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## January Events at Brooklyn Historical Society

**January 4, 2012: Brooklyn, NY** – We wanted you to be the first to hear about Brooklyn Historical Society's exciting programs this January.

### Saturday, January 7

#### **In the Spirit of the Season: A Holiday Tour of Most Holy Trinity Church**

*1:00-3:00 p.m.*

In the spirit of the holiday season, [Urban Oyster](#) is proud to host its third annual Christmas-themed tour of the beautiful church and parish grounds of Most Holy Trinity - St. Mary in the eastern part of Williamsburg. On this tour led by Father Timothy Dore and tour guide Cindy VandenBosch, you'll venture up into the towers and down into the crypt, and even take a peek into the rathskeller basement of the rectory where clergy entertained guests. You'll learn about the German and Irish heritage of the congregation, highlighting its early beginnings in the mid-1800s with stories of the origins of Santa Claus and Christmas trees, and learn about recent immigrants who have brought new holiday traditions to the church, from Noche Buena to the Three Kings Day Parade. Tickets: \$20/person. All profits from this tour will be donated to the [Trinity Human Service Center](#), a non-profit organization that provides case assistance, information, and educational training to economically disadvantaged families in the city. Advance ticket purchase is required. Visit the [www.urbanoyster.com](http://www.urbanoyster.com) or call 347.618.8687 to book public or private tours. This tour partnership is offered as part of BHS's [Brooklyn Walks and Talks](#) program series.

### Saturdays and Sundays, January 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29

#### **Brooklyn Navy Yard Tours**

*12:30 and 3:00 p.m.*

As part of BHS's [Brooklyn Walks and Talks](#), join [Urban Oyster](#), in collaboration with the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation, for public bus tours of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Urban Oyster offers two Navy Yard Tour options: a two-hour comprehensive tour for \$30 and a one-hour highlights tour for \$18. These tours explore the Yard's transition from one of the nation's foremost naval shipbuilding facilities to a national leader in sustainable urban industrial parks. Tours will begin and end at the Brooklyn Navy Yard Center at BLDG 92. BHS members receive 10% off all tours. For dates, tickets, and more information, please visit [www.urbanoyster.com](http://www.urbanoyster.com) or call Urban Oyster at 347.618.8687.

### Wednesday, January 18

#### **Literary Brooklyn with Author Evan Hughes and Scholar Edgar Garcia**

*7:00 p.m.* Evan Hughes will discuss his recently published book [Literary Brooklyn](#), which examines the connection between writers and Brooklyn as a place and identity. Edgar Garcia will discuss Walt Whitman, one of the authors featured in [Literary Brooklyn](#), particularly Whitman's role in Brooklyn's publishing history. This event is part of BHS's spring series, [Inventing Brooklyn](#), which examines key people that have influenced Brooklyn's past and present and highlights cultural trends that have roots in Brooklyn's rich and diverse history. This event is free and open to the public.

### **Saturday, January 21**

#### **BHS Building Tour**

2:00 p.m.

Come explore our beautiful landmark building. Designed by architect George Post and built in 1881, 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](#). This tour is part of BHS's [Brooklyn Walks and Talks](#) program series.

### **Wednesday, January 25**

#### **Behind-the-Scenes: Tour of *Youth and Beauty: Art of the American Twenties* at Brooklyn Museum with Curator Terry Carbone**

6:00 p.m.

Join BHS for a [Behind-the-Scenes](#) tour of the new exhibit [Youth and Beauty: Art of the American Twenties](#) at Brooklyn Museum led by exhibit curator Terry Carbone. Behind-the-Scenes events, a benefit for higher-level [BHS members](#), offer exclusive access to BHS's exhibits, collections and programs. Want to attend Behind-the-Scenes events? Contact BHS's membership coordinator Taina Sanon, 718.222.4111 ext. 246. Or go online to join BHS as an [Advocate Member](#) or higher.

### **Thursday, January 26**

#### **Watch & Discuss the film *Something New* with sociologist Erica Chito-Childs**

7:00 p.m.

Kenya McQueen (Sanaa Lathan) is a successful African-American CPA, working her way to the top of the corporate ladder -- but her life has become all work and no play. Urged on by her friends to try something new and to let go of her dream of the "ideal black man," she accepts a blind date with an architectural landscaper named Brian (Simon Baker), only to cut the date short upon first sight, because Brian is white. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP required: [oralhistory@brooklynhistory.org](mailto:oralhistory@brooklynhistory.org).

This event is part of [Crossing Borders, Bridging Generations](#), an oral history project and public programming series, which examines the history and experiences of mixed-heritage people and families, cultural hybridity, race, ethnicity, and identity. 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, and FHL Bank San Francisco.

### **Thursday, January 26**

#### **Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable Cocktail Party**

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Enjoy historic cocktails, beer, and wine in BHS's Othmer Library for the first [Brooklyn Real Estate Roundtable Cocktail Party](#), sponsored by MNS. Thursday, January 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets: \$50 or FREE with purchase of 2012 Roundtable Series Ticket. [Purchase your tickets here](#). Questions? Call Taina Sanon at 718.222.4111 ext. 246.

### **Saturday, January 28**

#### **Historic Brooklyn Heights Walking Tour with Big Onion**

1:00 p.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.

### **Throughout January**

#### **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 January**

#### **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](http://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.*