



Bedford • Barrow • Commerce

Block Association
46 Barrow Street • New York, NY 10014

January 2013

**A happy and healthy 2013
to all our friends & neighbors!
(BBC Hotline: 212.366.1451)**

BBC News and Views

There is NO January Meeting! Our next upcoming meetings will be Wednesday, February 6 and Wednesday, March 6. Speakers will be announced. Meetings are usually held the 1st Wednesday of the month. Greenwich House Music School, 46 Barrow Street. 6:30 pm. refreshments, 7:00 pm meeting. Everyone is invited to attend and to participate. This is your BBC.

**Re-up Your BBC Membership!
See the convenient enclosed envelope.
Be the first to renew.**

Since it's time to renew your membership in the BBC — see enclosed flyer — we thought this would be a great time to reintroduce ourselves to the community. Our elected all volunteer BBC board consists of:

Kathy Donaldson: President,
Terri Howell: Vice President,
Joy Hornung: Treasurer
Dora Nyffenegger: Secretary.

Our main fundraiser is our annual street fair — held on the 3rd Saturday in May. Over the past two years, numerous rules and regulations imposed by the City have resulted in fewer fair hours and more required permits. As a response to these increasing burdens, the BBC Fair Committee re-designed the fair into an American handcrafts fair. Our unique part of the village features landmark historic architecture and we believe that this creates a wonderful ambiance for such a crafts fair. A professional craftaperson coordinates — at reasonable cost — all aspects of the crafts fair.

Our goal is to expand and refine this fundraiser with

each new fair. All other positions are volunteer and we warmly welcome more.

We continue our entertainment, food court, and community outreach areas around Commerce and Barrow Streets. Last year many neighbors, coordinated by **Doug Kepple** of Bedford Street, underwrote various fair expenses. As a result, we were able to raise funds to maintain our streets and contribute to our local community groups. Each June meeting is devoted to assessing our finances and members vote to allocate grants for worthy community organizations. That's the proper time and venue to make your opinion known on how funds should be appropriated.

And Become a BBC Tree Hugger!!

Our 120 street trees give our neighborhood its special “country in the city” village feel. But our trees, and the maintenance of our tree-pits, take a sizable financial commitment. In 2012, the BBC spent funds on pruning and spraying our trees, fall and spring plantings — including paying our crack professional gardener, **Tyler Redmond**, who plants, cleans and maintains our tree-pits, and last, but very important, graffiti removal and painting (see membership flyer for details). There is only a certain amount of time that people can afford to contribute and all of our paid “employees” work at reasonable rates.

When you renew your membership, please consider becoming a BBC Tree Hugger and making a donation for the care and maintenance of our trees and tree-pits. You will be thanked many times over on summer days by shade and cooling breezes fostered by our trees as well as the beauty of flowers always abloom in our tree-pits.

Holiday Party 2012

The 2012 BBC Holiday Party was a high-spirited success. Nearly 100 Villagers — including 21 children! — joined together to celebrate. Thanks to all who contributed to make this evening so special: **Tom Burrows** (Santa's alter ego), **“Bad Elf” Leslie Sharpe**, **MC Kathy Donaldson**, **Al-ice Elliott**, who organized the feast and served the sumptuous food so graciously, **Terri Howell**, who dispensed liba-

tions, **Joy Hornung**, who flew in on a snowy owl from the North Pole to “man” the front door, **Dora Nyffenegger**, who baked her wondrous pies and cookies, **Bill Lavelle**, who made his famous baked beans, **Holly Shaw**, who decorated the tree divinely, **Diane Wildowsky**, who her famous brownies.

