 22

Tuscan Garden Silent Disco

Lincoln Center Out of Doors brings their silent disco to our Tuscan Garden. More information to come.

8 p.m.

Sept. 10

