

STATEN ISLAND
MUSEUM
WINTER 2019



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As the New Year begins, the Staten Island Museum invites you to experience new offerings and the incredible art, natural science, and history collections we have right here on Staten Island for you to learn about and enjoy.

We are proud to introduce **Access Art for All**, a new program that provides cultural outings and hands-on art experiences for children, teens, and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families. A series of monthly programs will rotate between the Staten Island Museum, the Staten Island Children's Museum, and the Staten Island Zoo, developed in partnership with the GRACE Foundation. The first Museum program will be **Sunday Art Studio: Lenape Workshop on Sunday, January 20th** (see page 7).

As a continuation of *Black Lunch Table* artist programming held in the fall that invited the community to participate in conversations about matters of race and culture, a **Wikipedia Edit-a-thon session will take place on Saturday, February 9th** to learn how you can help shape the stories and history that is told (see page 8).

Don't miss the highly anticipated **Korean Lunar New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 2**, presented in collaboration with the Korean Community Development Center, to welcome the Year of the Pig. When you visit, be sure to ask for an audio-guide at the front desk so that you can hear the latest artist project at the Museum: **Audio Stories by APMD** (logo by Christopher Prosser, featured on cover).

Behind the scenes we are always working hard taking care of collections and finding new ways to share the Museum's holdings. In anticipation of the centennial of the 19th Amendment in 2020, the Staten Island Museum received a grant to digitize two periodical collections from the Museum's archives: **The Suffragist** and **The Women Voter**. They are now publicly accessible online (see article on page 11).



With best wishes for the new year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janice Monger".

Janice Monger
President & CEO

P.S. Save the date for our gala on May 10th!

Front Cover: *Audio Stories by APMD*, art by Christopher Prosser, 2018.

EXHIBITIONS



Photo booth fun at *Impractical Jokers: Homecoming*, 2018.

Impractical Jokers: Homecoming

Extended one week only! Through Sunday, March 24, 2019

Explore the story of four longtime friends from Staten Island whose hidden-camera, comedic television show, *Impractical Jokers*, has become a pop culture phenomenon. See original costumes, props, and art created over the past seven seasons. View interviews, episode highlights, and learn about behind-the-scenes production, including some secrets. Look for interactive surprises throughout the Museum that make the *Jokers'* exhibition experiences as unexpected as the *Impractical Jokers* themselves.

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Audio Stories by APMD

Through March 24, 2019

This site-specific audio installation by APMD (artists AJ Pantaleo and Mike Dibenedetto) consists of five tracks inspired by Staten Island history and culture as expressed in the exhibits at the Staten Island Museum. The soundscapes are part of the audio-guide route and can be accessed with handheld devices available at the front desk.

This project is made possible in part by a DCA Premier Grant from Staten Island Arts, with public funding from the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

FAMILY ART WORKSHOPS



Winter 2019 Family Art Workshops are drop-in workshops for guests of all ages held on the first Saturday of the month and taught by artist Melanie Rodriguez.

Melanie Rodriguez is a lifelong artist and musician from Staten Island. She recently graduated magna cum laude from the College of Staten Island with a BA in art history and fine art, and has been teaching art for over seven years, working with groups of all ages. Melanie is inspired by nature and serves as the field director for **Earth Camp**, the Museum's summer nature program that immerses adventurous children in the ecology of Staten Island.

FAMILY ART WORKSHOPS

Skeleton Sculpture

Saturday, January 5, 1pm-3pm

Bug Bling

Saturday, February 9, 1pm-3pm

Eco-Mobiles

Saturday, March 2, 1pm-3pm



Support for Family Art Workshops is provided by the Lily Auchincloss Foundation.

FREE with Museum Admission
Register at [StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs](https://www.statenislandmuseum.org/calendar-programs)

SUPER SCIENCE



The Museum's winter Super Science workshops will spotlight the chemistry of our daily lives, taught by science educator and Staten Island Advance columnist Clay Wollney.

