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Block Association
46 Barrow Street • New York, NY 10014

BBC NEWS AND VIEWS MAY 2014

There is no May BBC Meeting!

BBC Spring Planting Day, Saturday, May 10

Bring your spade and trowel; help turn our tree pits into floral displays. Our own gardener-in-residence, **Tyler Redmond**, has readied the soil and will be on hand to lend his advice for BBC green-thumbers. Meet at 10:00AM on Commerce St., at the driveway to the 81 Bedford St. garage.

The 40th Annual Ye Olde Village Fair, Saturday, May 17 (No Rain date) Greenwich Village's best and most enduring block party is back! Starting at 11:00 AM: Enjoy the International Food Court, Outdoor Café, live entertainment, children's activities and the only Juried Crafts & Fine Art Fair, featuring the original creations of wonderful artists and artisans. The Crafts section is still accepting applications. For more info, apply online at www.bbcblockassociation.org.

We will have a Play Mobile Unit from the NYC Parks Department on Bedford Street between Morton and Commerce Streets. It offers craft and nature projects, tabletop and board games, face painting, balloon art, as well as more traditional activities such as relay races, tug-o-war and jump roping.

Calling All Volunteers: We need you! Please call 212.366.1451. Volunteering is a great way to spend a lovely May day. Meet your friends and neighbors, and feel good about yourself. Come at 9:00AM to set up tables and chairs. We need volunteers to sell raffles and especially to get new members to join the BBC.

Don't forget to send in your filled-out raffles (enclosed find two books-\$10 per book). Great prizes—Dinners for Two at Fab Village Restaurants. All proceeds go directly to the BBC—to your community. Please return your raffle stubs in the enclosed envelope. Make checks payable to BBC Block Association.

If you want to purchase more books, we will fill out the info for you! Thank you all, very much. And raffles may also be purchased on Fair Day at the BBC Raffle Table across from Commerce Restaurant.

A Hearty BBC Thank You!

The BBC extends heartfelt thanks to **Sotheby's International Realty, New York University, Matt Umanov, and Commerce Bar and Restaurant**, and many generous neighborhood individuals—2014 Ye Olde Village Fair underwriters—who are helping to subsidize our entertainment, as well as tables and chairs and posters and other costs of which really adds up.

Long time resident of 72 Barrow Street, **Roberta Galler**, died on February 12, 2014. There will be a memorial service to remember and celebrate her on June 21, 2014 at Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Square South (corner of West 4th and Thompson Sts.). There is a wheelchair accessible entrance on Thompson St. Folks will gather at 3:30PM; the program will start at 4:00PM. Light refreshments will be served. If you plan to attend, please respond by June 1, to **Harilyn Rousso**, at hrousso@nyc.rr.com

New York City Spring Safe Disposal Event (solvents, automotive, flammable, electronics) for Manhattan is Sunday, May 11, 10:00AM to 4:00PM Union Square, North Plaza (south side of 17th St. between Park Ave & Broadway) cars approach from Park Ave. and 20th St. Attendees may not unload their vehicles outside of the event area.

NABE NOTES

Carlos Suarez (Bobo and Rosemary's) will host a wine, signature cocktail, gourmet food tasting event in his new French restaurant, Claudette, Fifth Avenue and W. 9th Street to benefit the Jefferson Market Garden. Sunday, May 20 6-8PM Tickets \$100 & \$200 www.jefferson-marketgdn.benefit@gmail.com or call 917.678.9143.

The Jefferson Market Garden announces the Free Children's Festival of Flowers, Saturday, May 31 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow Street) *Sound It Out Series*, Monday, May 19, 8:30PM Billy Mintz Quartet. **Billy Mintz** leads a quartet playing his elliptically melodic compositions from the 2013 album "Mintz Quartet." Tickets: \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors)

Thursday, May 22, 7:30PM - Double album release show! **Sara Serpa & André Matos + Emilie Weibel's oMoO**. Vocalist Sara Serpa & guitarist André Matos celebrate the release of their first duo album, "Primavera." Songbird **Emilie Weibel** opens the show with music from the debut recording of her solo project, oMoO. Tickets: \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors)

