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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment granting women the right to vote. On March 7, 2020 to coincide with Women's History Month the Museum will open *Women of the Nation Arise! Staten Islanders in the Fight for Women's Right to Vote*, about Staten Island's unique place in the history of the suffrage movement. We are incredibly proud to present this exhibition that is the result of 3 years of primary research by archives manager Gabriella Leone and in consultation with a group of scholar advisors.

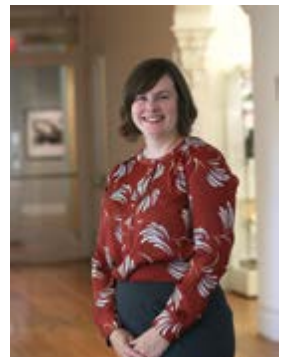
We are also excited to welcome our partners at the Korean Community Development Center back to celebrate the **Lunar New Year** on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Museum invites you to say goodbye to the year of the Pig and hello to the year of the Rat while playing games, creating art, enjoying delicious food, and trying on traditional Korean clothing (hanbok).

To complement the Museum's current exhibition, *Field Notes: Seed Stories and the Power of Plants*, we are excited to present *From Seed to Supper: Rice Tasting with Gullah Chef BJ Dennis*, featuring renowned Chef BJ Dennis in conversation with horticulturist Wambui Ippolito to explore the foodways and plant-based cuisine of the Gullah region. Join a lecture with Ms. Ippolito on January 11<sup>th</sup> and the tasting and talk with Chef Dennis who is flying in for this one-time food event on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited and these events are not-to-be-missed!

We look forward to seeing you this season to explore all that the Staten Island Museum has to offer.



Janice Monger



# NEW EXHIBITION

## WOMEN OF THE NATION

# ARISE!

*Staten Islanders in the Fight for Women's Right to Vote*

### EXHIBITION AND PROGRAM SERIES HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

#### Members Preview

Friday, March 6, 7pm-9pm

#### Public Opening and Reception

Saturday, March 7, 2pm-4pm

#### International Women's Day

Sunday, March 8, 11am-5pm

FREE Admission All day



*See page 10-11 for event details.*

***Women of the Nation Arise!*** presents Staten Island's unique place in the history of the suffrage movement by recounting stories of local suffragists, their contributions to the national effort, and the tactics they employed to win the vote.

Discover how women's right to vote was earned as well as the relevance to present-day considerations of civic engagement and voter participation.



*This Exhibition is made possible in part by Con Edison, the New York State Council on the Arts, public funds provided through the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, and by a planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the human endeavor.*

# EXHIBITIONS

## FIELD NOTES:

### SEED STORIES AND THE POWER OF PLANTS

An Exhibition of Projects  
Based in Art and Science

*Last chance! Closing February 16*

Four distinct projects explore the cultural, artistic, and scientific impact of collecting plant life. In doing so, they reveal narratives of resilience, fragility, and transformation. *Field Notes* speaks to the heritage embedded in the flora around us.

*This exhibition is made possible in part by the New York State Council on the Arts and public funds provided through the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs.*



## NEW ON VIEW



The Museum recently installed this portrait by Raphael Soyer, generously donated by Mrs. Ethel Diamond Krant in memory of Dr. Jerome Krant. The painting is currently on display in *Opening The Treasure Box*.

*Girl with Flowers*  
Raphael Soyer  
(Russian, b. 1899 – American, 1987).  
Oil on canvas, 1904.

*Gift of Mrs. Ethel Diamond Krant in  
Memory of Dr. Jerome Krant | A2019.8.*

# SUPER SCIENCE

In connection with *Women of the Nation Arise!* Super Science will focus on fearless female pioneers in science. Each workshop will highlight the work of women in science and the major contributions they made to the world.

6-12 year olds, accompanied by an adult. Registration recommended.

**\*NEW TIME\***

**Super Science: Electricity**

Saturday, January 18, 1pm-3pm

**Super Science: Biochemistry**

Saturday, February 22, 1pm-3pm

*Supported in part by Richmond County Savings Foundation*



**Super Science: Fossils**

Saturday, March 28, 1pm-3pm

**Super Science:**

**Wetlands Conservation**

Saturday, April 25, 1pm-3pm

## FAMILY ART WORKSHOPS

The season, Family Art Workshops will present craft projects that illuminate dark nights, capture snow in a globe, and feed hungry birds.

All ages welcome.

