



## Bedford • Barrow • Commerce

Block Association  
46 Barrow Street • New York, NY 10014

### *BBC NEWS AND VIEWS* *MAY 2012*

**There is no May BBC Meeting!**

#### **BBC Spring Planting Day, Saturday, May 5**

Bring your spade and trowel — or a fork and spoon — and help turn our tree pits into floral displays. Our own garden-in-residence, **Tyler Redmond**, has readied the soil for planting and will be on hand to lend his advice and support for BBC green-thumbers. Meet at 10:00 AM on Commerce St., at the driveway to the 81 Bedford St. garage. For the horticulturally inclined as well as those without even one green thumb.

#### **The 38th Annual Ye Olde Village Fair, Saturday, May 19 (No Rain date)**

Greenwich Village's best and most enduring block party is back! Starting at 11:00 AM: Come enjoy the International Food Court, Outdoor Café (this year, centered around The Cherry Lane Theatre), live entertainment, children's activities, and the one and only Juried Crafts & Fine Art Fair, the best in New York City, featuring the original creations of wonderful artists and artisans. The Crafts section is still accepting applications. For more information, please call 212-366-1451, or online at [bbcblockassociation.org](http://bbcblockassociation.org).

**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. Join us! Contributions of baked goods are especially needed and very much appreciated. Yes, Dora, the world's most famous baker, will be making her famous apple pies — but she can't do everything (contrary to public opinion,) and she needs your help, and we do too. We run out early, and this is



the one table whose proceeds ALL go directly to the BBC. So experiment, try something new, and have fun — we need YOU and your baking expertise!

Bring your goodies to the BBC Coffee and Cake Table (which will be in front of Commerce Restaurant) — and please be sure to include a note listing your ingredients. Also, the Crafts section desperately needs someone to sign the tables in and out, from 9:00 AM to about 10:30 AM.

And don't forget to send in your filled-out raffles (enclosed find two books). Great prizes — Dinners for Two at Fab Village Restaurants. And all proceeds go directly to the BBC — to your community. Please return your raffle stubs in the enclosed envelope. Thank you all, very much. And raffles may also be purchased on Fair Day at the BBC Raffle Table.

#### **A Hearty BBC Thank You!**

The BBC extends heartfelt thanks to **Sotheby's International Realty, New York University, Matt Umanov Guitars, The Goodwin, and Commerce Bar and Restaurant, 2012 Ye Olde Village Fair** underwriters, who are helping to subsidize our entertainment, as well as tables and chairs and drinkables, the cost of which really adds up. Many thanks to these generous BBC neighbors and businesses.

**HAPPY (BELATED) BIRTHDAY to BBCer LARRY SELMAN**, the Collector of Bedford Street, star of the Academy Award-nominated short documentary of the same name, and the brightest star of our neighborhood as well. LARRY just hit the Big 7-0, and is as young at heart as ever. We thank Larry for all he continues to do for the BBC, selling raffles for Ye Olde Village Fair, soliciting prizes for the Holiday Party, and raising money for so many wonderful causes. And most of all, for just being LARRY. He is our hero!

BBCer Emmy Award-winning filmmaker **Ken Kimmel** speaks on and shows 6 of his short films, including his film of **Eli Siegel's** 1925 prize-winning poem "Hot Afternoons Have Been in Montana" and a 1968 documentary of Siegel's teaching an Aesthetic Realism class. Sunday, May

6- 2:30PM. Aesthetic Realism Foundation, 141 Greene Street, \$15 contribution.

Early May

Pink and white petals on my path—  
spring passing so quickly—  
migrating finches darting into summer---

Holly Rose Diane Shaw  
BBC Poet Laureate

## ***NABE NOTES***

**Greenwich House Pottery (16 Jones St.)** presents an exhibition of the work of **Gerit Grimm**, April 14-May 12. Also, GHP is pleased to present the work of **Julia Haft-Candell** and **Benjamin DeMott**. Their installation gives rise to an alternative way of seeing ourselves, materials, and the space between these components. April 19 - May 17.