Clay has been leading hands-on science lessons at the Museum for decades. His interest in natural science was sparked at the age of four when a box turtle wandered into his backyard. Throughout his youth and adolescence, Clay explored the woodlands of Staten Island and began working as a nature guide in High Rock Park at age 15. Clay accepted a position with the National Park Service at Gateway National Recreation Area following his graduation from NYU. In 1978, he joined the faculty of Staten Island Academy, where he has taught thousands of children to love science. He served as Science Department Chair from 1995 to 2005, and is presently the science

specialist for the Early Childhood and Lower School divisions. Other activities include science clubs at Blue Heron Park and the Staten Island Museum, leading walks for Protectors of Pine-Oaks Woods, and writing the "Ask Clay" column in the Staten Island Advance.

For 6-12 year olds (Must be accompanied by an adult) Super Science participants must pay suggested admission; accompanying adults enter free.

SUPER SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Crystal Clear

Saturday, January 26, 11am-1pm

Commonplace Chemistry

Saturday, February 23, 11am-1pm

Alternative Plastics

Saturday, March 23, 11am-1pm

FREE with Museum Admission
Register at StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs

JANUARY

Bird and Nature Walk: Brookfield Park

Wednesday, January 2, 10am-12pm
FREE/Donations Welcome

Search for wintering raptors and waterfowl on a guided walk around the grasslands and salt creeks of one of Staten Island's newest parks. Meet in the parking lot off Arthur Kill Road, opposite Brookfield Ave.

Family Art Workshop: Skeleton Sculpture

Saturday, January 5, 1pm-3pm
FREE with Museum Admission

Register at www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs

Enter the world of sculpture by working in three dimensions! Using Museum specimens as inspiration, participants will make sculptures out of wire and tape, finishing them with decorations. Registration recommended.

Bird and Nature Walk: Conference House Park

Wednesday, January 16, 10am-12pm
FREE/Donations Welcome

Search the waters of Raritan Bay for waterfowl and the woods for hardy wintering songbirds in New York State's southernmost park. Meet outside the Visitor's Center at Satterlee St. and Hylan Blvd.

Access Art for All Sunday Art Studio: Lenape Workshop

Sunday, January 20, 2pm-4pm
Adults: \$8, Students/Seniors: \$5
(Includes Admission to the Museum)

Registration required at www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs

Space is limited

Teens and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families learn about the first people of Staten Island while experiencing Lenape culture through artifacts, authentic materials, and hands-on activities.

Sunday Art Studio is part of Access Art for All, a programmatic partnership with the Staten Island Children's Museum, the Staten Island Zoo, and the GRACE Foundation of New York, with support from a CreateNYC Disability Forward Fund grant from the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs. See March 17 for next program in the series.

ACCESS ART FOR ALL

Super Science: Crystal Clear

Saturday, January 26, 11am-1pm
6-12 year olds (Must be accompanied
by an adult)
FREE with Museum Admission*

Register at www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs

Explore the science of crystals! Learn about crystallization with hands-on experiments using household materials. Participants will learn the patterns of crystal growth while creating their own sparkling crystals. **Super Science participants must pay the full suggested admission, accompanying adults enter free. Registration recommended.*



Bird and Nature Walk: Great Kills Park

Wednesday, January 30, 10am-12pm
FREE/Donations welcome

Visit Great Kills Park to search for wintering waterfowl and open country birds. Meet at the north end of the big parking lot ¾-mile in from Hylan Blvd.

The Staten Island Museum welcomes teens and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families to enjoy a museum tour, participate in activities throughout the building, and to create in artist-led workshops. These programs will be about the Lenape Native Americans and the vibrant art of Romare Bearden.

