GrowNYC Markets

Our markets are as diverse as the city itself! No matter where you are in NYC, you can find a bustling space filled with neighbors, families, office workers and chefs all shopping side-by-side for the freshest of products. Regardless of their size, each market is an anchor to its community providing not only fresh, locally-grown food, but a gathering place were neighbors can come together, share recipes, watch a cooking demonstration, take a tour with a chef and learn about local agriculture. Fore more specific location information, call 311.

Now Open in Manhattan:

West 175th Street - Thursday

West 97th Street - Friday

East 92nd Street - Sunday

East 82nd Street - Saturday

West 79th Street - Sunday

West 57th Street - Wednesday & Saturday

Abingdon Square - Saturday

Bowling Green - Tuesday & Thursday

City Hall - Tuesday & Friday

Columbia - Thursday & Sunday

Dag Hammarskjold Plaza - Wednesday

Downtown Path (formerly Zuccotti Park) - Tuesday

Ft. Washington - Tuesday

Inwood - Saturday

Lower East Side Youthmarket - Sunday

Mt. Sinai - Wednesday

Port Authority Bus Terminal - Thursday

Rockefeller Center - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Saint Mark's Church - Tuesday

Staten Island Ferry Whitehall Terminal - Tuesday & Friday

Stuyvesant Town - Sunday

Tompkins Square Park - Sunday

Tribeca - Wednesday & Saturday

Tucker Square - Thursday & Saturday

Union Square - Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

Flea Markets in Manhattan

Greenflea Market

Columbus Avenue at 77th Street.

Sunday 10:00 am - 5:45 pm. www.greenfleamarkets.com

Hell's Kitchen Flea Market

39th Street bewteen 9th and 10th Avenues.

Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Hell's Kitchen Flea Market

Gourmet Food Truck Bazaar

second Sunday of every month. www.hellskitchenfleamarket.com

Hester Street Fair

Hester and Essex Streets.

Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. www.hesterstreetfair.com

The Antiques Garage

West 25th Street Market - 25th Street between Broadway and Avenue of the Americas. Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. www.hellskitchenfleamarket.com

Riverbank State Park - Harlem Summer Shakespeare

145th Street and Riverside Drive

8:00 pm

A Midsummer Night's Dream presented by Pulse Ensemble Theatre

The 8th season of the Harlem Summer Shakespeare, whose goal is to make Shakespeare fun, accessible, and appealing to young people. Set in today's world, A Midsummer Night's Dream will use Shakespeare's language unchanged. In our constant efforts to keep the plays grounded in today's world, this production will incorporate the political issues of today. The performances will be in the park's Amphitheatre overlooking the Hudson River. Seating is on a first come first serve basis.

Performances will be presented on the following dates: July 2, July 3, July 5, July 6, July 7, July 8, July 11, July 12, July 13, July 14, July 15, July 18, July 19, July 20, July 21, and July 22.

Moose Hall Theatre Company Free Shakespeare Festival

Inwood Hill Park Penninsula, entrances at 218th Street & Indian Road and at Isham Street & Seaman Avenue, NYC

Wednesdays through Saturdays, July 18 through August 4, 7:30 pm.

THE GOLEM, (Heart of Light, Mind of Darkness)

Before Frankenstein there was . . .

THE GOLEM, (Heart of Light, Mind of Darkness) A tale of mysticism, hope, humor & horror. Chilling delights for warm summer evenings. (Premier staging based on Jewish folklore & legends of the Kabbalah) Written & Directed by Ted Minos.

Union Square Partnership

South Plaza, Union Square Park at 14th Street

Summer in the Square

Summer in the Square is Union Square Partnership's FREE weekly entertainment and programming series in the park during summer months. Running every Thursday from mid-June through mid-August in the South Plaza, the series offers a vibrant mixture of activities. The fresh "Fitness in the Square" begins at 7:00 am with yoga and cardio classes all morning long open to all ages and abilities. At 10:00 am and 12:00 pm, "Kids in the Square" kicks off with fun dance music and children's entertainment. The day concludes with "Music in the Square" at 6:00 pm as musicians play an array of rock, jazz, folk, and latin concerts on the plaza. So leave your Thursdays open this summer as there is sure to be something fun for everyone!

Shakespeare in the Parking Lot - The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

Municipal Parking Lot at the corner of Ludlow and Broome Streets, Manhattan.

(Subways: F to Delancey Street, walk one block south.)

8:00 performance (arrive as early as 7:00 for a space)

"The Merry Wives of Windsor" July 12 to 28

The play is presented in a working parking lot, so you can drive there but you should expect to pay the Muni-meter. The show is offered while the lot is in use. The action sometimes happens around a parked car which drives away during a performance. At such times, the players stop and the audience moves its chairs, pausing the performance the same way a show would stop for rain uptown in Central Park. It's all part of the fun. Seats are available on a first come first serve basis, with audience members often arriving as early as 7:00 PM to secure a place. You are encouraged and welcome to bring your own chair. Once seats are gone, blankets are spread out. Free.

