

BROOKLYN**Asser Levy Park**

West 5th Street at Surf Avenue across from the Aquarium, Brooklyn (718) 469-1912,
www.brooklynconcerts.com

Seaside Summer Concert Series 2006

7:30 P.M.

Thursdays in July and August

This free concert series is hosted by Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz. Brighton Beach will come alive with rock 'n' roll, Latin and contemporary music performances.

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Nature Unbound: Sculpture and Drawings by Nancy Blum

July 22 - September 3

Opening Reception: Saturday, July 22, 2:00-4:00 P.M.

This July, New York-based artist Nancy Blum will bring her large-scale sculptures and drawings to the Steinhardt Conservatory Gallery. Using various techniques and materials, including porcelain, bronze, wood, and glass, Blum transforms delicate subjects from nature into elegant, robust forms. In her expansive pen-and-ink drawings, she interweaves an astonishingly rich array of botanical images to create complexly layered compositions.

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Summer Discovery Garden

Our outdoor adventure garden is designed especially for young children to explore plant life from a kid's perspective. Children may visit seasonal plants and colorful flowers, follow butterflies and birds in a wildlife meadow, pump water down a bamboo waterfall to a stream, hide under a tree, hike a nature trail, and meet a giant green spider. The Discovery Garden includes safe areas designed for toddlers to experience plant life firsthand and have fun. Come visit the Discovery Garden during regular garden hours. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit us often!(Canceled in case of inclement weather). Admission charge.

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Discovery Tuesdays!

Tuesdays in June, July, and August - Drop in time: 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday is Discovery Day for young children interested in exploring plants up close! These 15-minute drop-in plant workshops are designed for children and families to be plant detectives and discover new parts of the Discovery Garden. Hands-on activities are educational and creative; they include nature explorations, plantings, and garden arts for kids to take home. Registration is not required. Free with Garden admission. (For children ages three to ten accompanied by a caregiver) Please Note: These workshops are designed for families and small groups; activities cannot accommodate school or camp groups. Admission charge.

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Thirsty Garden Thursdays!

Thursdays in July, and August - Drop in time: 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Visit the Discovery Garden on Thursdays to learn more about how important water is in the garden! Visit our wet water table and the plants that live there. Use a watering can and help water the thirsty plants in the Discovery Garden! See the sprinklers as they soak the soil and plants. Learn about what makes water, where it comes from, and how meaningful it is to plants and people. Registration is not required. Free with Garden admission. (For children ages three to ten accompanied by a caregiver) Please Note: These workshops are designed for families and small groups; activities cannot accommodate school or camp groups. Admission charge.

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Storytelling Saturdays!

Saturdays in June, July, and August - Drop in time: 2-4:00 P.M.

Lend an ear on Saturday afternoons at the Discovery Garden's toddler lawn as we read garden stories out loud! Hear the tales of patient plants, big bugs, and ugly vegetables. Do you have a story to share with us about a garden? Bring it along for show and tell! Stories will be repeated throughout the workshop, so drop by at any point during the workshop. Registration is not required. Free with Garden admission. (For children ages three to ten accompanied by a caregiver) Please Note: These workshops are designed for families and small groups; activities cannot accommodate school or camp groups. Admission charge.

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Endangered Habitats Around the World

Children's Garden Pavilion

Saturday, July 8, Sunday, July 9, Saturday, August 12, Sunday, August 13 - Drop in time: 1-3:00 P.M. Plants and plant habitats all around the world are disappearing! Come to our workshop to learn why and how this is happening and discover what we can do to protect plants and their habitats. Learn fascinating stories behind the plants featured in Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Summer Seasonal Trail on plant conservation. Kids and families can participate in a hands-on activity-get ready to roll up your sleeves and do your part to save endangered plants around the world! Registration is not required. Free with Garden admission. For children ages three to ten accompanied by a caregiver) Please Note: These workshops are designed for families and small groups; activities cannot accommodate school or camp groups. Admission charge.

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Plant Discovery Carts

Catch our Discovery Carts as they roll around the Garden this summer with exciting and educational plant adventures for children and families. Members of BBG's teen Garden Apprentice Program staff these traveling education carts, providing in-depth opportunities for children and adults to learn about plants and natural objects through close observation, scientific investigation, and hands-on interactions. Registration is not required. Free with Garden admission.

Brooklyn Central Library

Grand Lobby, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn (718) 230-2100

July 1st through August 13th

"My Brooklyn" Photo and Essay Exhibition

The whole family is invited to enjoy Brooklyn Public Library's "My Brooklyn" exhibition, which features winning entries from a recent photography and essay contest that asked contestants to share their personal stories about what makes Brooklyn special. The exhibition showcases over 20 winning photographs and essays selected from more than 200 entrants of all ages.

