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BBC NEWS AND VIEWS October 2015

PLEASE NOTE: The ceremony for the co-naming of Bedford Street to honor **Larry Selman** will be held at the corner of Bedford and Grove Streets on Tuesday, October 6 at 6:00PM. Since his death in January, 2013, members of the community worked to get Bedford Street co-named in Larry's honor. With the supportive help of supportive Community Board 2 and the City Council, **Mayor DeBlasio** signed the **Larry Selman Way** bill on August 10, 2015. Having a street co-named in someone's honor is reserved for those who have made a lasting difference on their community. A reception will follow the ceremony and will be held at The Greenwich School of Music at 46 Barrow St. Everyone is welcome to witness this historic event and to celebrate Larry's life, remembering everything

he gave back to the community. For questions or more info please email: info@welcomechange.org.

The BBC thanks good neighbor **Caliente Cab Company** for generously hosting, yet again, a cocktail party on Monday, September 28, at which local charitable organizations will receive their contributions (totaling \$4,750 raised through Ye Olde Village Fair). The following is a list of these organizations: **The Cherry Lane Theatre; Christopher Street Patrol; Greenwich House-Caring Community; Greenwich House Music School; Greenwich House Pottery; Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation; Hudson Park Library; Jefferson Market Garden; St. Luke's Saturday Night Supper; St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen; Village Care Foundation; Visiting Neighbors; Washington Square Association; West Village Chorale.**

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The BBC invites YOU to read from your work, published or unpublished, at the November 11 BBC Meeting, at 7:00 PM, at the Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.).

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 very welcome to share their writing too! We do ask any interested writer to register, via email (KathrynDonaldson@aol.com), if you would like to read. We want to be able to plan the schedule to accommodate everyone who is interested. **PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE LIMITING THE READERS TO TEN, WHO EACH WILL READ FOR FIVE MINUTES, MAXIMUM.**



If more than ten writers want to participate, we will schedule another reading event. But please be aware, we are limited by time constraints. If you are interested in participating, please register, and 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!

2015 BBC Holiday Party

This year's BBC Holiday Party (it's never too early to mark your calendars to make sure you're in town for the best holiday party for kids and grown-ups, not just in the Village, but in all of New York City!) is set for Saturday, December 5 at Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.) 6-9PM. So save that date!



From BBCer Brooke Schooley:

A new neighborhood initiative is afoot on Seventh Avenue South! The 7th Avenue South Alliance is already undertaking initiatives to improve the Avenue, including: new trees, tree guards and planted tree pits; planters in new DOT pedestrian areas; regular litter pick-up; and larger, enclosed trashcans. You may have already noticed some of these welcome changes, and you will see others in the coming months. Visit www.7ASA.org to



learn more and/or send an email to Brooke Schooley at 7thavenuesouthalliance@gmail.com to get involved. Donations are tax-deductible with GVBA (Greenwich Village Block Associations) acting as the fiscal agent. All donations will go directly to funding one-time costs like tree guards and trash cans or ongoing maintenance such as planting, watering and litter pick-up. We look forward to keeping you posted on this exciting new initiative!

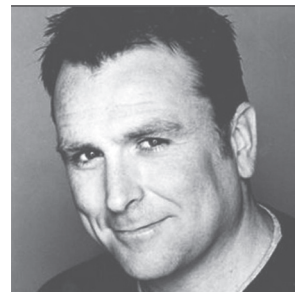


The Bedford Downing Block Association will carry on its unique tradition—a Fall sidewalk sale—on October 3, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with proceeds going to the ACE/SoHo partnership and neighborhood beautification. For information and reservations about becoming a vendor (crafters of quality jewelry and pottery, vendors of antiques and collectibles) email [mann@mikaya.com](mailto:manna@mikaya.com). The sale, which is open to the public, will be held on Downing Street between Sixth Avenue and Bedford Street. No rain date. Whether buying or selling, BBCers are always welcome!

