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June Events at Brooklyn Historical Society

May 23, Brooklyn, NY – We wanted you to be the first to hear about Brooklyn Historical Society's exciting programs this June.

Thursday, June 2

Exhibit Opening: *Inventing Brooklyn: People, Places, Progress*

5:30-7:30 p.m.

See the exhibit and meet the student curators of *Inventing Brooklyn* at the exhibit opening. *Inventing Brooklyn: People, Places, Progress* traces the evolution of Brooklyn into the place we know today. From Native American roots and Dutch colonial influences to icons such as the Brooklyn Bridge and the Dodgers, *Inventing Brooklyn* examines how various people, places, and historical events have shaped the development of the borough. Drawing on archival documents, photographs, prints, artifacts, and oral histories from the Brooklyn Historical Society collection, *Inventing Brooklyn* takes on 400 years of Brooklyn's history. The exhibit includes items relating to the Battle of Long Island, Brooklyn's first newspapers, and Brooklyn's diverse immigrant populations in order to capture the complexity and dynamism of the process of *Inventing Brooklyn*. The exhibition is curated by students in [Exhibition Laboratory](#), BHS's after-school museum studies program.

Saturday, June 4

Immigrant Foodways Tour Launches

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 - and takes an in-depth look at the Moore Street Market, built in 1941 to mark the end of the pushcart era and today 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 beginning June 4. 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 or call (347) 618-TOUR (8687) to book public or private tours.

Sunday, June 5

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

2:00 p.m.

This walking tour by Claire Mirarchi, author of *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 p.m. and will last approximately 45 minutes.

Thursday, June 9

Down the Rabbit Hole: Found Objects and Forgotten Stories

7:00 p.m.

Join Brooklyn Brinery and Brooklyn Historical Society for this special presentation on found objects and forgotten stories. Historian, archivist and raconteur Benjamin Feldman shares the stories of found objects and long-forgotten New York scandals from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. This talk will take you on a journey that began with a simple garage sale find from Chelsea, whereby a little change purse with gilt lettering, a piece of swag, unfolded into a tale of the struggle of a Ben Katchor-esque Lower East Side saloon operator trying to survive after Prohibition shut him down (almost....). Tickets: \$8 BHS members/\$10 non-members. Your ticket includes one free water or Brooklyn Brewery beer. Advance purchase recommend as seating is limited. Purchase your ticket here:

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Sunday, June 12

Baseball, Nationalism, and the Civil War: A Lecture by George B. Kirsch

2:00 p.m.

In this lecture, professor of history and sports historian George B. Kirsch will focus on the links between early baseball and nationalism; the competition among early versions of baseball and cricket to determine which form of ball play would become the national game of the U.S; baseball in army camps and prisons of both the Union and Confederate armies and on the home front in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Boston, and Philadelphia; the Doubleday-Cooperstown myth; and the extent to which the Civil War helped to spread the New York City version of baseball across the nation during and after Reconstruction.

George B. Kirsch is a professor of history at Manhattan College and a sports historian. He is the author of *Baseball and Cricket: The Creation of American Team Sports*; *Baseball in Blue and Gray: The National Pastime During the Civil War*; and was the co-editor of the *Encyclopedia of Ethnicity and Sports in the United States*. He has served as a consultant to Major League Baseball and to Ken Burns for his PBS series on baseball.

Thursday, June 16

The Nineteenth Century Brooklyn Kitchen with Harry Rosenblum

7:00 p.m.

This presentation will include a selection of kitchenware from Harry Rosenblum's collection and a discussion of the history of kitchen tools in America from the early nineteenth century to the present. The kitchenware on display will include nineteenth-century cast iron and copper cookware, a meat juice press and dozens of small kitchen tools from the collection.

Harry Rosenblum and his wife Taylor Erkinen own the [Brooklyn Kitchen](#), a cookware shop that specializes in the finest new and vintage kitchenware and a cooking school that hosts 30 to 40 cooking classes a month. The space also holds the Meat Hook, a locally sourced whole animal custom cut butchershop that specializes in housemade sausage and charcuterie. Harry has been involved in antiques and memorabilia his whole life. The son of a collector, he grew up around fire fighting antiques, antique vehicles, a vast record collection and more. As a teenager, he worked at one of the country's finest ephemera shops and gained a love and passion for interesting and obscure items. His own collecting has moved toward kitchenware and out-of-print cookbooks, with a specific interest in the obsolete and patent variations.

Saturday, June 18

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 have successfully completed the hunt before 5 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 Saturday, June 18th between 12:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., and participate for your chance to win.

Sunday, June 19

Bring Your Father to BHS

12:00-5:00 p.m.

In honor of Father's Day, BHS is offering free museum admission for all fathers.

Wednesday, June 22

Brooklyn Cemeteries: Past and Present

6:30 p.m.

Join us for a panel discussion of two of Brooklyn's National Historic Landmarks: the Evergreen and Green-Wood cemeteries. The panel includes Rich Moylan, President of Green-Wood Cemetery, Paul Grassi, President of Evergreen Cemetery, Jeffrey Richman, author of *Brooklyn's Green-Wood Cemetery: New York's Buried Treasure*, and, John Rousmaniere, author of *Green Oasis in Brooklyn: The Evergreen Cemetery 1849-2008*. **The museum will remain open until 7 p.m.** This program is open to the public and free with museum admission. Admission is always free for [BHS members](#).

Thursday, June 23

History Through Beer

7:00-9:00 p.m.

BHS, in conjunction Urban Oyster, presents a lesson in history told through beer. Join local beer guides David Naczycz and Cindy VandenBosch as they lead a delicious beer tasting using present day versions of historical beers to tell the story of beer, its key role in our civilization and how, ultimately, beer found its way to Brooklyn where it prospered, fell, and now is prospering again. There is no better way to learn about history than by tasting it. The tasting will include six generous tastings of beer along with delicious food pairings of cured meats and cheeses. Through these tastings we'll get a sense of how everyone from ancient Mesopotamians to Belgian monks to our Brooklyn grandfathers drank their beer and how all of our lives are different today because of beer. Limited seated. Advance ticket purchase recommended. Purchase your tickets [here](#). Tickets: \$45 BHS members/\$ 40 members.

Wednesday, June 29

A Conversation with Simon Dinnerstein

7:00 p.m.

Simon Dinnerstein discusses his remarkable and monumental painting, *The Fulbright Triptych*, a richly detailed composite of family portrait, still life, collage and a meditation on the creation of art. It's widely considered a masterpiece of American art. Over time, the painting has drawn a wide array of responses from novelists, poets, composers, musicians, art historians, actors, and others, who have variously described it as hypnotic, a complex poem, a painting about what it means to be an artist, a work with the scope of a vast symphonic musical score, an artist's attempt to slow down reality and freeze a moment in space and time, and a deeply personal visual memoir. **The museum will remain open until 7 p.m.** This program is open to the public and free with museum admission. Admission is always free for [BHS members](#).

Thursday, June 30

Brooklyn Brewery Beer Garden at Brooklyn Historical Society

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Enjoy a cold, refreshing Brooklyn Brewery beer in BHS's beautiful landmark building. This summer, BHS will host monthly Brooklyn Brewery beer gardens. The last Thursday of every month our friends from Brooklyn Brewery will be on hand to pour and talk beer (if you like). BHS's first floor galleries will be open during the event-- come explore [Home Base: Memories of the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field](#) and [Painting Brooklyn Stories of Immigration and Survival](#). Join us at 128 Pierrepont Street (on the corner of Pierrepont and Clinton in Brooklyn Heights). Drink tickets \$5 each.

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.