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ACCESS ART FOR ALL: SUNDAY ART STUDIO

Lenape Workshop

Sunday, January 20, 2pm – 4pm

Romare Bearden

Collage Workshop

Sunday, March 17, 2pm-4pm

Registration required
Adults: \$8, Students/Seniors: \$5,
Includes Admission to the Museum

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calendar-programs](http://www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs)

FEBRUARY



Korean Lunar New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 2, 1pm-4pm
FREE with Museum Admission

Tickets available at www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs

Say goodbye to the Year of the Earth Dog and hello to the Year of the Pig! The Museum will celebrate Lunar New Year with the Korean Community Development Center. Enjoy art activities, performances, traditional Korean clothing (hanbok), games, customary Lunar New Year refreshments, and so much more!

Bird and Nature Walk: Wolfe's Pond Park

Wednesday, February 6, 10am-12pm
FREE/Donations Welcome

Search the pond and adjacent Raritan Bay for wintering waterfowl and gulls. If time permits, a side trip to Lemon Creek Park may be in order. Meet in the main parking lot, near the Parks Dept. building.

Family Art Workshop: Bug Bling

Saturday, February 9, 1pm-3pm
FREE with Museum Admission

Register at www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs

This workshop uses insects in the Museum's collection as a point of inspiration and combines sewing, beading, and wirework to create bugs that can be turned into jewelry or kept as decorations. Registration recommended.



Black Lunch Table – Wikipedia Edit-a-thon II

Saturday, February 9, 1pm-4pm
Space is limited. Registration recommended.

No entry fee. Bring your own laptop computer.

Black Lunch Table is an ongoing collaboration between artists **Heather Hart** and **Jina Valentine** to facilitate the discussion of issues pertaining to race and culture and to create an online oral history archive of the recorded conversations. The **Black Lunch Table Wikipedia Edit-a-thon** mobilizes the

creation and improvement of a site-specific set of Wikipedia articles that pertain to the lives and works of Black artists and other relevant subjects.

Black Lunch Table will teach participants to make quality contributions to Wikipedia, creating a space to train more editors of color and asking white allies to spend time focusing on subjects that may lack coverage. The artists explain, "This is 'Radical archiving' with the purpose of filling gaps in this highly accessed archive and the [art] historical record."

No prior knowledge of editing is required! *Black Lunch Table* will provide a short introduction to the platform and assistance. Bring your own laptop.

Made possible by an Expanding Audiences and Cultural Participation Regrant from Staten Island Arts, with generous support from New York Community Trust, The Staten Island Foundation, the Altman Foundation, the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, and Time Warner.

Bird and Nature Walk: Mount Loretto Unique Area

Wednesday, February 20, 10am-12pm
FREE/Donations Welcome

Search for wintering raptors hunting over the fields in addition to waterfowl and possibly seals in Raritan Bay. Meet at the DEC parking lot across Hylan Boulevard from the CYO.



Imagination Studio: Marvelous Marble Mazes

Wednesday-Sunday, February 20-24,
1pm-3pm

FREE with Museum Admission,
kids enter free all week!

Staten Island Museum, 1000 Richmond
Terrace, Building A

Register at www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs

The Museum's classroom transforms into a studio for dynamic imagination! Use wooden materials to construct creative, mind-bending mazes. This workshop is ideal for those who want to learn how to cut, pin, and glue. No prior experience necessary, fun for all ages. *Supported in part by Lily Auchincloss Foundation.*

Super Science: Commonplace Chemistry

Saturday, February 23, 11am-1pm
6-12 year olds, accompanied by an adult
FREE with Museum Admission*

Register at www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs

Discover chemistry at work through hands-on experiments. Participants will learn the science behind silly putty, acid-base indicators, and gas expansion explosions! **Super Science participants must pay the full suggested admission, accompanying adults enter free. Registration recommended.*

MARCH

Family Art Workshop:

Eco-Mobiles

Saturday, March 2, 1pm-3pm
FREE with Museum Admission

Register at www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs

This lesson is inspired by the imaginative mobile art of Alexander Calder and the theory of kinetic energy, with a focus on the principles of balance and movement. Based on specimens from the Museum's *Animal Homes* education program, guests design their own ecosystem mobile: wetland, woodland, beach, or meadow. Registration recommended.