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"Coriolanus" August 2 to 18

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Hudson Warehouse - The Other Free Shakespeare in the Park

North Patio of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Riverside Park, West 89th Street and

Riverside Drive

6:30 pm

Comedy of Errors

July 1

By William Shakespeare

Directed by Susane Lee

The Rover

July 12 - 15; July 19-22; 26 - 29; August 2 - 5

By Aphra Behn

Directed by Jesse Michael Mothershed

Richard II

By William Shakespeare

Directed by Nicholas Martin-Smith

August 9 - 12; August 16 - 19; August 23- 26; August 30 - September 2

No tickets are required. Just show up and choose a seat on the steps and benches of the monument.

High Line Art

Lawn On the High Line, 23rd Street between West 22nd and West 23rd Streets, (212) 206-9922

Every Saturday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon until Sat Aug 04 2012

Art on the High Line

Between the rich colors and textures in the planting beds to the unique site-specific art works curated by High Line Art, the High Line holds inspiration for creative minds of all ages. During Arty Hours, families are invited to drop-in to experiment with painting, drawing, and building materials from our Art Hub to create their own masterpieces to take home. Then, join them on a hunt for High Line Art works spread throughout the park. The High Line Children's Workyard Kit by Cas Holman will also be available for young builders to create one-of-a-kind vehicles, forts, creatures, structures, and machines from our kit of custom-designed wood planks, nuts, and bolts. Ages: 4+. No RSVP required. Free.

Governor's Island

See website for ferry information: http://www.govisland.com

May 26 - September 30

Mark di Suvero at Governors Island: Presented by Storm King Art Center

The exhibition is on view for another exciting season on Governors Island and includes a soaring new sculpture and programs for the public to enjoy. The exhibition is free and installed throughout the Island's public spaces.

Governor's Island

See website for ferry information: http://www.govisland.com

May 26 - September 30

Visit the interactive exhibit in Building 110 to learn more about the Governors Island Park and Public Space Plan and the 30 new acres of park and public space that are currently under construction. Visitors are invited to use Post It™ notes, markers and stamps to provide their feedback on the plan.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Process: 5th Annual Sculptors Guild Exhibition on Governors Island

Curated by Mikaela Sardo Lamarche and featuring work from members of the Guild and an invited guest artist, Faith Rinngold. For more information, including a schedule of hands-on free workshops and events visit sculptorsguild.org.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Empire Historic Arts Fund presents the fashion exhibit: "Tattered and Torn (On The Road To Deaccession)

An installation of costume de-accessioned from various museums due to condition issues that make them undesirable for exhibit in the upper echelon museum world. Empire Historic Arts takes a different stance and offer them as an amazing resource to people interested in the design and construction of 19th century costume.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Transforming Function at Building 110: LMCC's Art Center 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm

The artists in this exhibition, by creating works that reimagine purpose, urge us to develop relationships to these environments that extend beyond passive consumption. Through adapting uses and subverting functions, the resulting work takes many forms and offers new perspectives and approaches to viewing, listening, experiencing, and interacting. Additional programming such as workshops, demonstrations, and talks to be announced.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Painting Governors Island

An exhibition of en-plein-air watercolor and oil paintings exploring the island's unique setting. The harbor, the industrial Brooklyn waterfront, the New York City skyline and the bridges are all wonderful motifs from this inspiring location. The island, with its strange mixture of buildings, both utilitarian and historic, is in itself a fascinating subject. Each artist reinvents the island through their own eyes, finding surprising memorable images. While caring about the motifs, these paintings are not merely depictions, but rather personal, painterly truths about the island.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Building 110: LMCC's Arts Center at Governors Island

Building 110: LMCC's Arts Center at Governors Island is a multi-disciplinary art space featuring a gallery and studios for visual and performing artists. Building 110 opens for 2012 with exhibitions, performances, open studio events, and tours, as well as programs that are part of the River To River Festival. Through LMCC's events at Building 110, audiences will gain access to the artistic process and innovative artwork. For more information, visit www.LMCC.net and www.RiverToRiverNYC.com.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Children's Museum of the Arts Free Art Island Outpost Program

11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Join the Children's Museum of the Arts Teaching Artists for new themes and projects each weekend, including everything from painting and drawing to large-scale sculpture. Children and families can stop by for hands-on art for kids! For more information visit www.cmany.org.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Earth Matter Compost Learning Center

12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

Earth Matter Compost Learning Center, located at Picnic Point, is a place to discover composting, the art and science of turning food and yard waste into a healthy soil amendment, rich in the nutrients that plants need to grow. Come for a fun and free hands on experience and unravel the mysteries of "black gold" and pet our newest compost workers - 38 adorable chicks and two kid goats!