Thursday, May 29, 8:00PM. **Jonathan Finlayson's Sicilian Defense**. Trumpeter Jonathan Finlayson leads his ace quintet Sicilian Defense in music from their Pi Recordings debut, "Moment & the Message," and more. Tickets: \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors)

Friday, May 30, 8:00PM. - **New-era big band! JC Sanford Orchestra**. Trombonist-composer **JC Sanford** celebrates the release of his first big-band album on Whirlwind Recordings, "Views from the Inside." Tickets: \$20 (\$15 for students and seniors)

All admission for the series is taken at door.

Greenwich House Pottery School (16 Jones Street) The Pottery's current exhibition features **Kristen Morgan** until May 10. Morgan's work makes reference to death and decay via enormous unfired clay sculptures and equally as elegant small scale trompe l'oeil ceramic sculptures influenced by everyday objects and pop iconography.

Cherry Lane Theatre presents *A Fable* by **David Van Asselt** directed by **Daniel Talbottwith**. *A Fable* is the epic adventure of Jonny, an idealist spurred on by love to right a long-forgotten wrong. Follow his encounters with a whole cast of characters as each gropes his way through a landscape of nationwide strife and corporate greed. May 3 - June 28, Tuesday - Friday at 7:00PM Saturday at 2:00PM and 7:00PM, Sunday at 3:00PM. No performance on Saturday, May 3 at 2:00PM and Friday, May 23. Tickets \$66

In the Studio: Animus Theatre Company presents *Dutch Heart of Man* by **Bob Glaudini** directed by Alan

Langdon. Dutch is a kind-hearted construction worker; perplexed and bewildered by society's hurried pace and uncaring attitudes. While setting terrazzo one Sunday with a womanizing co-worker, Marty, we grow to share his confusion as he ruminates about his life and bumps into ever bustling strangers. April 25 - May 11, Wednesday - Saturday at 8:00PM, Saturday at 3:00PM Sunday at 2:00PM. Tickets \$19

The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation: Join our panel of writers and editors, including **Clayton Patterson, Eddy Portnoy, Elissa Sampson, Gerri Visco, and Thomas Walker** for *Jews: A People's History of the Lower East Side*, to discuss the book An essential history of the great Jewish wave of immigration to Manhattan's Lower East Side, this 3-volume book covers art, literature, food, religion, and so much more. Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 - 8:00 PM Free; reservations required Sixth Street Community Center 638 East 6th Street, between Avenues B and C. Books will be available for purchase and signing. To register, please call (212) 475-9585 ext. 35 or rsvp@gvsph.org

In the 1950s and 60s, the Five Spot Café (in two locations on Cooper Square) was a major nexus, not only of top-notch jazz, but also of racial integration and artistic ferment. **Leonard Bernstein, James Baldwin and Norman Mailer** were all in the mix alongside **Thelonious Monk, Charles Mingus and John Coltrane**. When saxophonist **Ornette Coleman** and his band played for several weeks in 1959, they disrupted the scene's social status quo as well as altering the sound of jazz. What is the downtown jazz scene like today - are there any parallels? GVSHP's **Karen Loew** will moderate a panel discussion with **David Lee**, author of *The Battle of the Five Spot: Ornette Coleman and the New York Jazz Field*; The event includes a performance by the Ornette Coleman Ensemble of the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, directed by **Jane Ira Bloom**. To register, please call (212) 475-9585 ext. 35 or email rsvp@gvshp.org.

Gotham Center for New York City History: Alice Hoffman, bestselling author of *The Dovekeepers*, speaks about and reads from her new novel, *The Museum of Extraordinary Things*, a story about the electric and impassioned love between two vastly different souls in New York during the first decades of the twentieth century. Tuesday, May 6, 6:30-8 PM Elebash Recital Hall, The Graduate Center City University of New York 365 Fifth Avenue, btw. 34th & 35th St. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Seating, as always, is "first come, first served." For more information, call (212) 817 8471, or visit www.gothamcenter.org.