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Staten Island Museum to open its new home



The Staten Island Museum's new home is lit up during the Museum's Imagine Gala Preview Celebration. (STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/ BILL LYONS)

The welcome mat goes out at Snug Harbor on Sept. 19 when the public is invited to tour and celebrate the space free of charge



Larger quarters in the Museum's new home at Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden will enable the 184-year-old cultural to show much more of its extensive collection, says Cheryl Adolph, interim president and CEO. (COURTESY STATEN ISLAND MUSEUM)

BY ROB BAILEY

After four years of construction, the \$26.8 million City-funded renovation of Building A into the new home of the Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is complete.

Museum staffers are currently in the process of outfitting the space with its inaugural exhibitions which will open to the public with much fanfare from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19.

"We are ecstatic to be opening the doors to our new Museum on the grounds of Snug Harbor this fall. We have been working so hard in preparation for this moment and are elated to share our extensive collection with the public," said Cheryl Adolph, interim president and CEO of the Staten Island Museum.



**Cheryl Adolph,
interim president
and CEO**

Opening day festivities will include free admission, the ribbon-cutting ceremony, lawn games for families, food, live music, crafts for kids and some special surprises.

"Staten Island is going through a major transformation right now as people are exploring their neighborhoods, their city, their histories and discovering how truly incredible this borough is," Adolph said. "We welcome the curious doers and thinkers from all over New York City and beyond, to find those dynamic connections between natural science, art, and history that we have been collecting for them since 1881."

The merriment continues on Sunday, Sept. 20, with a members-only preview from 10 a.m. to noon, followed by free admission from noon to 5 p.m. with guided tours, music, food, and special guests.

The Museum will also host an invitation-only preview opening for Founding Members and major donors on Friday, Sept. 18. For information on how to re-

ceive an invitation, please email AStaniere@StatenIslandMuseum.org or call 718-483-7119.

The Staten Island Museum's expansion is a dream 50 years in the making which began when Snug Harbor, the nationally significant historic site, was saved from demolition through the leadership and efforts of Museum Members in 1965.

Regular admission and hours for the Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor will be the same as the Staten Island Museum on Stuyvesant Place in St. George (which will remain open to the public) and allows access to both locations on the same day.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, and free for members and children under 12. Hours are Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon – 5 p.m. (On October 1, admission will increase to \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, and \$2 for children under 12. Free for members.)



After four years of extensive reconstruction and renovation, the Staten Island Museum will open its new home to the general public. Festivities are planned for Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (COURTESY STATEN ISLAND MUSEUM)