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Mü-Math: The Mobile Unit to Promote Mathematical Thinking

Mü-Math Adults and children 5 and up are invited to immerse themselves in different styles of mathematical thinking in ways that are playful and engaging. The 15 New York City themed installations are designed to offer different levels of challenge for children and adults alike.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Visiting Castle Williams

10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Visitors interested in visiting the newly re-opened Castle Williams will have the opportunity to learn about the history of Governors Island in an intimate setting led by a National Park Service Ranger, as tours to the top of the Castle are limited to small groups. Tickets will be on a first-come, first-served basis for the Castle and roof. Visitors can go to the gazebo outside the Castle for timed tickets. More information on these programs and access can be found at www.nps.gov/gois.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Weekday Park Ranger Programs: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays starting June 13 Join a National Park Ranger for a variety of programs offered during the week. These programs are the only way to see the island outside of the weekends! Check www.nps. gov/gois or call 212-825-3045 for a specific schedule of offerings.

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May 26 - September 30

Weekend Park Ranger Programs: Saturdays and Sundays throughout the day Every weekend, National Park Rangers offer programs throughout the day. Please visit www.nps.gov/gois or call 212-825-3045 Wednesday - Sunday for more information.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Orientation to the History of Governors Island

11:25 am, 1:25 pm, and 3:25 pm

Join a National Park Ranger for this 45- to 60-minute walking experience to discover how the role of Governors Island evolved to meet the changing needs of New York City and the nation.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Bicycle Tours of the Island

2:00 pm every Saturday and Sunday

See the island on wheels! Join a National Park Ranger or Volunteer for a 1.5-hour tour of the entire island, including the Monument, Historic District, and the South Island. NPS' most comprehensive tour. Meet at the National Park Service ticketing center located outside of Castle Williams. No reservations are required. Bring your own bike!

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Bike Governors Island

Bring your own bike or rent one from Bike and Roll™ to enjoy miles of car-free biking.

Governor's Island

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May 26 - September 30

Cooper-Hewitt Graphic Design—Now in Production

The exhibition explores some of the most vibrant graphic design work produced since 2000, including posters, books, magazines, identity and branding, information graphics, typography and typefaces, and film and television title graphics. The exhibition is in Building 110.

Governor's Island

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June 9 - September 23

FIGMENT 2012 Summer-Long Installations

This summer, FIGMENT's acclaimed interactive Sculpture Garden and artist-designed Minigolf Course are returning to Governors Island, welcoming visitors to the Parade Grounds to play with, dance around, contemplate on, and experience these wonderfully imaginative installations. The centerpiece of FIGMENT's summer-long installations for 2012 is the Treehouse, expanded and returning to Governors Island for a second year. This year's Minigolf Course is based on the theme "Arcade." Visitors can whack-a-clown, rescue a princess, and save the world from inevitable asteroid destruction one putt at a time. FIGMENT's Summer-Long Installations are open and free for the public to play and enjoy. For more information, visit http://newyork.figmentproject.org/summer.

Governor's Island

See website for ferry information: http://www.govisland.com

May 26 - September 30

Better Than Jam: handmade gifts shop

Better Than Jam is bringing Governors Island the creations of New York City's most talented artists and crafters. Popping up in the Governors Galleries, the shop is filled with the work of local designers, artists, and crafts people. Better Than Jam's gift shop allows visitors to take home a tangible memento from their visit—a souvenir that was designed and crafted with the island in mind. With the help of the Etsy New York Team, the shop will also host demonstrations and workshops on Saturdays 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm.

Harlem Week - August Events

The Apollo Theater, 253 W. 125th Street Every Wednesday, 7:30 PM

For date, call 311

West 135th Street bet, Malcolm X Boulevard & A.C. Powell Jr. Boulevard.

Part I - 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm

NY City "Children's Festival" (Part I)

Featuring exhibits, games, arts & crafts, live music, dance, free health testing, exhibits, and sports clinics.

Hansborough Rec. Center • W. 135th St., bet. Malcolm X Blvd. & Fifth Ave.

Part II, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Harlem Honey and Bears - Senior Citizens Swimming

Exercise & Demonstrations for the whole family.

West 135th Street bet. Malcolm X Boulevard & A.C. Powell Jr. Boulevard.

Part III, 12:00 noon - 5:00 pm

Historic Black College Fair

Over 50 Historical Black Colleges and Universities. Public, Private, City and State Colleges and Universities, distributing information on admissions, scholarships and financial

West 135th Street and F. Douglass Blvd.