**Luminary Lanterns**

Saturday, January 4, 1pm-3pm

**Snow Globes**

Saturday, February 1, 1pm-3pm



**Voting Rocks!**

Saturday, March 7, 1pm-3pm

**Bird Feeders**

Saturday, April 4, 1pm-3pm

*Supported in part by Richmond County Savings Foundation*

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

## AMERICAN GARDENS AND THE AFRICAN DIASPORA

Saturday, January 11, 2pm-3:30pm

FREE with Museum Admission

An exploration of Black Diasporan ornamental gardens and the growers, garden clubs, and horticulturists associated with them led by Staten Island based horticulturist Wambui Ippolito.

**Wambui Ippolito** is the horticulturist and principal designer of her own New York based landscape design firm. She is a graduate of the New York Botanical Garden's School of Professional Horticulture.



*Horticulturist Wambui Ippolito, Imara Moore Photography, 2018.*



*BJ Dennis holds a bowl of Hill Rice, a lost variety of West African rice that was grown by American slaves.*

*Photo by Keely Laughlin.*

*Courtesy of Charleston City Paper*

## FROM SEED TO SUPPER: Rice Tasting with Gullah Chef BJ Dennis

Thursday, January 16, 7pm-9pm

\$35 per person

Registration required. Space is limited.

Join renowned chef BJ Dennis in conversation with horticulturist **Wambui Ippolito** for an interactive exploration of the culinary traditions of the Gullah, a distinctive group of Black Americans from coastal South Carolina and Georgia. A series of rice tastings are matched with discussion around the history and culture of this all important seed and special link between the Gullah and the people of West Africa.

**Benjamin "BJ" Dennis IV** is a chef born and raised in Charleston, South Carolina, whose cooking is inspired by Gullah Geechee culture, with its origins in West Africa. Dennis studied culinary traditions in St. Thomas before returning to the

Lowcountry to cook at various restaurants including Anson's, Carolinas, Hank's Seafood, and 82 Queen. He now cooks at various events across the country and pop-up dinners across the Lowcountry.

*American Gardens and the African Diaspora and From Seed to Supper is funded, in part, through Staten Island Arts' Expanding Audiences and Cultural Participation program, which has been made possible through the generosity of New York Community Trust, The Staten Island Foundation, and the Altman Foundation.*

**FAMILY ART WORKSHOPS:  
Luminary Lanterns**

Saturday, January 4, 1pm-3pm  
FREE with Museum Admission

Cast a bright light on the New Year by making your own luminary lantern. Play with shape, texture, and shadow through a variety of provided materials from the traditional to the unconventional.

**SUPER SCIENCE: Electricity**

Saturday, January 18, 1pm-3pm  
6-12 year olds, accompanied by an adult  
FREE with Museum Admission

Edith Clarke was the first female electrical engineer and first female professor of electrical engineering in the United States! Follow in her footsteps by building simple circuits to develop an understanding of parallel and series circuits.



**KOREAN LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION!**

Saturday, January 25, 2pm-5pm  
FREE with Museum Admission

Say goodbye to the Year of the Pig and hello to the Year of the Rat as the Staten Island Museum celebrates Lunar New Year with the Korean Community Development Center (KCDC). Enjoy art activities, traditional Korean clothing (hanbok), games, customary Lunar New Year refreshments, and so much more!

Visit the event section at [StatenIslandMuseum.org](http://StatenIslandMuseum.org) for information and tickets..

# FEBRUARY

## **FAMILY ART WORKSHOPS: Snow Globes**

Saturday, February 1, 1pm-3pm

FREE with Museum Admission

Use your imagination and create a miniature winter wonderland in a jar. Learn how to make your very own snow globes using a variety of materials provided. Let it snow!



## **IMAGINATION STUDIO: Marble Runs and Crazy Mazes**

Wednesday-Friday, February 19 - 21  
1pm-3pm

FREE with Museum Admission

Learn about motion and force by designing, testing and building marble runs and mazes. Use wooden materials of all shapes and sizes to construct creative, mind-bending mazes. Use your STEM skills to brainstorm, sketch, and test ideas. Play with scale and make a micro or mega maze! No prior experience necessary. Wood generously supplied by Brownie's Pro & Sport Hobbies.

## **SUPER SCIENCE:**

### **Biochemistry**

Saturday, February 22, 1pm-3pm

6-12 year olds, accompanied by an adult

FREE with Museum Admission

Marie Maynard Daly was the first African American woman in the United States to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry. Discover the importance of biochemistry and the way that our bodies make and use proteins.





# SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION



**COMING IN JULY 2020!**

## **EARTH CAMP: Outdoor Adventures and Nature Explorations**

Earth Camp is for adventurous 8 – 13 year olds who love science. Discover local trails, wetlands, salt marshes, beaches, and woodlands in “The Greenest Borough.” Over the course of two weeks, campers will build their science skills through hands-on STEM activities and make new friends discovering some of Staten Island’s rarest green spaces.

