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Block Association
46 Barrow Street • New York, NY 10014

BBC NEWS AND VIEWS DECEMBER 2011

There will be no December meeting.
Instead, come to:

The Bedford Barrow Commerce Block Association
2011 Holiday Party

When: Saturday, December 3, 6-9 PM

Where: Greenwich House Music School,
46 Barrow St., Auditorium

Price: Adults, \$15; Children (under 12), \$5

Food, Fun, Fellowship – Greenwich Village Style

* **Buffet Dinner.** Fresh cold cuts, scrumptious salads, and succulent sweet treats are the fare. Don't miss Dora's famous cookies and pies! Drinks – juice, wine, and fresh-brewed coffee – are also provided. Home-baked goods are welcome; bring them with you or drop them off at the School at 4 PM on Party Day.

* **Al. E. Gator & Friends Puppet Theatre Presents** puppets, puppets, and more puppets – for children of all ages!

* **Special visit by Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus and Chief Elf, too.** Santa is dropping in early this year to give every boy and girl a holiday treat. Ho, Ho, Ho! And Santa has many prizes to give away to Raffle Winners!

* **Holiday Sing-Along,** with all your holiday favorites. Elves wanted to trim tree and help decorate! Report to Mama Elf, **Kathy Donaldson**, at the Music School at 4 PM on Party Day.

A BBC Holiday Tradition

Once again, BBCer **Dale Belli** has asked the BBC to put the word out to encourage our members to make/donate items for the PWA Christmas Project. Dale writes that "we need mainly men's gifts." – white t-shirts,



flannel pajamas, bathrobes, sweatshirts, sweatpants, socks, scarves, toiletries, throw blankets and cd's of Christmas music." Also very welcome – and appreciated – are rolls of wrapping paper and plenty of tape. These items will be distributed through The Urban Live Source Connection to people with AIDS in need of warmth in over 40 NYC area hospices and hospitals. We'll collect all contribu-

tions at the BBC Holiday Party. Thank you all for your generosity and holiday spirit!

BBC favorite, and favorite dancer, **Sophia Scorcio**, recently wrote us: "Thanks to the BBC for the scholarship to Greenwich House Music School! I really appreciate all that the BBC has done for the scholarship, and I am so grateful. I am using the money towards dance, and because of the dance classes I'm able to take, I am auditioning for dance at two high schools in New York City. Thank you so much!" Thank YOU, Sophia, and good luck with your auditions. We know you will shine!

The BBC wants to especially thank, and pay tribute to, one of our favorite longtime BBCers, **Dora Nyffenegger**, for her extraordinary work with her animal rescue nonprofit organization, Shadybrook, Inc. The purpose of Shadybrook is to help homeless and abandoned cats and dogs. This year, Dora's organization oversaw the spaying/neutering/and inoculating of 122 dogs and cats. Dora says "We are trying to



minimize the suffering of these animals, and find a new owner and a caring home. We will assist people with disabilities who need assistance with medical and feeding expenses for their pets.”

Dora’s volunteers rescue animals from construction sites, basements, and backyards. Dora also says “We will assist owners who cannot, are unwilling, or unable to take care of their charges.” Most of us know Dora for her fabulous apple pies and legendary baked goods that she so generously prepares for our annual Holiday Party and for Ye Olde Village Fair. Dora feeds all of us, not only her fellow BBCers and neighbors, but those furry friends as well, especially all those neglected critters who are in need of such help. We thank Dora, so much, for all that she does for all of us. If you are interested, a contribution can be sent to **Shadybrook, Inc c/o Dora Nyffenegger, 87 Barrow Street #3C, NYC, 10014**

NABE NOTES

Assemblymember **Deborah Glick** reports good news to the BBC, that after “years of advocacy,” on the part of her office and community activists, that a traffic light at the intersection of Bleecker and Grove Streets has finally been approved. Installation is slated to be completed at this location by March 31, 2012. Thank you, Deborah, and everyone who worked so hard to make this happen for our neighborhood!

The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation announces the following programs for December: *The Historic Shops & Restaurants of Greenwich Village, A Presentation* by **Ellen Williams & Steve Radlauer**. Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Hudson Park Branch Library, 66 Leroy Street (off 7th Avenue South). Free; reservations required. RSVP to rsvp@gvshp.org or (212) 475-9585 ext. 35.

Greenwich Village On and Off the Grid: Prediction, Speculation, and Preservation, 1811-2011 A Lecture by **Jon Ritter**. Thursday, December 8, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Hudson Park Branch Library, 66 Leroy Street (off Seventh Avenue South). Free; reservations required. RSVP to rsvp@gvshp.org or (212) 475-9585 ext. 35.

Greenwich Village: Birthplace of the Elevated Railway, A Lecture by **Joe Cunningham**, Co-sponsored by the New York Transit Museum. Monday, December 12, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Our Lady of Pompeii, Father Demo Hall, 25 Carmine Street (at Bleecker Street).

Free; reservations required. RSVP to rsvp@gvshp.org or (212) 475-9585 ext. 35.

East 7th Street: Anatomy of an East Village Block, A Presentation by the NYU Public History & Archives Class, Co-sponsored by the NYU History Department, December 14, 6:30 - 8:00 PM. NYU Humanities Initiative, 20 Cooper Square, 5th Floor. Free; reservations required. RSVP to rsvp@gvshp.org or (212) 475-9585 ext. 35.