NABE NOTES

Cherry Lane Theatre: *Catch the Butcher* September 23 through October 30. "Fascinated by a serial killer's poems to his victims, Nancy sets out to find him. When she discovers herself in his basement she likes it". Tickets \$46 at Cherry Lane Theatre or ovationtix: 800-811-4111.

Returning October 20 *Colin Quinn The New York Story* directed by Jerry Seinfeld.



West Village Chorale: Join us for Viva Vino—An Evening of Wine and Opera To Benefit the West Village Chorale on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 – 6:30 PM at Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Square South (at Thompson Street). Tickets \$50.

A festive evening of wine, cheese, and opera pairings, with arias performed by some of the city's most talented artists. All proceeds benefit the West Village Chorale, a community choir that, over the last four decades, has become a city institution. For tickets and more information, please call WVC at 212.517.1776; 917.334.0711; or contact at westvillagechorale@gmail.com

Join us in celebrating the **Arts at Greenwich House** on Monday, October 19, 2015 at Tribeca Roof Tops Desbrosses Street. Cocktail Reception 6:00 - 7:00 PM; Dinner and Awards Ceremony 7:00 - 9:30 PM. Honoring: **Edward Adler** for his continued dedication to the arts and the Greenwich House community. (Proceeds support Greenwich House Arts: Pottery, Music, Senior Centers, After-School and Summer Camp.) For tickets and more information, please go to www.greenwich-house.org.

The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHIP) announces its October 2015 programs: *James Baldwin Lived Here: Historic Village Plaque*

Ceremony at a former residence of **James Baldwin**, 81 Horatio Street, Wednesday, October 7-6:00 P.M. Open to all, Free but reservations requested rsvp@gvshp.org



Visiting Neighbors: non-profit village organization dedicated to helping frailer older neighbors remain independent and at home will be holding their annual fundraiser “Art from the Heart 111” Thursday, October 22, 6pm, NYU Kimmel Center, 60 Washington Square South, Enjoy wine, Hors d’Oeuvres, live auction, silent auction and live jazz, call 212.260.6200 or purchase tickets at www.visitingneighbors.org. Early bird tickets before October 9, \$100, after \$125.

Theater for the New City: A history from the West Village to the East Village, with founder **Crystal Field** Monday, October 12 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.. 155 First Avenue, between East 9th and East 10th Streets. Free; reservations required rsvp@gvshp.org.

Folk City A private tour of the exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York* for GVSHSP members at the \$50 level and above Wednesday, October 14, 2:30 – 3:30 PM Free [*for members at the \$50 level and up] Reservations required; rsvp@gvshp.org Meeting location will be provided after reservation is confirmed.

Special Concert: A Night With The Andy Statman Trio at the Historic Eldridge Street Synagogue to benefit the



Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation & the Museum at Eldridge Street 7:00 PM, Thursday October 22, 2015 Doors open at 6:30. Join us for a special night featuring renowned musician **Andy Statman** and the Andy Statman Trio performing in the main sanctuary of the Eldridge Street Synagogue, a beauti-

ful NYC Landmark and National Historic Landmark. Guided tours of the Museum are included. You will be able to register for a 5:30 or 6:00PM tour after ticket purchase. Advance tickets are \$30. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$45. Drinks and food are not included.

Now You See Them, Now You Don't: Places of Magic in the Village and on the Bowery, Thursday, October 29 6:30 – 8:00 P.M Jefferson Market Library, Sixth Avenue at 10th Street. Free; reservations required rsvp@gvshp.org.

