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BBC March 2015 NEWS AND VIEWS

There is NO March meeting.

BBC Literary Soiree!

Get ready for the first ever BBC Literary Soiree! Featuring the talents of our very own BBC poets, novelists, playwrights and nonfiction writers.

The BBC invites YOU to read from your work, published or unpublished, at the April BBC Meeting, on Wednesday, April 1, at 7:00 PM, at the Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.). At 6:30 PM, socialize with your fellow writers over light refreshments.

Please come and share your poems, your Great American Novel, your short story, your memoir, your narrative nonfiction, or your play. Open to all BBCers of ALL ages. Kids are welcome to share their writing too!

We ask any interested writer to register, via email (KathrynDonaldson@aol.com), if you would like to read.

PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE LIMITING THE READERS TO TEN; EACH READER WILL READ FOR FIVE MINUTES, MAXIMUM.

If we have more than ten writers who want to participate, we will schedule another reading event. But be aware, we are limited by time constraints. If you are interesting in participating, please register; at the same time, include a brief bio (several lines) which will be

read to the audience when you are introduced at the BBC Literary Soiree. We look forward to seeing you and hearing your work at this exciting premier event. And bring your fans, friends and family!

BBC Membership

BBC President Kathy Donaldson reports that 215 residents have already rejoined the Bedford Barrow Commerce Block Association. Thanks to all who have re-upped. Those of you who have not yet rejoined will find a return envelope for you to send in your payment (please do remember those trees!) Be sure to make your checks payable to BBC Membership. You'll feel great – it's guaranteed!!

The proposal by West Village residents to name the corner of Bedford and Grove Streets for Larry Selman won unanimous approval from Community Board 2. Final approval will, hopefully, occur at a full council hearing in June. We will keep you posted for the exact date.

Chemo Comfort, a non-profit all volunteer organization, founded by BBCer Anne Marie Paolucci needs volunteers! Chemo Comfort helps cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy by providing them with kits of products to manage the side effects of treatment.



Approximately 75% of kits distributed annually are donated. Chemo Comfort needs volunteers for office work (our office is at 154 Christopher St, in the Archive building), social media and on our PR/Events committee (committee is currently working on our upcoming Confections for Comfort and Cocktails for Comfort events). If this interests you, please e-mail us at volunteer@chemocomfort.org.

BBCer **Dale Belli** writes the BBC: "Since its inception in 1997, the BBC has been a part of The Urban Life Source Connection and their PWA Christmas project. This year we were able to give out 2000 wrapped Christmas gifts and 100 Christmas stockings filled with toiletries. We have held sixteen Christmas parties with complete lunches and went room to room and bed to bed caroling and distributing gifts. We extended our outreach to Staten Island and Far Rockaway. Thank you, BBCers, for participating by donating gifts at the Holiday Party. We wrapped and gave away every one of them." And thank YOU, Dale, for YOUR generosity, and commitment to such a worthy cause.

NABE NOTES

The Taste of Greenwich House, March 31, at The Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street, between Sixth and Seventh Aves. Each year Greenwich House partners with a select group of top tier NYC restaurants for the Taste of Greenwich House, Greenwich House's premier fundraiser. Its success provides for vital social and educational services to New Yorkers in need. Restaurants serve menu samplings to 600 foodies, restaurant scene regulars and community movers and shakers as they learn about the crucial community services Greenwich House provides. For information re tickets, contact **Hannah Read** at 212-991-0003 ext 401 or hread@greenwichhouse.org.

Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.) presents the **Sound It Out** jazz series, hosting musicians from jazz and other venturesome genres, further binding Greenwich House Music with progressive scenes across New York City.

John O'Gallagher Trio, Friday, March 6, 8:00 PM: **John O'Gallagher**, alto saxophone; **Johannes Weidenmuller**, double-bass; **Mark Ferber**, drums; Tickets: \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors); **Lucian Ban and Mat Maneri**, Friday, March 13, Lucian Ban



8:00 PM: Romanian-born pianist Lucian Ban and Mat Maneri – the world's greatest improviser on viola/violin – team to follow up their ECM album "Transylvanian Concert." Lucian Ban, piano; Mat Maneri, viola. Tickets: \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors).

Tony Malaby's Paloma Recio– New Music from a NY Favorite! Sunday, March 15, 7:30 PM: Great saxophonist Tony Malaby leads the quartet version of his band Paloma Recio in new music just before heading into the recording studio. **Tony Malaby**, tenor and soprano saxophones; **Ben Monder**, guitar; **Eivind Opsvik**, double-bass; **Nasheet Waits**, drums. Tickets: \$15 (\$12 for students and seniors).