Brooklyn Children's Museum

145 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn (718) 735-4400, www.brooklynkids.org

Green Dollhouse

June 3 - September 3

New Exhibit Makes Child's Play of Building "Green". Green Dollhouse, presents a doll's eye view of a healthier world through eco-friendly dwellings. As children delight in the designs of the 17 dollhouses featured in this exhibit, they can make connections between the imagined world and the real world by learning how to conserve energy and protect the environment. Visitors will also be able to build their own dollhouses using "green" materials.

Admission: \$5; free for members and children under one year. The Museum will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day).

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Family Art Club

4 - 5:30 P.M.

Every Tuesday July 11 - August 29

Get your smock and brushes ready! Participate in the Museum's weekly art club and learn creative techniques. Derive inspiration from the Museum's collection objects and create your

own masterpieces using watercolor, charcoal, and other cool materials. Pre-registration required. Call (718) 735-4400 ext. 113. Ages 8+. Admission: \$5; free for members and children under one year. The Museum will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day).

Brooklyn Historical Society

128 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn (718) 222-4111, www.brooklynhistory.org

Brooklyn Works: 400 Years of Making a Living in Brooklyn

Through December 31

BHS celebrates the opening of the exhibition, Brooklyn Works: 400 Years of Making a Living in Brooklyn. Enter re-created environments of tenement buildings and sugar refineries, see original advertisements and artifacts from products manufactured in Brooklyn, and hear the stories of workers from enslaved Africans to modern restaurant owners.

Brooklyn Museum of Art

200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Ave., Brooklyn, (718) 638-5000, www.brooklynmuseum.org

Graffiti Painting

Through September 3rd

This exhibition presents twenty large-scale works from a graffiti trend that was started in the early 1970s by groups of urban youth. The self-taught artists began reclaiming their Bronx and Brooklyn neighborhoods by marking all available surfaces with tags, stylized images or renditions of their names.

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9/11 (Recent Acquisitions)

Through December 17

The exhibition will include paintings, photographs, prints, and drawings of the Lower Manhattan area around the World Trade Center site before, as well as after, the attack. Also included will be historical maps of the southern tip of Manhattan. The Museum's Libraries and Archives will exhibit artist's books and exhibition catalogues.

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Symphonic Poem: The Art of Arminah Brenda Lynn Robinson

This exhibition presents a diverse body of work that ranges from drawings and woodcuts to complex sculptures made from natural and synthetic materials, such as twigs, carved leather, music boxes, and "hogmawg," her own material composed of mud, grease, dyes, and glue.

Cityparks Concerts

(212) 360-1399 www.cityparksfoundation.org

July 11 - August 22

A free series presented in 10 neighborhood parks throughout the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens featuring distinguished artists working in genres from jazz to reggae and more. FREE.

Metropolitan Opera

(212) 362-6000 www.metopera.org

Met in the Park

August 22 - September 1

The Met travels to city parks in all five boroughs with outdoor productions of select operas. Visit www.nyc-arts.org for a complete schedule, as well as program details and locations. FREE.

New York Transit Museum

Boerum Place and Schermerhorn Street, Brooklyn (718) 694-1600 www.mta.info/museum

Upon Closer Inspection: The Art of Laura Cantor

Through August 27

Pastel drawings of subway car parts created by the New York City Transit car inspector, as well as oil paintings by her co-workers that illustrate the work involved in keeping the subway running. Admission charge.

Park Slope Farmers' Market

5th Ave. and 4th Street in Front of JJ Byrne Park

Sunday, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Rain or Shine: June 4 - November 19

The foods you buy at our farmers' markets are packed with vitamins and minerals and good health because they are so fresh. Meats and poultry are pasture raised so you won't be getting all the hormones and antibiotics that comes with factory meat. Specialty foods are made by hand in small kitchens by people who care. Whether you are on a low carb diet or crave artisanal breads and pastry or you are a vegan or meat eater, you will find something that is nutritious, and delicious at the farmers' market.

Prospect Park

Lakeside, Wollman Rink

Pedal Boating on the Lake

Thursday - Sunday, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. through October 29th

Cruise Brooklyn's only freshwater Lake in a pedal boat - it's so much fun, you won't even notice you're getting exercise! Rentals are \$15 per hour, plus tax, plus a \$10 refundable deposit. For further information, visit www.prospectpark.org.

Prospect Park

Prospect Park Children's Corner

Ride the Prospect Park Carousel

Thursday-Sunday, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. through October 29th

Prospect Park's historic 1912 Carousel is spectacular. At just \$1.50 per ride, kids can take a spin on hand-carved horses and listen to great carousel music from a classic Wurlitzer organ. Books of 6 tickets are available for \$8. For further information, visit www.prospectpark.org.