The Gotham Center for New York City History announces the following programs for December: *Italian Folk: Vernacular Culture in Italian American Lives*, December 6, 6:30 PM, Room 9206 (9th Floor). *Emma Goldman: Revolution as a Way of Life*, December 14, 6:30 PM, Elebash Recital Hall. (This Forum is Free.) Tickets are \$10, Members \$8. To purchase individual tickets, call 212-868-4444. All forums are FREE for CUNY Graduate Students (call 212-817-7295 for tickets). Unless otherwise noted, all forums take place at the CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue at 34th Street.

2011 GUIDE TO HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

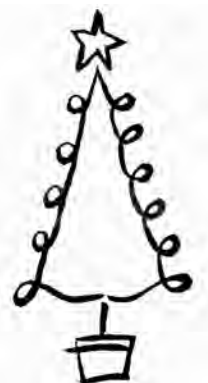
Washington Square Music Festival Holiday Concert
Friday, December 2, at 8:00 PM. St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, 371 Sixth Avenue. Don’t miss this free holiday concert featuring iconic and eclectic music, both played and sung, by Festival artists soprano Lucia Hyunju Song, pianist **David Oei**, violinist **Eriko Sato**, and cellist **Lutz Rath**. Please visit www.washingtonsquaremusicfestival.org for the full program.

Holiday Toy Drive

Monday, December 5 Until Thursday, December 15, 2011. NYU’s Office of Government and Community Affairs and the Administrative Management Council are collecting new, unwrapped toys to be donated to over 1,500 children from the Lower East Side. If you would like to make a donation, please call the Office of Government and Community Affairs at 212.998.2400 for more information. Your gift will be distributed at the 9th Precinct Community Holiday Party.

Washington Square Park Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 PM. Gather by the arch in Washington Square Park for the lighting of the Christmas Tree. Sing Christmas carols along with song leader NYU President Emeritus **Jay Oliva** accompanied by the Rob Susman Brass Quartet and a special visit from Santa! The Washington Square Association will provide complimentary songbooks.



Handel's Messiah Open Audience Sing

Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 PM. Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Square South. \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students. Join your neighbors for a Greenwich Village holiday tradition that has taken place each December for over thirty years! Our very own **Michael Conley** conducts the audience in a joyful rendition of Handel's Messiah. Scores are provided, as well as piano accompaniment and light refreshments at intermission. Come lend your voice to fill the atmospheric sanctuary of Judson Memorial Church, a Village institution since 1890, located on the south side of Washington Square at Thompson Street.

Shop Made in Clay for the Holidays!

Greenwich House Pottery is pleased to present our annual Made in Clay Sale. Friday, December 16, 6:00 - 9:00 PM (\$10 suggested donation); Saturday, December 17, 12:00 - 9:00 PM, (Reception 7 - 9 PM); Sunday, December 18, 12:00 - 4:00 PM. This year features three floors of unique, handmade pottery and sculpture from more than 35 jury-selected Pottery artists and staff. The exhibiting artists convey the wonderful variety of American studio pottery and sculpture today.

Greenwich Village Caroling Walk

Friday, December 16 at 7:00 PM. Judson Memorial Church Assembly Hall, 239 Thompson Street. Free event! Join us for our 37th year strolling through our historic, Dickensian neighborhood as we lead seasonal carols and songs. Refreshments, conviviality, and more singing follow back at the Assembly Hall at Judson Memorial Church (entrance at 239 Thompson Street, just south of Washington Square). Song books and light refreshments provided.



Winter Choral Concert

Friday, December 16 at 7:30 PM. Frederick Loewe Theatre, 35 West Fourth Street. Mark your calendar for this annual Winter Choral Concert presented by Music and Performing Arts at NYU Steinhardt. For more information and ticket reservations, please call 212.352.3101 or visit www.nyu.edu/ticketcentral/calendar. Admission is \$10 general; \$5 students and seniors.

Christmas Eve Caroling in Washington Square Park

Saturday, December 24 at 5:00 PM. Meet by the arch in Washington Square Park for caroling on Christmas Eve! The Rob Susman Brass Quartet will lead revelers in singing holiday favorites. The Washington Square Association will provide complimentary songbooks.

St. Luke in the Fields Christmas Activities (Episcopal)



Sleighing on Grove Street

(212.989.0562), 487 Hudson St.

Saturday, Dec. 24, 5 PM: Christmas Pageant
Saturday, Dec. 24, 10 PM: Christmas Music by the St. Luke's Choir; 10:30 PM: Christmas Vigil, Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:30 AM: Christmas Morning Mass

Our Lady of Pompeii Christmas Activities

(Roman Catholic) (212.989.6805) 25 Carmine St., Saturday, Dec. 24, 5:00 PM: Vigil Mass; 12:00 AM, Midnight Mass
Sunday, Dec. 25, 9 :00AM: Mass; 11:00 AM: Mass; 12:15: Mass

Judson Memorial Church (Ecumenical), 55

Washington Square South (betw. Sullivan & Thompson) Saturday, Dec. 24, 11:00 AM: Festival Service; 4:00 PM: Children's Service; 7:30 PM: Dignity Mass

St. John's Christmas Activities (Lutheran)

81 Christopher Street, Saturday, Dec. 24, 7:30 PM: Jazz Mass with Lessons and Carols; 10:30 PM Candle Light Mass , Sunday, Dec 25, 11:00 AM: Christmas Day worship with the Finnish Congregations

