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## August Events at Brooklyn Historical Society

**July 21, Brooklyn, NY** – We wanted you to be the first to hear about Brooklyn Historical Society's exciting programs this August.

### **Tuesday, August 2**

#### **Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable**

[Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable](#) is a quarterly luncheon series dedicated to examining, analyzing, reviewing and predicting the critical issues in Brooklyn real estate. It's the only event where all of Brooklyn's real estate professionals gather to discuss timely and important issues affecting the industry. Attend the Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable and join participants from firms such as Muss Development, Toll Brothers, Thor Equities, Hudson Companies, Brody Group, Forest City Ratner, Two Trees Management and Douglaston Development. All Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Historical Society. [Purchase your tickets](#) today for the 2011 Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable. For the full 2011 schedule, or to register by mail, please see our [registration form](#).

### **Wednesday, August 3**

#### **Sauce for the Goose**

7:00 p.m.

Join [Brooklyn Brainery](#) and BHS for this special presentation about strange cases in history. Join historian [Benjamin Feldman](#) as he tells of the crowds that gathered at the City Hall courthouse to witness the trial of George Barnard vs. Mary Power. Barnard, an impoverished painter, sued a wealthy steamboat captain's daughter for having jilted him for a wealthier man. Tickets \$8 BHS members/\$10 non-members. Advance purchase recommended as seating is limited. Your ticket includes one free water or Brooklyn Brewery beer. [Purchase your ticket here](#).

### **Wednesday, August 3**

#### **Brooklyn's Industrial Waterfront: Brooklyn Historical Society**

7:00-8:30 p.m.

In conjunction with [Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy](#), Brooklyn Historical Society Public Historian Julie Golia will lead a tour of Brooklyn Bridge Park and the surrounding neighborhood. Through stories of businesses, buildings, Brooklynites and much more, the tour examines the history of Brooklyn's economic growth and the transformation of the industrial waterfront. This tour departs from Water and Plymouth Street at 7:00 p.m. RSVP required. Please RSVP to [rsvp@bbpc.net](mailto:rsvp@bbpc.net).

### **Thursday, August 4**

#### **Painting Brooklyn Stories Exhibit Tour**

2:30 p.m.

The BHS exhibit [Painting Brooklyn Stories of Immigration and Survival](#) by Nina Talbot explores the stories of several immigrants, focusing on how their homeland experiences have shaped their lives in Brooklyn. Join us for a tour of this exhibit where we will discuss individuals who have

shaped Brooklyn into the eclectic borough it is. This tour is free with museum admission. Admission is always free for [BHS members](#).

### **Saturday, August 6, 13, 20 and 27**

#### **Immigrant Foodways Tour**

*10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Based on oral histories with residents and business owners in East Williamsburg, this tour explores the history of Brooklyn's "Avenue of Puerto Rico," once the heart of a Jewish community. We will take an in-depth look at the Moore Street Market, which was built in 1941 to mark the end of the pushcart era and now stands as a centerpiece of the Spanish-speaking community. By the end of the tour, you'll be equipped with new knowledge about Latin American ingredients and a booklet of traditional recipes to help you recreate the tastes and smells of the market in your own home. This tour will take place every Saturday in July. Tickets: \$39/person (10% off for BHS members - contact BHS at 718-222-4111 x250 for discount code). Advance ticket purchase is required. Go to [www.urbanoyster.com](http://www.urbanoyster.com) or call (347) 618-TOUR (8687) to book public or private tours.

### **Sunday, August 7**

#### **BHS Building Tour**

*2:00 p.m.*

Come explore our beautiful landmark building. Designed by architect George Post and built in 1881, the Brooklyn Historical Society's building was ahead of its time. Using the latest technology, Post created a magnificent structure with amazing craftsmanship. On this guided tour you'll learn not only about the building as an architectural gem, but you'll also find out the "more than meets the eye" history of one of Brooklyn's premier cultural institutions. This tour is free with museum admission and open to the public. Admission is always free for [BHS members](#).

### **Wednesday, August 10**

#### **Butchery on Bond Street - A Widow's Mite**

*7:00 p.m.*

Join [Brooklyn Brainery](#) and BHS for this special presentation by historian [Benjamin Feldman](#) as he recounts the gruesome 1857 death of Dr. Harvey Burdell. The Burdell scandal dominated newspapers in New York for most of the year. The arrest of his ex-lover, Vinegar Hill born and bred Emma Hempstead Cunningham, and her trial for his murder fascinated the town. Emma's tale and her sorry end will sicken and enthrall you. Tickets \$8 BHS members/\$10 non-members. Advance purchase recommended as seating is limited. Your ticket includes one free water or Brooklyn Brewery beer. [Purchase your ticket here](#).

### **Thursday, August 11**

#### **Painting Brooklyn Stories Exhibit Tour**

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### **Thursday, August 11**

#### **Artist Talk with Crown Heights Gold Artists**

*7:00 p.m.*

Dexter Wimberly, curator of this summer's [Crown Heights Gold](#) exhibition, will moderate a lively, unscripted Artist Talk featuring [Fiona Gardner](#) and [Kenya \(Robinson\)](#). With Wimberly as host, these two dynamic artists will be interviewed simultaneously in an unrehearsed, spontaneous "talk show" format. They will discuss their artistic practices and their new performance piece, which was created collaboratively for the Crown Heights Gold exhibit. This program is free and open to the public.

