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Warm winters at the Staten Island Museum

1st Saturdays Filled with Family Art, and Super Science Saturdays to keep the kids busy all winter long.

(Staten Island, NY – January 4, 2017) As the temperature plummets and the glow of holiday gifts begins to wane, it’s time to get out of the house and into your imagination at the Staten Island Museum!

This winter, and beyond, the Museum is offering activities for all ages to expand young minds, get hands on, and explore creativity. **1st Saturdays Family Art Workshops**, offered on the first Saturday of every month presents hands on art activities that incorporate history, science, or an introduction to a specific tradition or culture. All supplies are provided as families are guided through the creative process by a museum educator. Workshops run 1:00 – 3:00pm and are located in the bright, beautiful classroom space on the ground level of the Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor, Building A. The workshops are rolling so if you can’t get there at the start, you can join in whenever you arrive.

**Free with Museum admission.**

- **January 7:** Happy New Year - Celebrate the New Year by creating you own noisemaker!
- **February 4:** Sailors’ Valentines – Sailors’ valentines from the end of the nineteenth century often had sentimental messages in English, like "Forget Me Not," and "Home Sweet Home." Create your own sailors’ valentine for someone special.
- **March 4:** Street Murals – Home is where the “art” is, and the city is our home! Explore public art and urban design throughout New York City’s history while creating your own.

For the family member who likes to experiment, the Staten Island Museum also offers **Super Science Saturdays** every third Thursday of the month. Don’t be fooled by the title, super science incorporates history and art into these hands-on mini-mad-scientist sessions! The winter months focus on indoor activities, while in the spring, the young scientists get out in the field. For children ages 8 – 13, must be accompanied by an adult. **Register here**, walk-ins welcome.

**$10 per person, $5 for Museum Members, includes Museum admission.**

- **January 21:** Force and Motion – Be an astronomer, make a telescope, and explore how these instruments have helped us learn how the stars and planets move throughout our universe!
- **February 18:** Geology Rocks – Investigate the forces and materials that shape the ground beneath your feet. Become a rock detective as you test minerals, identify specimens, and even take home a pet (rock).
- **March 18:** Sun Print Photography – Can you take a photograph without a camera? Discover the science and history behind the camera and gather some interesting objects for your shoot.

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.

For more events and programs available, visit: **StatenIslandMuseum.com/calendar-programs/**

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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.