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For Immediate Release

Staten Island Fact or Fiction: The Underground Railroad Panel Discussion slated for Black History Month

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2013

Time: 9:30am – 1:00pm

Location: **College of Staten Island's Center for the Arts Recital Hall**

2800 Victory Blvd., SI, NY 10314

Price: Free

(Staten Island, NY – February 2013) The Staten Island Museum has gathered a panel of community historians and academics poised to discuss a **hot topic at the College of Staten Island's Center for the Arts Recital Hall** on Saturday, February 23, 2013 9:30am – 1:00pm: Abolitionists in New York and the existence of Underground Railroad activity on Staten Island.

This panel discussion is free, open to the public and will touch upon the Civil War on Staten Island, the Abolitionist movement, ideas of oral history and how history is researched. The program is designed to bring the community closer to history and make history more accessible to those eager to learn. All are welcome to ask questions and participate in the discussion.

Meet the Panelists

Moderator: Professor Catherine Lavender, Ph.D, Director of the American Studies Program, CUNY, College of Staten Island.

Discussion/Panelists include:

- **Professor Robert Fanuzzi, Ph.D, St. John's College of Arts and Sciences, The Anti-slavery Movement.**
- Debbie-Ann Paige, MA Independent Scholar
- Professor Howard Wiener, Ph.D, CSI Department of History, CUNY, College of Staten Island
- Professor Calvin Holder, Ph.D, Director of the African American Studies Program, CUNY, College of Staten Island
- Professor John Dixon, Ph.D CSI Department of History, CUNY, College of Staten Island

This program has been made possible in collaboration with the Department of History, College of Staten Island/City University of New York with financial support from Con Edison, New York Council for the Humanities, and the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs.

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About the Staten Island Museum

Founded in 1881 and celebrating **its 131st 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. For current exhibitions, visit Statenislandmuseum.org

Visitor Information

Staten Island Museum (St. George)

75 Stuyvesant Place

Hours:

Monday – Friday: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday: 12:00pm – 5:00pm

Universal Accessibility

Recommended Admission

Adults \$5.

Students & Seniors \$3.

Members & Children under 12 FREE

History Center & Archives

1000 Richmond Terrace, Snug Harbor, Bldg H

Hours:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00pm – 4:00pm

By appointment only.

Contact Cara Dellatte at 718.483.7122

History Gallery Hours

Tuesday – Friday: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

FREE