Many special thanks to the elves that helped set up and clean up after the party- **Christina Kepple, Russ Treyz, Kathy Berger, and Ida Anastasia** and thanks to those elves who collected raffle prizes: **Kathy Donaldson, Dora Nyffenegger, Dr. Stan Simbonis and Cheryl Brock**. Special, special thanks to **Dennis Karr**, who played piano, **Mary Kate Law** who serenaded us and very special thanks to the Music School’s own **Jaison**, who worked the entire night to keep everything running smoothly. And thanks to **Al E. Gator and his Puppet Theater**, a BBC tradition that brought delight to Villagers of all ages, with high-stepping marionettes and puppeteering lessons! See ya later (next year!), Al E. Gator!

Heartfelt thanks from **Dale Belli**, of The Urban LifeSource Connection, to the many BBCers who contributed so many useful items to the PWA Holiday Project, which works with over 28 hospitals, hospices, and outpatient programs. Dale & Company wrapped and gave out thousands of gifts, including the BBC’s donations of clothes, blankets, and toiletries. Thank YOU, Dale, for all that you do!

And more special thanks to honorary BBCer **Lisa Kail**, of NYU, who generously donated items from NYU for our raffle prizes (everything left over was donated by the BBC to Dale Belli’s PWA Holiday Project).

Finally, thanks to the many local merchants and eateries that generously donated raffle prizes. A complete listing of these good neighbors is found below. We recommend them to BBC members and strongly encourage their patronage: American Museum of Natural History (Central Park West at 79th St.);

- Caliente Cab Co. (61 Seventh Ave. So.)
- Century Copy (511 Ave. of Americas)
- Cherry Lane Theater (38 Commerce St.)
- D’Agostino Supermarkets
- Gaetano’s Cucina Italiana (143 Christopher St.)
- The Goodwin (430 Hudson St.)
- Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.)
- Gristedes Supermarkets
- Housing Works (245 W. 10th St.)
- John’s Pizzeria (278 Bleecker St.)
- Lederhosen German (39 Grove St.)
- May Mung Flowers (501 Hudson St.)
- Myers of Keswick (634 Hudson)
- New York University Bookstore
- The Path Café (131 Christopher St.)
- Pet’s Kitchen (116 Christopher St.)

- Petite Abeille (466 Hudson St.)
- Romp Family Christmas Trees on Jane Street
- Sanpanino (494 Hudson St.)
- Sea Grape Wine Shop (512 Hudson St.)
- Seagull Haircutters (240 W. 10th St.)
- St. Luke’s Thrift Shop (487 Hudson St.)

News from Neighbors

BBCer **Brian Delate**, creator of “Memorial Day” and “Soldier’s Heart”, will be going to Vietnam for a healing and reconciliation journey. He will present his play “Memorial Day” to the Vietnamese and filming both the play and his interactions with Vietnamese veterans.

BBCer **Cheryl Brock** will have a solo exhibit this Fall at the James Beard Foundations Greenhouse Gallery on West 12th Street. This is the result of a large commission for new still-life drawings of food.

Neighborhood Notes & Notables

The International House of Pancakes is opening on the ground floor of 63 Downing Street and neighbors are preparing for the worst. Industrial grade ventilation units have been installed on the roof of the one story building and those who live nearby await possible noise and odor problem.

After racking up a \$700 tab at Falucka on Bleecker Street, **Rosemary Palen and Ashley Powell** were about to leave on November 10 and handed a forged credit card to the bartender. But before they could make their getaway, Palen got into a fight with another patron and punched him in the face. The duo did get away but were stopped by officers about a block away. Both suspects were booked for criminal possession of a forged instrument. and Palen was also charged with assault.

After a year of debate and unnecessary turmoil, the New York City AIDS Memorial at the St. Vincent’s Triangle was approved unanimously by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. Meanwhile, the Link Building of the former St. Vincent’s Hospital is now completely demolished and the large Coleman building will be down within the next few weeks and the Cronin building on West 11th Street is completely gutted and prepared for demolition.

Rock ‘n Roll Legend **Steven Tyler** strolled into Bleeckers Street Pizza after midnight on the evening of November 18. He stayed for nearly an hour taking pictures with customers and serving pizza. He was in town for an Aerosmith Concert held at Madison Square Garden.