Part IV. 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm New Yorkers are "Dancing In the Street" Saluting Jamaica's 50th Anniversay

Part V. 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **Fashion Flava Show**

Part VI, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

"Uptown Saturday Nite" - Tribute to Bob Marley

W.135th St. bet. Frederick Douglas Blvd. & Malcolm X Blvd.

Part VII, 12 noon - 5:00 pm

International Exhibitors & Vendors Village

Featuring Arts & Crafts, Music, Clothing, Jewelry, Hats, Sculptures, Foods, General Exhibits, Job Recruitment, Product Sampling, and Corporate Exhibits. On The Great Lawn of St. Nicholas Park, W. 135th Street & St. Nicholas Avenue

Part VIII, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Harlem Week Outdoor Film Festival In Concert With ImageNation

Featured Film: "Marley", The definitive life story of the musician, revolutionary, and legend.

Harlem Week - August Events

For date, call 311

Site I - W.135th St. between Malcolm X & A.C. Powell Jr. Blvds.

12:00 noon - 7:00 pm

NY City "Children's Festival" (Part II) - Theme: "Back to School"

Site II - On the YMCA Stage 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm "Open Line" Radio Broadcast 183 Ongoing



Dance, Spoken Word, R&B, Jazz, Reggae "Back to School" Children's Fashion Show

Site III - St. Nicholas Main Stage, W. 135th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Featuring Tributes to Don Cornelius & Soul Train

Site IV - For location, call 311

12:00 - 7:00 pm

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On the High Line

Chelsea Market Passage on the High Line at West 16th Street Every Saturday and Sunday between 11:00 am and 7:00 pm.

Chat with High Line Greeters

Make the most of your visit and stop by the High Line Field Station to chat with High Line Greeters. These dedicated volunteers can answer your questions and provide information about the park's unique design, history, horticulture, art, and more.

14th Street Passage on the High Line at West 14th Street

Every Tuesday on the High Line

Free, Guided Walking Tours

Join a High Line Docent for a fun and informative walk along the High Line. Learn about the history, design, art, and horticulture of this unique park. Our free, guided walking tours begin Tuesday, May 8, and continue weekly throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

This High Line Program is free and open to visitors of all ages. Space is limited. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early to guarantee your spot. Tuesday Tours are subject to cancellation in the event of inclement weather. Visit www.thehighline.org or follow @highlinenyc on Twitter for the latest park information.

On the High Line between Little West 12th and West 14th Streets Every Tuesday at dusk

Stargazing on the High Line

Gaze at the stars, planets, and Moon using high-powered telescopes, and chat with members of the Amateur Astronomers Association of New York about the sights you see. Stargazing on the High Line takes place weather permitting. For the latest updates, please call (212) 206-9922 or follow us @highlinenyc on Twitter. This High Line Program is free and open to visitors of all ages. No RSVP required.

The 23rd Street Lawn on the High Line between West 22nd and West 23rd Streets Every Thursday, 10:00 am

High Line Kids: Lawn Time for Little Ones

Spread a blanket and gather around for a morning of storytelling and activities at the 23rd Street Lawn. Different professional storytellers and musicians will be joining us throughout the summer, so stop by each week for something new. In the event of rain, Lawn Time will take place at the Chelsea Market Passage, on the High Line at 16th Street This High Line Program is free and open to kids ages zero to three accompanied by caregivers. No RSVP required.

Chelsea Market Passage on the High Line at West 16th Street Every Thursday and Friday between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Chat with High Line Greeters

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23rd Street Lawn on the High Line between West 22nd and West 23rd Streets Every Saturday, 10:00 am

High Line Kids: Arty Hours

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Chelsea Market Passage on the High Line at West 16th Street Every Wednesday at 4:00 pm

High Line Kids: Wild Wednesday

Watch a butterfly grow, touch a wriggly worm, or grab a magnifying glass and watch seeds fly at this weekly drop-in nature-based program. Each month focuses on a different natural wonder on the High Line, see below for more details.

Please note Wild Wednesdays will not take place on Wednesday, July 4.

July: Butterflies

Throughout the month of July, we'll be raising our own brood of Painted Lady butterflies. During each Wild Wednesday session this month we'll learn about the life cycle of butterflies and check-in on the development of our own. This month will culminate in a celebration and release of our butterflies.

August: Food Chain

Children will get an inside peek at the hidden ecosystem on the High Line. Find the sun trapped inside a plant's leaf, hop like a grasshopper, or become a bird on the hunt for a meal on the High Line. At the end of the month, children can check out a wriggly worm turning old plant material into nutritious soil at our Creature Feature. This High Line Program is free and open to kids ages four and up accompanied by caregivers. No RSVP required. The High Line Children's Workyard Kit by Cas Holman will also be available for young builders to create one-of-a-kind vehicles, forts, creatures, structures, and machines from our kit of custom-designed wood planks, nuts, and bolts.