**Early bird registrations starts in March!**

Visit [www.statenislandmuseum.org/education/camps/](http://www.statenislandmuseum.org/education/camps/) for more information and to register.

## **STEM MATTERS: STEM Discovery Camp**

For two weeks summer campers can explore the Museum’s extensive biology, geology, and environmental science collection and enjoy hands-on workshops with our community partners. Whether you are investigating oyster beds, designing a weather station, building a composting worm bin, or harnessing the sun to cook on a solar oven or power a robot, each day will spark your imagination! **Registration starts in March.** Visit [www.statenislandmuseum.org/education/camps/](http://www.statenislandmuseum.org/education/camps/) for more information on this FREE camp from the NYC Department of Education.

# BIRD AND NATURE WALKS

1-2 mile guided hikes through Staten Island green spaces! Visit the Event section at [StatenIslandMuseum.org](http://StatenIslandMuseum.org) for details and meeting locations.

### **FREE/Donations Welcome**

- Wednesday, January 8, 10am: Brookfield Park
- Wednesday, January 15, 10am: Conference House Park
- Wednesday, January 29, 10am: Great Kills Park
- Wednesday, February 12, 10am: Wolfe’s Pond Park
- Wednesday, February 26, 10am: Mount Loretto Unique Area
- Wednesday, March 11, 10am: South Beach/Fort Wadsworth
- Wednesday, March 25, 10am: Clove Lakes Park
- Wednesday, April 8, 10 am: High Rock Park
- Wednesday, April 22, 10am: Wolfe’s Pond Park and Lemon Creek

## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

### WOMEN OF THE NATION ARISE!

#### Staten Islanders in the Fight for Women's Right to Vote

Presenting Staten Island's unique place in the history of the suffrage movement by recounting stories of local suffragists, their contributions to the national effort, and the tactics they employed



#### FAMILY ART WORKSHOP:

##### Voting Rocks!

Saturday, March 7, 1pm-3pm

FREE with Museum Admission

Vote! This four letter word has power. Make an impact, get creative, and inspire those around you to exercise their voice and rock the vote. Paint a lively design of your own, or gain inspiration from the various poems, phrases, and mottos that won women the right to vote. All materials provided.

#### MEMBERS PREVIEW

Friday, March 6, 7pm-9pm

FREE

View the exhibition prior to opening day. To learn more about becoming a Museum member, visit [www.statenislandmuseum.org/support/memberships](http://www.statenislandmuseum.org/support/memberships).

#### PUBLIC OPENING AND RECEPTION

Saturday, March 7, 2pm-4pm

FREE with Museum Admission

Join us for the public opening reception of this dynamic new exhibition honoring the centennial of the 19th amendment.

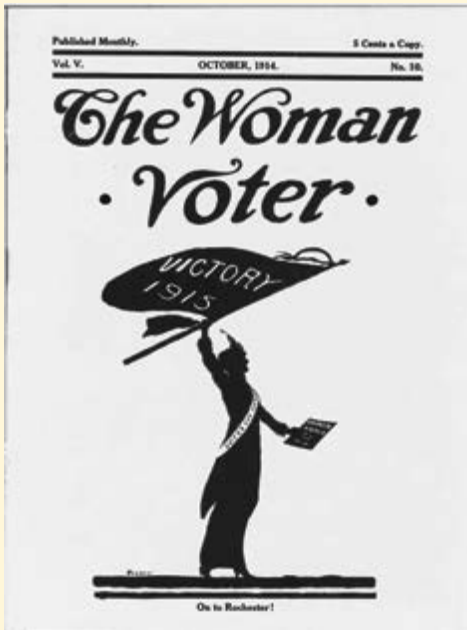
#### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Sunday, March 8

FREE Admission All Day

**Bird Walk and Tour: 10am-12pm**

In celebration of International Women's Day, join Move Forward Staten Island and the Feminist Bird Club for a guided bird walk on the grounds of Snug Harbor followed by a tour *Women of the Nation Arise!* Please meet in front of the Museum, bring binoculars, and dress for the weather.



## **PANEL DISCUSSION: Perspectives on the Suffrage Centennial**

Sunday, March 22, 2pm-3:30pm

FREE with Museum Admission

Registration recommended, space is limited.

*Women of the Nation Arise!* brought together a panel of scholars and experts to advise the development of the exhibition and examine the contributions of Staten Island's suffragists, present-day issues of political equality, and voter participation. Hear firsthand the conclusions reached by the panel about Staten Island's role in expanding voting rights – a core principle of American government.