Bird and Nature Walk: South Beach/Fort Wadsworth

Wednesday, March 6, 10am-12pm
FREE/Donations Welcome

Search for wintering harbor seals off South Beach and Fort Wadsworth, where they have been seen in increasing numbers in recent years. Birds will also be noted. Meet in the parking lot with the dolphin fountain off Father Capodanno Blvd.

Access Art for All Sunday Art Studio: Romare Bearden Collage Workshop

Sunday, March 17, 2pm-4pm
Adults: \$8, Students/Seniors: \$5,
(Includes Admission to the Museum)

Registration required at www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs

Space is limited

Teens, and young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families

will explore the colorful and rhythmic art of Romare Bearden and discover the inspiration behind his brilliant works of collage. Listen to the smooth sound of jazz while creating a collage masterpiece to take home.

Bird and Nature Walk: Clove Lakes Park

Wednesday, March 20, 10am-12pm
FREE/Donations Welcome

A walk through the park should yield late wintering songbirds, raptors, waterfowl, and - with a little luck - a few early spring migrants. Meet on the Martling Avenue Bridge.

Super Science: Alternative Plastics

Saturday, March 23, 11am-1pm
6-12 year olds, accompanied by an adult
FREE with Museum Admission*

Most plastics in use today are made from petroleum oil. In this workshop participants will make their own plastics from organic sources such as milk and gelatin. Registration recommended. *Super Science participants must pay the full suggested admission, accompanying adults enter free.

Bird and Nature Walk: Bucks Hollow

Wednesday, March 27, 10am-12pm
FREE/Donations Welcome

Walk the sometimes-muddy trails of Bucks Hollow in search of early spring birds, such as phoebes and rusty blackbirds. Meet at the intersection of Rockland & Meisner Avenues.

THE WOMAN VOTER AND THE SUFFRAGIST



In anticipation of the centennial of the 19th Constitutional Amendment in 2020, the Staten Island Museum received a grant from the Metropolitan New York Library Council to digitize two periodical collections from the Museum's archives covering women's fight for the right to vote.

The public can now read and search through 78 issues of *The Woman Voter*, which covered the campaign for women's right to vote in New York State including opinion pieces, updates about planned activities, and lists of major donors submitted by local suffragists. Also available are 304 issues of *The Suffragist* which was published by the Congressional

Union for Woman Suffrage and covered national political news and major events within the movement.

Paging through the Museum's collection of suffrage periodicals, readers will encounter well-known figures in the history of the movement like Alice Paul and Carrie Chapman Catt along with lesser-known leaders like Mary Otis Willcox and Edith Whitmore, two Staten Islanders who brought awareness to women's struggle for the right to vote.

Consisting of over six thousand pages, this has become the most complete digital collection of each of the periodicals available to the public. As the National Centennial of Women's Suffrage approaches, this collection will provide researchers, educators, and students with easy access to primary source material to help them explore and engage with this important moment in history.

The Woman Voter and *The Suffragist* tell the story of the movement through the words and perspectives of the actual people who helped women claim their right to vote.

Support for the digitization was provided by Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO).

ONGOING EXHIBITIONS



Staten Island SEEN

Staten Island landscapes from the permanent collection, featuring a broad range of styles and materials.

Diana Horowitz (b. 1958)
Staten Island Waterfront, 2012
Oil on linen
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Staten Island Museum

1000 Richmond Terrace, Building A

Located on the historic grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden. Two miles from the Staten Island Ferry via the S40 bus. Free parking is available.

Hours

Wednesday - Sunday 11am - 5pm
Closed on New Years Day.

Guided Tours

Wednesdays at 1pm
Sundays at 1pm & 3pm

Admission (Suggested)

Adults: \$8

Students and Seniors: \$5

Children 2-12: \$2

Free for Museum Members and Children under 2

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