Vinnie Sperrazza's Apocryphal and Loren Stillman and Russ Lossing. Saturday, March 21, 7:30 PM. This double-bill opens with the searching duo of altoist Loren Stillman and pianist Russ Lossing, then it's drummer Vinnie Sperrazza's Apocryphal, which recorded the 2014 album "Apocryphal" – a great record that mixes jazz chops with rock atmospherics. Tickets: \$20 (\$15 for students and seniors).

The Cherry Lane Theatre (38 Commerce Street) 2015 Mentor Project

Dates for upcoming performances are March 4-14 (*Peerless*), March 25-April 4 (*King Lear*), Apr 15-26 (*The Idea of Me*). Memberships now on sale: See all 3 plays for \$30 (reg. \$45) Available online: www.cherrylanetheatre.org or by phone 212.989.2020 x21

The Cherry Lane Theatre (38 Commerce St.) presents *Everything You Touch*, January 28–March 29, Mainstage, written by **Sheila Callaghan**, directed by **Jessica Kubzansky**. Featuring: **Christian Coulson**, **Allegra Rose Edwards**, **Chelsea Fryer**, **Tonya Glanz**, **Lisa Kitchens**, **Nina Ordman**, **Miriam Silverman** and **Robbie Tann**. "Victor is a ruthless fashion designer in the 1970s at the top of his game. Esme, his glamorous protégé and muse, is pushed aside when an ordinary Southern woman inspires Victor to make his artistry accessible to the masses. A generation later, a woman grappling with a healthy dose of self-loathing must wrestle her own family demons to find her way through the world of fashion that won't give a woman her size a second look". Skipping back and forth in



Sheila Callaghan

time, *Everything You Touch* is a viciously funny look at the struggle to find an identity that's more than skin deep. Tuesday-Saturday, 8:00 PM; Saturday matinee, 2 PM; Sunday, 3:00 PM; Dark Mondays. Run Time: 2 hours with one 15 minute intermission. Tickets now on sale: Online at cherrylanetheatre.org. Or call OVA-TIONTIX: 212-352-310. (Group tickets by phone only.)

The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHP) announces its March 2015 programs: **Victoria Woodhull: Feminist, Spiritualist, 'Mrs. Satan',** A lecture by author **John Strausbaugh**. Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 - 8:00 P.M., Free; reservations required. Hudson Park Library, 66 Leroy Street, between 7th Avenue South and Hudson Street

Part of GVSHP's Women's History Month Series. Greenwich Village resident Victoria Woodhull was one of the most fascinating and controversial women in 19th-century New York. She started her own newspaper, was the first woman to address a Congressional committee in Washington, and was the first woman to run for President, on a platform that combined feminism, spiritualism, socialism, and most controversially, "free love." Author John Strausbaugh discusses this extraordinary woman's life and times. To register, please call (212) 475-9585 ext. 35.



"The Immigrant, Radical, Notorious Women of Washington Square," A lecture by NYC historian **Joyce Gold**. Thursday, March 19, 6:30 - 8:00 P.M., Free; reservations required. Jefferson Market Library, Sixth Avenue at West 10th Street. Part of GVSHP's Women's History Month Series. Throughout the years, Greenwich Village has seen an unparalleled array of women—working class, gentry, radical, literary, academic, theatrical, convict, and immigrant. **Eleanor Roosevelt, Edith Wharton, Louisa May Alcott, Emily Roebling, Bella Abzug, Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney, Ida Tarbell, Emily Post, Edna St. Vincent Millay**, all shared this famed New York neighborhood. To register, please call (212) 475-9585 ext. 35.

"The Red Tail Hawks of Greenwich Village and the East Village," a lecture and slideshow with **Gabriel Willow**. Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 - 8:00 P.M., Free; reservations required. Washington Square Institute, 51 East 11th Street, between Broadway and University Place.

Gabriel Willow is a naturalist, guide, and educator with New York City Audubon, who will describe the nesting, mating, and hunting habits of these predators, and explain why we



should welcome them to our neighborhoods. To register, please call (212) 475-9585 ext. 35.

"Steamboats on the Hudson: The Greenwich Village Waterfront," A lecture and slideshow with **Liz McEnaney**. Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 - 8:00 P.M., Free; reservations required, Salmagundi Club, 47 Fifth Avenue, near West 12th Street. Join Liz McEnaney, Executive Director of the SS Columbia Project, for an illustrated lecture about how these vessels, such as the Day Liners, shaped the development of the Greenwich Village waterfront. To register, please call (212) 475-9585 ext. 35.