**Sarah Litvin** - Director, Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History;

**Dr. Susan Goodier** - Lecturer of History at SUNY Oneonta specializing in U.S. Public Policy History, International Gender and Culture, and Black Women's History;

**Debbie-Ann Paige** - Public historian, Senior Policy Analyst with the Council of State Governments, and co-president of the Richard B. Dickenson Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAGHS); and

**Catherine Gray** - Co-President of the League of Women Voters of the City of New York.

*This program is made possible by a planning grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the human endeavor.*

## **SUPER SCIENCE: Fossils**

Saturday, March 28, 1pm-3pm

6-12 year olds, accompanied by an adult

FREE with Museum Admission

Mary Anning was an English fossil collector, dealer, and paleontologist who became known around the world for important finds she made in Jurassic marine fossil beds in the cliffs along the English Channel. Learn how fossils form and about their importance in understanding the long history of life on our planet.

# APRIL

## **SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM DAY!**

**Saturday, April 4, 11am-5pm**

**Free Admission All Day**

Museum Day is an annual celebration of boundless curiosity hosted by Smithsonian Magazine. Participating museums and cultural institutions across the country provide free entry to anyone presenting a Museum Day ticket. The Museum Day ticket provides free admission for two people on Saturday, April 4, 2020. Tickets will be available to download starting February 27, 2020 on [www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-2020/](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-2020/)



## **FAMILY ART WORKSHOPS: Bird Feeders**

**Saturday, April 4, 1pm-3pm**

**FREE with Museum Admission**

Celebrate the renewal of spring by recycling plastic bottles into bird feeders. Using various art materials, you will create a beautiful and unique feeder that will attract and nourish a variety of birds.



*Photo by Willie Chu*

## **POET LAUREATE PRESENTS: Women's Right to Vote**

**Sunday, April 5, 2pm-3:30pm**

**FREE with Museum Admission**

**Register in advance. Space is limited.**

Join Poet Laureate Marguerite Maria Rivas for an interactive afternoon of poetry celebrating Women's Right to Vote featuring historic and contemporary works.

## **Spring Break Camp with the Staten Island Children's Museum**

**Monday - Friday, April 13-17**

Join us for spring break camp with the Staten Island Children's Museum. Details and registration coming soon! Visit [www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs/](http://www.StatenIslandMuseum.org/calendar-programs/) or call 718.727.1135.

## **FAMILY NIGHT OUT: PJ PARTY!**

Friday, April 17, 7pm-9pm

Early Bird Tickets: \$10pp | \$15pp at the door

Kids under 3, FREE

Put on your PJs and join us for an evening of entertainment for the whole family! Travel around the globe and enjoy the best short films for children from the **NY International Children's Film Festival**. Jumpstart your imagination with art and science activities inspired by this collection of bright and bold stories of growth and transformation. Selfie booth and snacks included.

*Presented in partnership with New York International Children's Film Festival.*



## **Earth Day How-To Festival**

Saturday, April 25, 12pm-4pm

FREE with Museum Admission

Celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day as we transform the Museum into an interactive science fair!! Hands-on workshops, drop-in presentations, and scheduled lectures take place throughout the Museum and feature local experts, enthusiasts, hobbyists, and professionals sharing their particular passions ranging from activities that require highly specialized skills to those anyone can do. Celebrate our community's know-how, learn something new, and help protect the only world we have.

## **SUPER SCIENCE: Wetlands Conservation**

Saturday, April 25, 1pm-3pm

6-12 year olds, accompanied by an adult

FREE with Museum Admission

Marjory Stoneman Douglas was an American journalist, author, women's suffrage advocate, and conservationist known for her staunch defense of the Everglades against efforts to drain it and reclaim land for development. In this session we will explore the wetlands in Snug Harbor, surveying the flora and fauna to determine the value of these often undervalued ecosystems.



# MEMBERSHIP

Did you know Museum members enjoy **free admission, discounts for events, programs and in the Museum store, and reciprocal membership with 20 other New York State museums?**

**Visit our [StatenIslandMuseum.org](http://StatenIslandMuseum.org) or call 718.727.1135 for additional membership benefits & details.**

- \$35     Senior (65+) /  Student (with ID)     \$125    Contemporary Council **NEW!**
- \$45     Individual /  Educator (with ID)     \$240    Experience
- \$60    Family & Friends     \$600    Engage
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# LOCATION AND HOURS

## 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  
The Museum is closed on  
New Year's 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*

## Staten Island Museum Front Desk

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Info@StatenIslandMuseum.org

## History Archives Inquiries

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