Neighborhood Notes & Notables

Daniel Thompson, whose automatic bagel machine brought bagels to the masses—as well as a crushing blow to artisanal bagel makers—died on September 3 in Rancho Mirage, Calif. He died at the age of 94 earlier this month. Prior to the early 1960's, bagel making had long been a skilled and unionized trade, a highly-guarded craft that was passed from generation to generation. But Thompson—a mathematician born to a Jewish bagel baker—sought to invent a machine that would remove the time-consuming process of making bagels, which included forming and rolling the dough. With the help of his invention, bagel making quickly shifted from a skilled trade to bagel production on a large scale—which, in turn—helped introduce bagels to the American diet.

Whereas a traditional baker could make roughly 120 bagels in an hour, the automatic machines could turn out 400 with only an unskilled worker at the helm. They were quickly made—and with the help of Lender's who began using Thompson's machine to make bagels on a massive scale—were easily packaged, frozen and shipped to supermarkets across the country.

Bob Novogratz's West Village townhouse is one of those homes that just won't sell. Despite amenities like a private garage, rooftop terrace, and a basketball court, the five-bedroom home has been on the market for six years (yes, you read that correctly), and its price has bounced around a bunch in that time. Its very first asking price, all the way back in 2009, was \$25 million; then, it went down to \$19.95 million; it was chopped further to \$17.45 million; the price crept back up, first to \$18.5 million and then \$22 million; and now, we've come to this point, where it's listed for the all-time low of \$15.95 million. Will this be the time that the Novogratz clan actually has some luck with it? If history is anything to go by, probably not; but there was interest while the home was briefly on the rental market

(Heidi Klum was one of the renters), so who knows?
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“Back to White” Benefit, Wednes., September 30, 7-10 PM, Socially Relevant Film Festival, Monte’s Restaurant, 97 MacDougal Street, (Between Bleecker & West 3rd) Monte’s is hosting a fabulous evening of great food and wine, wonderful company, gifts and more while supporting the Socially Relevant Film Festival’s 3rd edition. **Mike Sargent**, Chief Film Critic of WBAI Pacifica Radio and Host of Arise on Screen TV is our guest of honor. **Dr. Mike Skor**, of Monte’s Oscar Party fame, is our MC. SR Welcome Cocktail 3-course dinner w/wine, White Attire. The early bird price is \$125 per person.

Earlier this year, members of Manhattan Community Board 2 began a campaign to turn Christopher Park into a national monument, thanks to its proximity to the Stonewall Inn, where the Stonewall Riots – and, for many, the modern LGBT-rights movement – began in 1969. New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Representative Jerry Nadler have put their support behind the initiative, and will introduce legislation that would help designate the park a national monument. In a speech at Stonewall announcing the campaign, Nadler told an assembled crowd, “We must have federal recognition of the LGBT movement’s history and origins and ensure that this piece of LGBT history is preserved for future generations,” according to *the New York Times*.

Untapped Cities, an online resource, recently featured a piece on the alleys and courtyards of Greenwich Village. Among the six chosen were Grove Court and Pamela’s Alley. “Fans

Just in case some of you may have forgotten what a soda fountain used to look like, this is the counter at Bigelow’s. Gone, but not forgotten.

of the speakeasy Chumley’s will remember this wonderful courtyard, really a small passageway off Barrow Street. Though not in operation since the wall collapse 2007, it nonetheless retains its lore amongst New Yorkers. The building has served many functions, first as a blacksmithery and later as a stop on the Underground Railroad.... and a place for leftist radicals later. The great literary greats hung out in the speakeasy founded by Leland Chumley in 1922



Andy Cohen, a producer on Bravo’s *Real Housewives* of... franchise is reported to have purchased yet another apartment in an off-market deal inside the acclaimed West Village co-op building at 2 Horatio Street. The \$900,000 studio is Cohen’s fourth pad in the building (and the only of his apartments that borders on the home of actress **Sally Field**.) The studio sits next door to a high-floor two-bedroom also owned by the TV personality and atop another two-bedroom Cohen owns that was featured in the *New York Times* back in 2013. Sounds like his neighbors should brace for some renovation noise. Andy and his dog, Wacha, must like it here.
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