Harlem Meer Fishing - Central Park

Charles A. Dana Center, located on the north shore of the Meer
From April 17 through October 7: Tues-Sat: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm (poles must be returned
by 4:00 pm); Sun: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm (poles must be returned by 2:00 pm)
Catch and Release Fishing

Catch-and-release fishing at the Harlem Meer is a favorite family and community pastime. Fishing poles are available to borrow at the Charles A. Dana Center, located on the north shore of the Meer. Picture ID required; instruction and bait (corn kernels) are provided with the poles.

The Harlem Meer is a thriving aquatic ecosystem that supports a wide variety of fish, waterfowl, turtles, plants and microorganisms. Some of the fish living in the Meer include largemouth bass, pumpkinseed sunfish, bluegill sunfish, carp and chain pickerel.

- Release fish gently. All fishing is on a "catch-and-release" basis only, meaning that all
 fish caught must be put back into the water immediately. Please wet your hands before
 handling fish, and release while the fish is underwater if possible.
- Use safe fishing equipment. The use of barbed hooks and lead sinkers is strictly prohibited. Monofilament line should be properly discarded of in the Charles A. Dana Discovery Center to avoid harming wildlife.

- Respect the turtles and waterfowl. If you see a turtle or bird near your hook, please move to another spot to avoid catching it.
- Please fish with complimentary fish bait (corn kernels) from the Dana Center ONLY. The use of bread products and hot dogs as bait is discouraged as it has been found to be harmful to both the wildlife and the water bodies.
- Don't feed the wildlife. Feeding any other wildlife and digging for worms is strictly prohibited.
- Stay on pathways, ramps and steps next to the water. Excessive trampling of the natural shoreline and wading in the water kills the grass and causes soil erosion and compaction. This creates poor living conditions for plants, fish and other Meer dwellers.

Free for families and individuals. Groups of five or more people must make reservations at least two weeks in advance. For more information, call 212-860-1370. Group reservations are taken for Tuesday to Friday only, for either of the following two-hour sessions: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, or 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm. Recommended for children ages 5 to 15 and accompanying adults. Note: New York State Department of Conservation regulations require persons 16 years of age and older to obtain a fishing license. For more information on this regulation and where you can buy one, please visit www.dec.ny.gov.

Sandbox Programs in Central Park

Located in different playgrounds all over Central Park. For more information, call 212-348-4867.

From mid-July to mid-August: weekdays from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Rock out in your favorite Central Park playground at free Sandbox Programs, the Conservancy's longest-running series of programming, celebrating its 23rd consecutive summer in 2012! Featuring dance, music and stories:

Sandbox Dance: Feel the rhythm and learn some new moves! Co-presented with Museum for African Art.

Sandbox Music: Learn to accompany live brass instruments with your own percussion under the guidance of professional teaching musicians from Central Park Brass.

Sandbox Puppets: Watch Ant and Grasshopper, Cat and Mouse, and many other characters tell folk and fairy tales brought to life by puppeteers from Wonder Spark Puppets.

Sandbox Stories: Hear stories about goblins, shoemakers, witches, princesses, fools and much more performed by New York City based storyteller Dan Kitrosser.

For children ages 3 to 8 years old and accompanying adults. No advance registration. All programs are FREE. Inclement weather will cancel these events.

The Central Park Conservancy's Summer Chess Series

Chess and Checkers House: mid-park at 64th Street

June 9 - September 22, 2012: Saturdays, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Chess in the Park

Multiple opportunities abound for children and people of all ages to build skills over cumulative workshops, practice and play with their peers in our open sessions, and test their abilities in a Simul each month – all while enjoying views of gorgeous Central Park.

Please check the calendar for individual dates and programs. For more information, call 212-794-4064. All programs are FREE. Beginners Lectures & Open Play Sessions: Learn to play the game of kings with professional chess teacher Jeff Kelleher in three beginners workshops. Recommended ages 6+. Advanced Players Lectures & Simuls*: Learn local Grandmasters' secrets to improve your chess game, then test your new skills against theirs or a friend's in the Conservancy's exciting summer-time series of chess lectures and "Simul" (simultaneous) games, in which the Grandmaster plays up to 30 participants at once, moving from board to board making one move at a time. All are welcome to enjoy the lecture and cheer on Simul participants. Official chess rating and day-of registration required for Simul participation when registered on a first-come first-served basis from 10:30 am - 11:00 am on the morning of the event.*

Federal Reserve Bank

Visitors must enter the building at 44 Maiden Lane., 212-720-6130

9:30 am, 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday except bank holidays: advance registration required.