Fiona Gardner is a New York based artist/photographer. She received a BFA in painting from Rhode Island School of Design in 1999, studied at the New England School of Photography, and graduated with an MFA in photography from Columbia in 2004. Since 2006, she has worked at

*The New York Times Magazine*. Her work focuses on the lives and experiences of women. Her work has been exhibited in New York at the Black & White Gallery, Rush Art Gallery, and Sean Kelly Gallery. Her work has also been shown in the Young American Artists of Today show in Moscow. Her photographs have appeared in *The New York Times*. She won the Agnes Martin Award for Outstanding Work in Columbia's Graduate Arts Program and a Vermont Studio Center fellowship in 2003.

Kenya (Robinson) is a self-taught artist from Gainesville, Florida. A past resident of the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council's WorkSpace Program (2009-2010) and the 2010 Triangle Arts Workshop, her sculptural work has been exhibited at The Museum of Contemporary Diasporan Arts, The Jersey City Museum, The Aljira Center for Contemporary Art and The 60 Wall Street Gallery of Deutsche Bank. In addition, her performances have been featured at The Kitchen, Rush Arts Gallery, MoMA PS1, The DUMBO Arts Festival, Recess Activities Inc., Cabinet Space and in the Home Section of *The New York Times*. She lives and works in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn and New Haven, CT.

### **Saturday, August 13**

#### **Hiding in Plain Sight: A Walk Down Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn Heights**

2:00pm

This walking tour, based on Claire Mirarchi's *Enjoying Brooklyn Heights: The Brooklyn Heights Association's Self-Guided Neighborhood Walking Tour*, will take participants through the small architectural details of Brooklyn Heights including gargoyles, boot scrapers, griffins, pineapples and more. The tour is free and fun for all ages. The tour departs from the Brooklyn Historical Society at 2:00 p.m. and will last approximately 45 minutes.

### **Sunday, August 21**

#### **Family Friendly Scavenger Hunt (for kids 5 to 95 years old)**

12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join Brooklyn Historical Society in a Brooklyn Heights neighborhood scavenger hunt! This family-friendly activity will test your knowledge of the Brooklyn Heights area and its history. There is no time limit, but participants who successfully complete the hunt before 5:00 p.m. will be eligible for a raffle to win prizes including Brooklyn hats, neighborhood guides, and postcards. The scavenger hunt is free. Come to the Brooklyn Historical Society on Sunday, August 21st between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., and participate for your chance to win!

### **Thursday, August 25**

#### **Brooklyn Brewery Beer Garden at BHS**

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Enjoy a cold, refreshing Brooklyn Brewery beer in Brooklyn Historical Society's beautiful landmark building. Our friends from Brooklyn Brewery will be on hand to pour and talk beer (if you like).

[BBox Radio](#) will be onsite spinning tunes and talking about its new community-powered platform and internet station broadcasting from NYC's creative center: Brooklyn. BHS's first floor galleries will also be open during the event -- come explore [Home Base: Memories of the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field](#). Join us at 128 Pierrepont Street August 25th. Drink tickets \$5 each.

### **Saturday, August 27**

#### **BHS Building Tour**

2:00 p.m.

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### **Saturday, August 27**

#### **The Bike Brooklyn Beer Blitz**

12:00-4:00 p.m.

The Levys' Unique New York!, in partnership with BHS and Transportation Alternatives, will lead a four-hour bicycle tour of Williamsburg and Bushwick focused on former brewery buildings. See

historical photographs of brewery buildings from the 1880s and 1920s, compare them with vintage 1970s photos, and observe the buildings as they stand today. German Churches, banks and social halls will also be observed. The tour will end at Evergreen Cemetery on the Brooklyn/Queens border, where many of the brewers are buried. A historical, educational, beer-drinkable adventure! BYOBike and helmet. Tickets \$25 for BHS and Transportation Alternatives members/\$30 for non-members. RSVP Matt@levysuniqueny.com. Not a BHS member? Click here to join.

**Wednesday, August 31**

***The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens:*  
Author Reading and Q&A with Brooke Hauser**

7:00 p.m.

Some walked across deserts and mountains to get here. Others flew in on planes. One arrived after escaping in a suitcase. And some won't say how they arrived. These are "the new kids." They attend the International High School in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, which is like most high schools in America, except for the fact that there are no native English-speaking students in attendance. Students come from more than 45 countries, speak more than 28 languages, and are all recent immigrants. Join author Brooke Hauser for a reading from [\*The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens\*](#) followed by a discussion about the changing face of the Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, and America. This event is free and open to the public.

*The New Kids* will be published by Free Press/ Simon & Schuster on September 20th.

*The mission of the Brooklyn Historical Society is to connect the past to the present and make the vibrant history of Brooklyn tangible, relevant, and meaningful for today's diverse communities, and for generations to come. Founded in 1863, BHS functions as a library, museum and urban education center dedicated to the people of Brooklyn, providing opportunities for civic dialogue and thoughtful engagement.*