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Moth Night Returns!

Stay up late with the Staten Island Museum and discover what flutters through the night sky

Date: Saturday, July 29, 8:30pm-10:30pm

Location: Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Building A

Price: \$10 per adult/Children under 12 free

(Staten Island, NY- June 25, 2017) The Staten Island Museum has done it again! Come celebrate National Moth Week at **Moth Night!** with the Staten Island Museum in collaboration with the Staten Island Children's Museum on **Saturday, July 29 at 8:30pm.**

The warm summer nights are perfect for bringing a friend to see some night-loving bugs. Activities include; face painting, shadow dancing, building moth attractors, a night hike, and a giant glowing cicada that recently landed at its new home. Explore Snug Harbor's campus under the moonlight while discovering what types of moths populate the area.

"To me moths bring to mind languid summer nights, shoeless adventures, the heady scent of honeysuckle wafting through window screens. At Moth Night the Museum and our friends strive to combine a love of summer and discovery of the natural world...things we might miss were we to stay inside and watch TV," said Diane Matyas, VP of Exhibitions and Programs at the Staten Island Museum.

"Every child is fascinated by what lurks in the dark! At first this world can be scary, but once we are exposed to the color and vibrancy of what comes alive at night, we quickly become comfortable with the unknown. The world of moths has opened up an entire new dimension in my study of the outdoors. I am constantly fascinated by the diversity and splendor of nocturnal insects, and I enjoy sharing that dark alien world with others by shining some light on it!" - Michael Shanley, Science Educator

Recently added to the Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor is the iconic cicada sculpture that can brighten any dark night. The new addition, which migrated over from St. George, is the glowing Cicada statue known as the *Love Motel for Insects* by Brandon Ballengée. Part of a series that can be found internationally, *the Love Motel for Insects* has been attracting not only the insects it was intended for but people as well. Started over a decade ago, *Love Motels* can now be found in Ireland, Mexico, and London, just to name a few. An example of ecological art using technology, the sculpture's glow is provided by ultra-violet light and used to attract various nocturnal insects.

Moth Night at the Staten Island Museum is on Saturday, July 29, 8:30pm – 10:30pm. All events are included in the admission price, \$10 for adults and FREE for children under 12. The Staten Island Museum is located in Building A on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center, 1000 Richmond Terrace. Tickets can be [purchased in advance](#) or at the door.

About the Staten Island Museum

Founded in 1881, 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 is open Wednesday – Friday: 11am – 5pm, Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 5pm. Universally accessible. For current exhibits, visit [StatenIslandMuseum.org](https://www.statenislandmuseum.org).