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## Summer Nights at the Staten Island Museum is Back

*Twilight fun with workshops, cocktails, and friends*

(Staten Island, NY – July 3, 2017) Warm nights and cool breezes off the water set the perfect mood for **Summer Nights** at the Staten Island Museum. Back for a second year is this series of unique workshops and after hours events (7:30pm – 9:30pm) for guests 21 and over on Thursday nights July 13 – August 17.

**Summer Nights** is a series of events for the culturally minded who like to have fun. From leather working to beginner embroidery and an Island-wide scavenger hunt, and an Eclipse party complete with Karaoke Tremendous (fresh off their re-start at Union Hall), the Museum has your Thursday nights planned for the summer.

*“Summer Nights was a blast last year and the enthusiasm will continue with new lineup of events. We have listened to the community, while holding tight to the knowledge, treasures, and spirit of Staten Island to create some summer fun. Visitors are often surprised at what the Museum has to offer,”* said Staten Island Museum VP of Exhibitions & Programs, Diane Matyas.

**July 13: Summer Glow: Scrubs and Salves** \$25/\$20 Members, includes 2 drink tickets

A hands-on class with Joanne Colagiacomini demonstrating how to make your own salves and scrubs using simple ingredients. You'll leave with the products and knowledge to continue creating your own natural body products at home.

**July 20: A Stitch in Time: Intro to Embroidery** \$25/\$20 Members, includes 2 drink tickets

In this beginner friendly class you'll get a hands-on rundown of the basics of embroidery. Master a few simple stitches and you'll have the skills to create original works of art of all sizes! Embroider a handkerchief while learning about the long history of this oft overlooked accessory with artist Juliet Hinely.

**July 27: Shore to Shore Scavenger Hunt** \$25/\$20 Members, includes 2 drink tickets

(or \$75 per car of 4 or more)

Join us for this unique scavenger hunt on four wheels! Guests use clues leading them to sites of recent and bygone historical significance that “used to be” but have disappeared or changed in appearance. In order to get around to each site, teams will need a car. The first team back at the Museum after solving all the clues and posting them to social media will win a prize! Short reception for all participants will follow. \*Each participating car must be equipped with enough seatbelts for all players. All laws must be strictly obeyed otherwise teams face immediate disqualification. Open to all ages, registration recommended. Please arrive at 7:00pm to check-in, the hunt begins at 7:30pm sharp.

**August 3: *Leatha Togetha: Beginners Leather Tooling*** \$25/\$20 Members, includes 2 drink tickets  
Participants will join Clay Wollney to learn the basics of leather tooling with including how to draw, transfer, cut, tool, and finish their project. Take home your truly unique piece of art. All materials provided.

**August 10: *Shine On: Painting with Gold*** \$25/\$20 Members, includes 2 drink tickets  
Why did medieval artists use gold in their work? How did they make these images? And is it still used today? The “24 karat” workshop will answer these and other questions, and give you first-hand experience with the materials and processes of making your own gold-ground artwork. No prior experience necessary! All materials provided.

**August 17: *Solar Eclipse of the Heart Party*** \$25/\$20 Members, includes 2 drink tickets  
Close out the summer with the solar eclipse! Celebrate with us as we prepare for the first solar eclipse in the US in 38 years. Guests are encouraged to wear white, black, or space costumes as we party with Karaoke Tremendous (Lord Easy), astrological readings, dancing, art making, and film! Free food, cash bar (beer and wine). Supported in part by Level Solar.

The [Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor](#) is located on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Building A, Staten Island, NY 10301. Free onsite parking is available or take the S40 bus 10 minutes from the Staten Island Ferry.

Tickets are on sale now at [www.StatenIslandMuseum.org](http://www.StatenIslandMuseum.org) or [bit.ly/summernights17](http://bit.ly/summernights17)

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

Founded in 1881 and celebrating its 136<sup>th</sup> 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 is open Wednesday – Friday: 11am – 5pm, Saturday and Sunday: 10am – 5pm Universally accessible. For current exhibits, visit [StatenIslandMuseum.org](http://StatenIslandMuseum.org).