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Staten Island Museum celebrates its Roots at Spring Gala

Rooted in Staten Island – May 13 at the Vanderbilt

(Staten Island, NY – March 24, 2017) This year the Staten Island Museum is celebrating their founding in natural history and ecological preservation at their Spring Gala: Rooted in Staten Island. The event is being held on **Saturday, May 13 at 7:00pm at the Vanderbilt at South Beach** and will honor individuals and organizations that epitomize a commitment to Staten Island's heritage.

This year's honorees are historian Barnett Shephard, science educator Clay Wollney, and clean energy provider Level Solar. Tickets can be purchased [online](#) or by calling 718.727.1135. \$225 per person/ \$220 for Museum Members or a table of 10 for \$2,000. Please contact Amanda Straniere at 718.483.7119 for sponsorship opportunities and more information.

All are invited for a fun evening of cocktails, dinner, auction items, and entertainment.

This year's event co-chairs are: Kathryn Aquino, Jennifer Straniere, and Kashif Pervez*. The honorary committee is comprised of: Betty Altmann, Linda Baran, Dr. A. Christopher Bernardini*, David L. Businelli*, Christine D. Cea, PhD, Marie Cole, Norma D'Arrigo, Alice Diamond, Family of Edith & Alfred Susskind, Cheryl Adolph Gobin & Joseph Gobin, Katia Gordon, Susan Grabel & George Rappaport, Elizabeth* & Helen Granatelli, Prof. Eric Ivison, Daniel Jost* & Dr. Kerry Kelly, Wesley Kropp, Constance B. Lane, Dr. Michael T. Mantello*, Carol McCarthy, Dr. Ann Merlino, Wayne Miller & Donna D'Ermillio, Dolores Morris*, Latoya, Murphy*, Janet E Norton MD JD, Kashif Pervez*, Ellen O'Flaherty Pratt, Gary Reichard* & Oswaldo Peña, Alan*, Barbara and Naomi Tepper.

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About the Staten Island Museum

Founded in 1881 and celebrating its 135th 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 serves over 219,000 adults and school children at the Museum and in the community. Now with two locations on the North Shore of Staten Island – in St. George, 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 A on the Snug Harbor Campus, visitors can explore the latest exhibitions of World Art, land and seascapes spanning 400 years of Staten Island scenery, a life-sized mastodon emerging through the wall, and how our Island went from farm to city. 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. For current exhibits, visit StatenIslandMuseum.org.