GHP is also pleased to present “Natural Order” — new vessels by artist **Suzy Goodelman**. For her first solo exhibition in Greenwich House Pottery’s Storefront Gallery, Goodelman has created numerous large and small-scale elegant anthropomorphic vessels that reflect upon her sense of beauty formed from inner reflection. April 19 - May 17. For information, call 212.242.4106.

**The Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St., between 7th Ave. So. & Bedford St.)** announces for Season 26 of its acclaimed North River Music series — one of NYC’s first concert series devoted to new and experimental music — that Morton Subotnick will perform “Analog Meets Digital: The Buchla and Ableton Live” on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at 8 PM. Admission: \$15 (\$10 for Students/Seniors); tickets at the door. For more information, call 212.242.4770, or visit the Greenwich House Web site at [www.gharts.org](http://www.gharts.org).

**Washington Square Music Festival Sunday**, May 20th 3-6PM. A party to benefit the 54<sup>th</sup> season of free concerts. Le Poisson Rouge, 158 Bleecker Street. Tickets from \$75 to \$200—call Peggy Friedman 917. 855.4205 for details.

**The Cherry Lane Theatre (38 Commerce St.)** is featuring on the Mainstage: *Psycho Therapy* — A new Comedy by **Frank Strausser**, directed by **Michael Bush**. April 8 - May 28. Strausser’s insanely entertaining new comedy opens the door to an unconventional option — couples therapy for three.

In the Studio: *Eavesdropping on Dreams*, by **Rivka Beckerman-Greenberg**, directed by **Ronald Cohen** (featuring **Lynn Cohen**). What happens to family

in the aftermath of the Holocaust? This theme haunts the lives of three generations of women in present-day New York. For information, call 212.989.2020; [info@cherrylanetheatre.org](mailto:info@cherrylanetheatre.org).

**The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation** announces its Fourteenth Annual Village House Tour Benefit. When: Sunday, May 6, 1 - 5:30 PM. (explore at your own pace). Cost: Tour tickets available for \$150, or two for \$250. Purchase tickets on the GVSHP Website—and for more information, go to—[www.gvshp.org](http://www.gvshp.org).

## **Neighborhood Notes & Notables**

A successful opening gambit by the Abingdon. The former West Village nursing home at 320 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street put its penthouses on the market a month ago for some brain-scrambling prices: \$19.5 million and \$21 million. And that was for raw space, to give early buyers the opportunity to customize. Which apparently one buyer wanted to do, because the \$21 million penthouse is in contract. The space is 5,574 square feet with 1,400 square feet of outdoor space.  
*from Curbed*

Oh, Jen, We Hardly Knew Ye. **Jennifer Aniston** has sold the pair of \$7 million West 12<sup>th</sup> Street apartments that she bought in her dog Norman’s name at a \$500K loss.

New York University’s 2031 plan has very little community support. At a City Planning Commission hearing on April 25, critics far outweighed supporters in the auditorium at the Museum of the American Indian in the U.S. Custom House. The two-phase project to add 2 million square feet of new development south of Washington Square Park hit its next-to-last stop of the uniform land use review procedure at the hearing.

The issues were the number of faculty housing apartments, student dorms and academic space, the necessity of a proposed new hotel, and the enormous size in general that the university wishes to add to its superblocks. Local residents, community leaders and local politicians even marched through the NYU superblocks and rallied in Washington Square Park last Friday in protest.

The University has supposedly reduced the size of the project by 17 percent, but typically these kinds of projects by large entities are larded with fat to be trimmed along the way to make the entity look cooperative, give officials some good PR and fool the neighborhood. City Planning Commission will vote on the project by June 6.

Meanwhile, the approvals for the Rudin Project (St. Vincent’s Hospital) are nearly complete. On April 24, the Landmarks Preservation Commission unanimously approved a plan by the West Village Residences to proceed with the demolition of the Reiss Building, but **City Council Speaker Christine Quinn** brokered a deal to preserve most of its facade, reports *DNAinfo*.