Gotham Center for New York City History: All events are free and open to the public. Seating, however, is "first come, first served." All events take place at The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue, between 34th and 35th St. RSVP at 212-817-8471. or visit www.gothamcenter.org. **"New York's Legal Landmarks,"** Tuesday, March 3, 6:30-8 PM. Please join us for a tour of New York through the eyes of a history-loving lawyer. **Robert Pigott's** new book takes us on an inside tour of Gotham's great courthouses, the sites of famous trials in film and real life, the locations of some of the most important moments in constitutional history, the law firms where some of the best Americans practitioners worked, and the homes, schools, and final resting places of the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Neighborhood Notes & Notables

The 25-foot-wide, bow-fronted townhouse at 66 Morton Street just sold for \$17 million, with the sale hitting public records today, after being listed for \$13.9 million in October. The place has plenty going for it—according to the broker, it's the only bow-fronted house in the West Village, and it has served as a movie set for a number of notable films including *Working Girl*, *The Night We Never Met*, and *Autumn in New York*. It

has also retained a lot of original details as it was built in 1852 and had only one owner from 1969 until now. It also has three exposures; overall, it's a great townhouse. Still, it's surprising when any place sells for 22 percent over the asking price, especially since with this one, the new owner, identified as Triple Y Properties



Resources & Information

* A Siena poll found that 51 percent of voters say Gov. Andrew Cuomo's proposed ethics reforms would reduce corruption, which 92 percent say is a serious problem, but 53 percent say an on-time budget is more important: <http://goo.gl/16WAjH>

* New York City Council members are looking to change the city charter to force officials to put aside cash for retired municipal workers' huge health care bills, the Daily News writes: <http://goo.gl/1mhNxW>

* A report on the deadly train-SUV collision in Westchester County found it caused \$3.7 million in damage to the Metro-North Railroad but stopped short of answering some major questions, The Wall Street Journal reports: <http://goo.gl/8YotBY>

* New data revealed subway riders are being squashed together on increasingly crowded trains and a lack of basic manners getting in and out of cars is contributing to a spike in delays, the Post writes: <http://goo.gl/zCMcw5>

* The Greater New York Taxi Association, which represents yellow taxis, will change its name and work with green cabs and black cars in a new coalition to confront industry changes like e-hail app Uber, the Post reports: <http://goo.gl/oo9RAQ>

* According to data compiled by the NYPD, major felony crime in New York City's largest parks fell 11.1 percent last year, marking the first year since 2011 in which park crime dropped, the Journal reports: <http://goo.gl/ncSfJw>

* The city's Department of Education plans to award a contract worth as much as \$2 billion to a tech firm that got caught up in a kickback scandal four years ago while doing the very same work being proposed, the Post writes: <http://goo.gl/yo8WGP>

* Chokehold victim Eric Garner's daughter said the Rev. Al Sharpton is interested primarily in money during a secretly recorded conversation by James O'Keefe's conservative group Project Veritas, the Post reports: <http://goo.gl/eGms8g>

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The Jane Hartsook Gallery (Greenwich House, 16 Jones Street) is pleased to present an exhibition bringing together for the first time the ceramics of New York City artists **Ghada Amer, Trisha Baga, Robin Cameron, Joanne Greenbaum, Pam Lins, Alice Mackler and David Salle**, into one exhibition. These artists highlight the artworld having found expression in clay – encapsulating the mood of the contemporary scene. All of these artists work out of the studios at Greenwich House Pottery, through class, a clandestine ceramics club or our residency program. Though the Pottery might be the thread binding these artists together there is a commonality in their expressive approach to material manipulation and a profound intrigue for color.

Councilmember Corey Johnson invites you to the next installment of his 'Let's Talk!' series: Reforming the Rent Guidelines Board. On March 11 - the eve of the Board's first meeting of 2015 - we will examine proposals for reform and offer opportunities for you to get involved.

Date: Wednesday, March 11
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Location: PS 3, 690 Hudson St. (between Grove & Christopher Streets)

Bonnie Slotnick Cookbooks began a new chapter by debuting its new East Village location. The specialty bookstore, which sells used cookbooks and vintage kitchenware, relocated to a larger space on East Second Street near Second Avenue after its old landlord refused to renew Slotnick's West Village lease last fall. The shop had been in business for 15 years.