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December Events at Brooklyn Historical Society

November 15, 2011: Brooklyn, NY – We wanted you to be the first to hear about Brooklyn Historical Society's exciting programs this December.

Thursday, December 1

From Earplugs to Warships: Exploring the History of Business in Brooklyn

6:00-7:30 p.m.

This event takes place at Brooklyn Public Library's Business Library, 280 Cadman Plaza W. at Tillary St.

Brooklyn's business history is as quirky as it is diverse. Come learn about the Brooklyn people and institutions that produced everything from warships to earplugs. BHS Special Collections Librarian Elizabeth Call will showcase items from some of the library's vibrant collections. BHS Public Historian Julie Golia will discuss how these artifacts can provide new insights on the growth of Brooklyn, and on the history of gender, race, class, and popular culture. This event is part of BHS's fall [Library Workshops](#), a monthly program series that utilizes the collections at BHS to provide hands-on training and research opportunities to explore your family, neighborhood, and borough history. This event is free and takes place at Brooklyn Public Library's Business Library, 280 Cadman Plaza W. at Tillary St.

Fridays and Saturdays, December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17

Eat Like a Local Tour: Carroll Gardens

2:00-5:30 p.m.

As part of BHS's [Brooklyn Food Stories](#), join Urban Oyster for a strolling lunch through one of Brooklyn's premiere culinary neighborhoods, Carroll Gardens. This tour will include both old school haunts and new culinary entrepreneurs in an exciting menu of traditional flavors and daring dishes. We'll stop at Italian and Middle Eastern shops that have long been staples of the neighborhood and explore the growing scene of cafes and restaurants specializing in artisanal foods. As we enjoy their delicacies, local business owners and residents will tell us about the neighborhood's rich history and changing character. Tickets: \$49 (10% off for BHS members-- call 718-222-4111 for discount). Advance ticket purchase is required. Go to www.urbanoyster.com or call (347) 618-8687 to book public or private tours.

Saturdays, December 3, 10, and 17

Immigrant Foodways Tour

11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

As part of BHS's [Brooklyn Food Stories](#), join Urban Oyster for this Immigrant Foodways Tour. 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 - and takes an in-depth look at the Moore Street Market, built in 1941 to mark the end of the pushcart era. Today the market is 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 takes place every Saturday. Tickets: \$39 (10% off for BHS members-- call

718-222-4111 x250 for discount code). Advance ticket purchase is required. Go to www.urbanoyster.com or call (347) 618-8687 to book public or private tours.

Saturday, December 3

BaroQue Across the River: Sortilège d'Amour! the French Cantata

7:00pm

Warm up your holiday season with a spirited French program from [BaroQue Across the River](#). Enjoy timeless stories of the legendary enchanting musicians, Orpheus and Arion, Rameau's *Rossignols amoureux*, harpsichord *Pièces de Clavecin en concert #3* and Sonatas of Michele Mascitti. Tickets \$20/\$15 BHS members. Ticket price includes reception following the concert. [Purchase your tickets here](#).

BaroQue Across the River returns to BHS for its ninth year. Dedicated to performing in historical settings, the group brings unique programming of eighteenth-century masterpieces to a twenty-first-century audience. BAR was among a select group of artists chosen as New York's finest early music ensembles performing at the New York Times Center, as part of GEMS Early Music/Early Season series; for ARTEK's Midtown Concert Series, held at St. Bartholomew's Church; and currently at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The group's 2011-12 season will include concerts at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music; the Columbarium in Queens; Drew University in Madison; New Jersey; and our new Manhattan home, Church of the Transfiguration.

Sunday, December 4

Historic Brooklyn Heights Walking Tour with Big Onion

11:00 a.m.

Explore New York City's first Landmark District on this special tour co-sponsored by Big Onion and BHS. Explore the neighborhood's agricultural roots, its emergence as the country's first suburb, and its twentieth-century decline and dramatic regeneration. Stops could include: The Hotel St George, Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims, and sites associated with Seth Low, George Washington, Arthur Miller, WEB DuBois, and Gypsy Rose Lee. Adults \$18/students, military, seniors \$15. BHS members receive \$3 off all Big Onion tours. Visit <http://bigonion.com/schedule/> for a complete schedule. This tour partnership is offered as part of BHS's [Brooklyn Walks and Talks](#) program series.

Sunday, December 4

Inventing Brooklyn Exhibit Tour

2:00 p.m.

The BHS exhibit [Inventing Brooklyn: People, Places, Progress](#) traces the evolution of Brooklyn into the place we know today. Join us for a tour of BHS that explores the development of Brooklyn by examining several objects from the *Inventing Brooklyn* exhibit as well as artifacts in BHS's permanent collection. This tour is free with museum admission. Admission is always free for [BHS members](#). This tour is part of BHS's [Brooklyn Walks and Talks](#) program series.

