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**SNUG HARBOR CULTURAL CENTER and the STATEN ISLAND MUSEUM  
PRESENT *HARBOR IN BLOOM***

*Two-Days of Free Events will include Plant Sale, Orchid Show, Tours, Workshops and Live Music*  
MillionTreesNYC to Give Away 300 Trees

Staten Island, NY, April 10, 2012 – Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is joining with the Staten Island Museum this year to present *Harbor in Bloom* - a campus-wide Spring Festival to include the plant sale, orchid show, workshops, entertainment and more. The two-day event is scheduled for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY and will feature an array of events and live entertainment for the whole family.

“By collaborating with the Staten Island Museum, we are able to expand our activities for *Harbor in Bloom* to include events to appeal to all ages and interests,” said Snug Harbor CEO & President Lynn B. Kelly. “I am pleased that MillionTreesNYC will be participating with us to give away 300 trees to Staten Island residents on Saturday. I am also excited that for the first time, we will be able to offer for sale, in addition to plants and flowers, fruits and vegetables from our own Snug Harbor Heritage Farm.”

“Our future success is intrinsically linked to Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, and we are thrilled to be a part of this exciting collaboration,” said Staten Island Museum President & CEO Elizabeth Egbert. “In only 24 short months our new home will be opening in Building A on the grounds of Snug Harbor. Join us at the *Treasure Wall*, a fun interactive experience, and get a sneak peak at what’s to come!”

The multi-faceted program for *Harbor in Bloom* includes a wide variety of activities. Participants will be invited to help illustrate the Staten Island Museum’s *Treasure Wall* with images from its collection. They will also have the opportunity to get close to nature with free guided tours of Snug Harbor’s spectacular gardens and grounds, as well as the Heritage Farm. Children’s crafts will be also offered by the Staten Island Children’s Museum. Music fans will enjoy the live entertainment to be provided on both days by local bands including The Headlocks, The Wahoo Skiffle Crazyies, Allergic to B’s and Blues Ball. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

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Snug Harbor Artist in Residency Program will be open for viewing in Cottage A, and for the environmentally conscientious, or those with green or not-so-green-thumbs, gardening and composting workshops will be conducted by experts in their fields with ample time for questions and answers.

All events are free to the public. The tree give-away in cooperation with MillionTreesNYC will take place Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the East Parking Lot. Trees will be distributed on a first-come-first-served basis.

For more information please visit [www.snug-harbor.org](http://www.snug-harbor.org) or [www.StatenIslandMuseum.org](http://www.StatenIslandMuseum.org).

### **About Snug Harbor**

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is the largest, ongoing adaptive reuse project in America. It consists of 28 historical buildings, including several New York City landmarks on a unique 83-acre campus in Staten Island. 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 art, theater, dance, music, environmental science, and botanical gardens provide dynamic experiences for all ages. Snug Harbor is also home to the Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, the Snug Harbor Artist Residency Program (SHARP), the Noble Maritime Collection, Staten Island Children's Museum, and the Staten Island Museum. Snug Harbor is a proud affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution.

### **About the Staten Island Museum**

Founded in 1881 and celebrating its 130th year, the Staten Island Museum, New York City's only general interest museum, engages visitors with interdisciplinary exhibitions and educational programs that explore the dynamic connections between natural science, art and history based on its diverse collections. The Museum 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. 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.