Prospect Park

Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse

Special Birdwatching Cruise

Saturday & Sunday, 12:00 Noon -12:45 P.M. through October 8th

Take an enchanting guided tour aboard the whisper-quiet electric boat Independence. Tour the Lullwater, one of Prospect Park's most scenic habitats for flora and fauna, and Brooklyn's only freshwater Lake. Informative, friendly Audubon boat captains lead the cruises, making them a great time for seasoned birders and budding boaters alike. \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids. Binoculars provided. For further information, visit www.prospectpark.org.

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Ride a Time Machine through the Lullwater

Saturday & Sunday, 1:15 -2:00 P.M. through October 8th

Glide through time on the Lullwater History Cruise - it's a historic adventure for the whole family aboard the whisper-quiet electric boat Independence. Learn about the history of Prospect Park, from prehistoric times to the present day, while touring one of Prospect Park's most scenic habitats for turtles and water birds. Friendly, seasoned Audubon boat captains make these trips fun and informative for all ages. \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids. For further information, visit www.prospectpark.org.

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Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse

Discover Tours

Saturday & Sunday, 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. through November 19th

Explore the secrets of nature with teacher/naturalists from the Prospect Park Audubon Center. Learn how to look for and identify birds as you explore Prospect Park's most scenic landscapes. Discover tours are a great way to learn about all facets of life within this beautiful Park - and best of all, they're free! For further information, visit www.prospectpark.org.

Prospect Park

Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse

Introduction to Birdwatching

Saturday & Sunday, 12:00 -1:30 P.M. through November 18th

Discover more about the natural wonders and fascinating feathered inhabitants of Brooklyn's flagship Park. Tours are fun, friendly, and informative, led by Audubon teacher/naturalists, and are absolutely free of charge. Call (718) 287-3400 ext. 101 to register; drop-ins also welcome.

Prospect Park

Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse

Nature Babies

Every Monday, 9:30 -11:00 A.M. through September 4th

Nature Babies is a delightful, nature-themed music, storytelling and crafts program for 1 to 3 year-olds and their caregivers. Prepay to receive a special introductory rate. Call (718) 287-3400 ext. 114 to register.

Prospect Park

Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse

Prospect Park Green Team

Every Wednesday, 3:30 -5:00 P.M. through September 6th

Make friends, discover nature, and become a part of the Park! The Green Team is a drop-in program for 9- to 13-year-olds who want to help conserve the natural wonders of Prospect Park. Free. Call (718) 287-3400 ext. 114 to register.

Prospect Park

Prospect Park Audubon Center at the Boathouse

Drop-in Crafts

Saturday & Sunday, 1:00 -3:00 P.M. through November 19th

Looking for something to do with the kids? Teacher/naturalists at the Audubon Center are available each weekend, leading structured, fun, and engaging arts activities for children. Kids create toys, puppets, and more, using all-natural materials - and it doesn't cost a thing! For further information, visit www.prospectpark.org.

Prospect Park

Lefferts Historic House

Sewing Club

Every Friday 1:30 -3:30 P.M. through November 17th

Learn basic sewing techniques, and start your own patchwork quilt, while you jump back in time in one of Brooklyn's last remaining 18th century Dutch-American farmhouses. Free. For further information, visit www.prospectpark.org.

Rooftops Films

Movies are shown on rooftops (and in some parks, too) around Manhattan and such Brooklyn neighborhoods as Williamsburg, Fort Greene and Gowanus. The series screens only new indie features, documentaries and shorts, so expect a younger crowd. Live music is performed before most screenings. Call ahead, some sites charge an \$8 to \$10 admission. Held Thursdays through Saturdays from June 1 to September 22 at different sites. Rooftop presents 48 nights of films at locales such as the roof of Pier 40 at Houston Street and the roof of the Old American Can factory in Gowanus. For more information, visit www.rooftopfilms.com for site locations or call (718) 417-7362.

West Indian Festival

Brooklyn, (718) 467-1797 www.wiadca.org

August 31 - September 4

Four million people gather in Brooklyn over five days to celebrate Caribbean heritage with intricate floats, ornate costumes, pulsating music, dynamic dancing and authentic food. Highlights include Brassfest, the Steel Band Panarama and Caribbean Day parade down Eastern Parkway, the largest in the city. FREE.

Wingate Field

Winthrop Street between Brooklyn and Kingston Avenues, Brooklyn (718) 469-1912,

www.brooklynconcerts.com

Martin Luther King Jr. Concert Series 2006

Mondays in July and August at 7:30 P.M.

This free concert series hosted by Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz, includes themed nights of jazz, R&B, gospel, oldies and Caribbean music.