Tuesday, December 6

Inner Circle: Hidden Collections and Recent Acquisitions

6:30 p.m.

BHS's library staff provides an exclusive look at hidden collections discovered during BHS's recent survey project titled, [Uncovering the Secrets of Brooklyn's 19th Century Past: Creation to Consolidation](#). Featuring everything from diaries and letters to photographs and architectural drawings, these collections offer new and interesting perspectives on many aspects of Brooklyn history, including politics and activism, the development of Brooklyn's public infrastructure, family and social life, business and industry, life during times of war, and many other topics. [Inner Circle](#) events, a benefit for higher-level [BHS members](#), offer exclusive, behind-the-scenes access to BHS's exhibits, collections and programs. Want to become part of the Inner Circle? Contact BHS's membership coordinator Taina Sanon at 718.222.4111 x246. Or go online to join BHS as an [Advocate Member](#) or higher. This event will take place in BHS's Othmer Library. Refreshments will be served. RSVP required.

Wednesday, December 7-Sunday, December 11

NY Creates Holiday Craft Festival

Weekdays 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Weekend 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The NY Creates Holiday Craft Festival is free and open to the public. You'll find an array of unique craft items to suit any taste at the NY Creates Craft Festival at BHS. The Crafts Festival features high-quality and creative hand-crafted gifts: ceramics, jewelry, apparel, plush toys, organic cosmetics, glass works, photo art and home goods at affordable prices. Many of these items were created by Brooklyn artists. BHS's museum is open with free admission during craft festival hours. For more information visit www.nycreates.com. Weekdays 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Weekend 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

The Hapa Project: A Discussion with Kip Fulbeck

6:30 p.m.

This event will take place at the [Museum of Chinese in America](http://www.moca.org) (MOCA) 215 Centre Street. Join a discussion about what it means to be Hapa. Once a derogatory label derived from the Hawaiian word for "half," Hapa has since been embraced as a term of pride by many whose mixed racial heritage includes Asian or Pacific Island descent. [Kip Fulbeck](#) photographed more than 1,200 people from all walks of life who identify as Hapa – from babies to adults, construction workers to rock stars, engineers to comic book artists. The project is featured as a part of MOCA's core exhibition, [With A Single Step: Stories in the Making of America](#). Join Kip Fulbeck in conversation with Ken Tanabe, founder of [Loving Day](#), a global movement for a new holiday to celebrate the anniversary of Loving v. Virginia, the Supreme Court decision that legalized interracial marriage in the United States, in this program co-sponsored by BHS and [MOCA](#). Loving Day fights racial prejudice through education and builds multicultural community. This event is free and open to the public, thanks in part to Target's Free Thursday program at MOCA.

This event is part of [Crossing Borders, Bridging Generations](#), a public programming series and oral history project about mixed-heritage families, race, ethnicity, culture, and identity, infused with historical perspective. This project is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, National Endowment for the Humanities, New York Council for the Humanities, Two Trees Management, Brooklyn Brewery, Sweet 'N Low Division of Cumberland Packing, Con Edison, and FHL Bank San Francisco.

Saturday, December 25

Holiday: Christmas

BHS will be closed for the Christmas holiday on Saturday, December 25.

Throughout December

Big Onion Walking Tours of Brooklyn

Since 1991, [Big Onion Walking Tours](#) has led locals and visitors alike on innovative and exciting tours through New York's ethnic neighborhoods and historic districts. Big Onion's tours of Brooklyn include the Brooklyn Bridge, Brooklyn Heights, Prospect Park, and DUMBO/Vinegar Hill. Big Onion's walking tours explore the many layers of history that make up the fabric of our city. BHS members receive \$3 off all tours. Visit <http://bigonion.com/schedule/> for a complete schedule. This tour partnership is offered as part of BHS's [Brooklyn Walks and Talks](#) program series.

Throughout December

Urban Oyster Tours of Brooklyn

[Urban Oyster](#) leads a variety of tours of Brooklyn, including: [Brooklyn Navy Yard by Bus or by Bike](#): take a bus tour or ride a bike and learn the fascinating stories of the Brooklyn Navy Yard's past, present, and future; and [Brewed in Brooklyn](#): discover how the story of the beer brewing industry tells a larger narrative about the neighborhood of Williamsburg, the borough of Brooklyn, and even the country as a whole. Visit the Brooklyn Brewery and sample beers on tap, then step back in time to explore the heart of the old Brewers Row, once a German immigrant area known for its brew houses and beer gardens. Advance ticket purchase is required. Go to www.urbanoyster.com or call 347.599.1842 for specific dates and ticket prices. BHS members receive a 10% discount on Navy Yard and Brewery Tours (contact BHS at 718.222.4111 for code). This tour partnership is offered as part of BHS's [Brooklyn Walks and Talks](#) program series.

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.