Bank Tours

The free one hour tour includes a brief overview of the Federal Reserve System, a short video about the cash processing facility, a guided tour of the gold vault and admission to the Bank's museum. Reservations are required; they must be made at least one week in advance. Tours are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to the popularity of the tour, individuals and groups are advised to schedule the tour several weeks in advance. The tour capacity is 1-30 visitors. There is no waiting list or walk-ins for the tour. Your confirmation e-mail or admission ticket must be presented to the tour guide when you arrive at the Bank. For school groups and youth organizations only: One chaperone must accompany each group of nine students. Students must be at least 16 years old or juniors in high school.

Ellis Island Immigration Museum

Ellis Island Immigration Museum and Statue of Liberty are free. For prices of ferry rides, audio tours and crown access, call: 1-877-LADY TIX or 1-877-523-9849 go to: www. statuecruises.com/.

9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily

From 1892 to 1924, Ellis Island was America's largest and most active immigration station, where over 12 million immigrants were processed. On average, the inspection process took approximately 3-7 hours. For the vast majority of immigrants, Ellis Island truly was an "Island of Hope" - the first stop on their way to new opportunities and experiences in America. For the rest, it became the "Island of Tears" - a place where families were separated and individuals were denied entry into this country. Today the Ellis Island Immigration Museum is part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument. It is a place where visitors can spend hours learning about Ellis Island's history - before, during, and after its heyday as America's premier immigration station. The museum also tells the stories of why so many people immigrated to America and what became of them after they arrived. Ellis Island has become a place where families and individuals celebrate and honor those who made the arduous journey to a new life in America.

The Children's Museum of the Arts with the Hudson River Park Trust

will provide free hands-on arts programming throughout the summer of 2012. CMA will bring a wide variety of art-making and art-appreciation activities to various piers from June 4th- August 30th, providing a range of programming options for ages.

Pier 25

Every Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Waterfront art

Over the course of the summer season, CMA Teaching Artists will facilitate site-specific hands-on art-making activities. Each week CMA's activities will include one individual mixed media project and one larger-scale collaborative project, inspired by the unique waterfront environment.

Pier 84

11:00 am - 4:00 pm, July 7 and August 18

Eco art installation sculpture

In conjunction with Hudson River Park's Science on the River days, CMA will facilitate an "eco art installation sculpture" project, made up of a variety of found object and materials and a riverfront inspired animation project on Pier 84. Explore the art of stop motion animation: help to create a fully realized rainforest set and sculpt the clay puppets of the creatures that live there.

Riverflicks for Kids on Pier 46 July 13 at 6:00 pm

The art of animating live subjects

CMA's unique children made Media Lab films will be presented as trailers to Hudson River Park's Friday family film screenings. Check out CMA's nature and animal shorts! Join us to kick off the Riverflicks for Kids series for art-making and pixilation, the art of animating live subjects. Try fun special effects like flying and becoming someone else!

New York Transit Museum

At the corner of Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street in Brooklyn Heights. Phone (718) 694-1600

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at the Transit Museum in Brooklyn Heights, FREE with paid Museum admission! Events are subject to change. Visit www.mta.info/museum or call 718.694.1792 for more info. Tuesday – Friday 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission Adults \$7, Children 2 – 17 years of age \$5, Senior Citizens (62+) \$5, Seniors Free Wednesdays, Museum members: Free. Children under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an adult.

The New York Transit Museum, one of the city's leading cultural institutions is the largest museum in the United States devoted to urban public transportation history, and one of the premier institutions of its kind in the world. The Museum explores the development of the greater New York Metropolitan region through the presentations of exhibitions, tours, educational programs, and workshops dealing with the cultural, social, and technological history of public transportation. Since it's inception over a quarter century ago, the Museum, housed in a historic 1936 IND subway station in Brooklyn Heights, has grown in scope and popularity. As custodian and interpreter of the region's extensive public transportation networks, the Museum strives to share, through its public programs, this rich and vibrant history with local, regional, and international audiences.

The New York Transit Museum operates a gallery annex in Grand Central Terminal that presents changing exhibitions. The gallery annex is located just off the Main Concourse in the Shuttle Passage, next to the Station Master's office.

May 12 - October 7, 2012

New York's Golden Age of Bridges: Paintings by Antonio Masi

New York Transit Museum, Brooklyn Heights

Many artists over the years have painted the bridges of New York City, but few have been as singularly committed to painting all nine of New York's major bridges as Antonio Masi. In this exhibition, Masi's large scale watercolors are accompanied by concise histories of these masterpieces of engineering from the world longest suspension bridge spanning the treacherous East River in 1883 through the Robert Moses era, culminating with the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in 1964.

February 7 - July 8, 2012

The Art of the Poster

In the early 20th century, under the guidance of the legendary Frank Pick, London Transport commissioned work from the best artists and designers in the country to create posters promoting the use of public transportation. The London Underground's poster program is now one of the world's greatest graphic arts collections. See stunning original examples of this work in an exhibition organized by London's Transport Museum whose curators now care for this magnificent collection.

Now open!

Electricity: Powering New York's Rails

Is the subway plugged in? Not exactly. Visit the Transit Museum's newest exhibit to understand the science behind the third rail, AC/DC current and how motors work. Hands-on interactives and vintage objects from a century ago tell the story of the power behind a mass transit system that keeps New Yorkers on the go 24/7. Guaranteed to simplify this complicated tale for kids and their grownups, every visitor will walk away with a new understanding of how using mass transit makes New York one of the world's most sustainable cities.

Wednesdays, June 6 - September 26, 6:30 pm

Yoga - Evening Salute to the Sun

End your day with relaxing Hatha yoga in a beautiful sunset setting. Suitable for all fitness levels. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring your own mat. Summer on the Hudson programming is free to the public. Seating is limited, unreserved, and available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning 1-2 hours before the event. If there is heavy rain at the time of the event, the event will be cancelled. No rain dates are scheduled. If attendance reaches maximum capacity management reserves the right to close participation.

Pier I @ 70th St.

Every Sunday in July, 7:00 pm

Amplified Sundays

Vibrantly danceable live music accompanied by spectacular sunsets over the Hudson River!

71st St. Soccer Field and Basketball Courts

Wednesdays, July 11- August 8: Soccer Tots; 9:30 – 10:30am / Pee Wee Basketball; 10:30 – 11:30am

Tots Soccer & Pee Wee Basketball

All little ones (5 and under) welcome at this introduction to soccer and basketball.

Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre

Pier I @ 70th St.

Thursdays, July 12-August 16, 10:30 am-11:30 am

Swedish Cottage - Puppet Show

Music, storytelling & theater for young audiences. Wear sunscreen! Suitable for kids up to age 7.

The Swedish Cottage Marionette Theatre was imported to the U.S. in 1876 as Sweden's exhibit for the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. The enchanting Swedish architecture and craftsmanship of the structure, suggestive of a model schoolhouse, caught the eye of Fredrick Law Olmsted, who brought it to Central Park in 1877. Beginning in 1947, the Cottage served as the home of a marionette theater troupe that traveled across the city performing on playgrounds and school auditoriums. Under the direction of City Parks Foundation, citywide puppet shows in parks continue to this day through the CityParks PuppetMobile.

Downtown Boathouse

Pier 96 (at 56th Street) and one at 72nd Street

Pier 40 is open Thursdays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; West Houston Street at West Street. Pier 96 is open weekdays from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 9:00 am. to 6:00 pm; West 56th Street at the West Side Highway, Clinton. 72nd Street is open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, 72nd Street in Riverside Park

Free Kayaking on the Hudson and more

At the dead end of West Houston Street in the West Village is Pier 40, where an all-volunteer outfit, the Downtown Boathouse, offers a free program for seasoned mariners and complete neophytes alike. As long as you can swim, you can sign a waiver, don a life vest and enjoy 20 minutes of paddling within a designated area in front of the boathouse, safe from the Hudson River's currents and within reach of assistance. Take a lock and you can stash your stuff in a locker, change into your swimwear and shower after you're done.

It turns out that "Downtown Boathouse" is a bit of a misnomer; there are two other locations on the West Side of Manhattan, one at Pier 96 (at 56th Street) and one at 72nd Street. Both offer free kayaking, though the hours at 72nd Street are slightly shorter, and that site lacks showers and changing rooms. For the stoutest of body, heart and mind, assuming they can make it there by 8 a.m. sharp, Pier 96 offers guided three-hour

ongoing

tours along the Hudson, covering up to five miles. Free. Contact Number: 311 or go ontine to: downtownboathouse.org.

Free Tours By Foot

Phone: (212) 669-8159

Big Apple Greeter Walking Tours for NYC Visitors

This service is designed to help visitors to New York who don't know anyone in the city. Big Apple Greeters will provide visitors with their very own enthusiastic New Yorker, who will spend two to four hours with visitors personally pointing out local haunts and teaching them to use the subway. Soon enough, newcomers will be ready to set off on their own.

Cost: Greeters' services come free of charge, but you are advised to schedule at least three weeks in advance.

Free Tweed Courthouse Tours

Tours of Tweed Courthouse are offered free. Reservations are required and applications are online at: nyc.gov or call (212) 788-2656.

Tweed Courthouse is the legacy of Tammany Hall boss William M. Tweed (1823-1878), who used the construction of the building to embezzle large sums from the budget. Boss Tweed was tried in 1873 in an unfinished courtroom in this building and was convicted and jailed. After the Tweed Ring was broken up, work stopped on the building from 1872 to 1876. Construction progressed slowly after the Tweed years, and it was not until 1881 that the building was finally completed. In 1999, a comprehensive restoration began to return Tweed to its original grandeur. The front staircase, which had been removed in 1940 to widen Chambers Street, was reconstructed. The restoration also included the reapplication of the historic paint scheme, which includes faux brick painting and gold leaf appliqué. Today, Tweed is home to the Department of Education and the first floor is occupied by a New York City public school.

Free City Hall Tours

Tours are available on weekdays and are offered free of charge. To make a reservation, please fill out this online form or call (212) 788-2656. To prepare for your visit, please view the Previsit Guide. One of the oldest continuously used City Halls in the nation that still houses its original governmental functions, New York's City Hall is considered one of the finest architectural achievements of its period. Constructed from 1803 to 1812, the building was an early expression of the City's cosmopolitanism. City Hall is a designated New York City landmark, and its rotunda is a designated interior landmark as well.

Tours of Gracie Mansion

East End Avenue at 88th Street

To make reservations, please call 311 or e-mail gracietours@cityhall.nyc.gov.

General Tours

are offered on most Wednesdays at 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm. General admission is \$7 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and students are admitted free of charge. Tours last approximately forty-five minutes.

Tea Tours

are available for groups of 25-50 people on Tuesdays and Thursdays at \$25 per person. A delicious selection of homemade tea sandwiches, teacakes and scones are served.

In 1799, a prosperous New York merchant named Archibald Gracie built a country house overlooking a bend in the East River, five miles north of the City. Financial failure forced Gracie to sell his house to Joseph Foulke in 1823, and in 1857, the house came into the possession of Noah Wheaton. The City of New York appropriated the estate in 1896, incorporating its 11 acres of grounds into the newly-formed Carl Schurz Park.

After decades of use as a concession stand and restrooms for the park, Gracie Mansion was restored and became the first home of the Museum of the City of New York. When it moved to a larger building, Gracie Mansion became a historic house museum run by the Parks Department. Parks Commissioner Robert Moses convinced City authorities to designate it as the official residence of the Mayor, and in 1942, Fiorello H. La Guardia moved in. The house was

enlarged in 1966 with the addition of the Susan E. Wagner Wing, which includes a grand ballroom and two intimate reception rooms.

The Gracie Mansion Conservancy was established in 1981, and under its guidance, the first major restoration was undertaken between 1981 and 1984. In 2002, the interior and exterior were again restored, and the house was transformed into the "People's House" with increased accessibility to the public and to City agencies. It has also been used to accommodate visiting officials and dignitaries, such as former guests First Lady Rosalynn Carter and President Nelson Mandela.

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GrowNYC Markets

Our markets are as diverse as the city itself! No matter where you are in NYC, you can find a bustling space filled with neighbors, families, office workers and chefs all shopping side-by-side for the freshest of products. Regardless of their size, each market is an anchor to its community providing not only fresh, locally-grown food, but a gathering place were neighbors can come together, share recipes, watch a cooking demonstration, take a tour with a chef and learn about local agriculture. Fore more specific location information, call 311.

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Astoria - Wednesday

Atlas Park Glendale - Saturday

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Socrates Sculpture Park - Saturday

Sunnyside - Saturday

Ridgewood Youthmarket - Saturday

Queens Public Library - Arverne Branch (Children's Programs)

312 Beach 54 Street; 718-634-4784

Wednesdays, July 11 - August 22 @ 10:30 a.m.

Storytime and Craft (Infants-5-year-olds)

Mondays, July 9 - August 20 @ 3:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Club (Grades 1-3)

Tuesdays, July 10 - August 21 @ 3:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Club (Grades 4-6)

Queens Public Library - Arverne Branch (Teen Programs)

Tuesdays, July 10 - August 21 @ 3:00 p.m.

Summer Reading for Young Adults

Queens Public Library - Astoria Branch (Children's Programs)

14-01 Astoria Boulevard; 718-278-2220

Wednesdays, July 11 - August 15 @ 10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime and Crafts

Thursdays, July 12 - August 16 @ 2:00 p.m.

Science Club (Ages 6-12)

Queens Public Library - Auburndale Branch (Children's Programs)

25-55 Francis Lewis Boulevard; 718-352-2027

Wednesdays, July 11 - August 22 @ 10:30 a.m.

Little Dreamers, Big Dreams: Read to Me (Ages 18-36 months)

Mondays, July 9 - August 20 @ 3:00 p.m.

Summer Reading Club (Grades Pre K-2)