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BBC News and Views

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The next BBC Meeting is Wednesday,
November 4th at the Greenwich House Music
School for our very own **Literary Soiree!**
This will be our 11th BBC Soiree! Featuring the
talents of our very own BBC poets, novelists,
playwrights and nonfiction writers . . .

Wine and cookies at 6:30pm

Program at 7:00pm



Fall Planting

Saturday, November 7th, 10:00am.

Meet at 81 Bedford Street (garage entrance on
Commerce Street)

After gardening, enjoy coffee and treats at
Bedford Studio - a unique space located at 62
Bedford Street that is a coffee shop, collective
workspace, and event space that allows for
everyone to come in to purchase coffee, sit down
and relax but requires a membership to work
from the studio in the form of a daypass or
monthly subscription. With a wide variety of
specialty coffee from Parlor Coffee, based in
Brooklyn, as well as healthy treats from
Superfood City, gluten-free and vegan donuts,
cookies, muffins, and more. It's the perfect
neighborhood place that enhances the beautiful
West Village.

Nabe Notes

12th Annual Greenwich Village Film Festival

November 9th - 11th, 7:00pm

The Quad Cinema,
34 W 13th St



This year's 12th
Annual Greenwich
Village Film Festival
will be held at The
Quad Cinema, from Monday, November 9 -
Wednesday, November 11. Each night you
attend, you get to see a sampling of great short
films, documentaries and animation. If you
believe that Greenwich Village, or Little Bohemia

as it is sometimes
called, deserves its
own Film Festival,
please support it.
It is run by our own
BBC members and
Grove St. residents,
Film Producers
Richard Eric Weigle
and **Michael**
Anastasio.



Support The Arts!

Tickets will go on sale November 1st at <https://www.greenwichvillagefilmfestival.com/>
If you would like to make a contribution or be involved in this wonderful event which is helping to keep Greenwich Village a creative place and haven for artists of all kinds, please contact Richard Eric at richardericweigle@icloud.com.

Greenwich House Music School

Big Jazz in the Village

Wednesday, November 18th, 7:30 - 9:30pm

FREE with RSVP! Greenwich House Music School's premiere jazz clarinet ensemble, **Dance Clarinets**, plays the music of Oliver Lake, Horace Silver, Carla Bley, Julius Hemphill, Joe Daley, and other composers of New York big band jazz. The program features longtime Dance Clarinets member Isaiah Richardson Jr. in the solo role on *Cry of Hunger*.

Greenwich House Pottery

Artists Exhibition Opening Reception

Thursday, November 19th, | 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Exhibition on view November 19th – December 13th



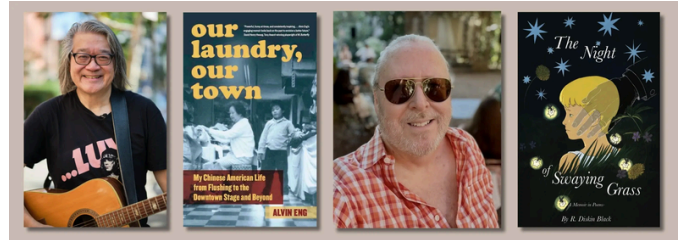
The Jane Hartsook Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition recognizing the talented artists who contribute to the Greenwich House Pottery (GHP) community. This exhibition showcases the artistic range of GHP's makers, each of whom uses the Pottery's extensive resources to express their own creative voice in clay. From functional ceramics to sculpture, this exhibition features small works made by the students, members, faculty, and staff of the pottery.

Hudson Park Library

Our Village, Our Town:

A Memoir In Prose And A Memoir In Verse with Alvin Eng and R. Diskin Black

Thursday, November 19th, 6:00 - 7:30pm



Alvin Eng and R. Diskin Black met twenty-five years ago in a playwriting workshop led by Eng in the West Village on the eve of 9/11. Activism reunited them sixteen years later when their paths crossed again at a Rise and Resist meeting in the Church of the Village located at 13th Street and 7th Avenue. Now they've both published memoirs, Eng's in prose, Black's inverse dueling memoirs one might say, which together tell a compelling story of life in mid-20th to 21st century America, grounded firmly in New York City. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hudson Park Library History

Tucked away on one of the most beautiful streets in the city, Hudson



Park has served Greenwich Village since 1906. The building, designed by the architectural firm of Carrere and Hastings, was the 16th branch to be constructed with funds donated by Andrew Carnegie. The branch opened its doors to the community on January 24, 1906; in 1920, the building was extended eastward, allowing patrons to enter the library from the newly extended Seventh Avenue South. The poet Marianne Moore worked at Hudson Park as a library assistant from 1921-1925, contributing to the rich literary history of the neighborhood.

Today Hudson Park Library, graced with large windows overlooking James J. Walker Park and St. Luke's Place, is a relaxing place to work, read, and play.

Municipal Arts Society

Enduring Culture Spotlight:

Neighborhood Heritage in West-Central Queens

Saturday, November 14th, 2:30 - 5:00pm

Free | Register at mas.org

Join us for an afternoon exploring Ridgewood's past, with conversations focused on cultural resiliency within a neighborhood undergoing transition. We'll be hearing from **Isa Dorvillier**, artist and longtime Ridgewood resident, and **Meral Agish**, the Queens Memory Project Coordinator at Queens Public Library, who



will discuss the layered histories



and rich cultural fabric of Ridgewood, Middle Village, and Glendale. Following the conversation, Isa will guide us

on a walking tour along the historic Fresh Pond Road, two future Interborough Expressway stops, legacy businesses, and beloved cultural gems. Reception to follow at Peg's Cavalier!

Gotham Center of New York

Hidden Histories of Jazz Age New York:

From the Suppressed to the Strange

Tuesday, November 17th, 6:30 - 8:00pm

Free | www.gothamcenter.org

In his [new book](#), **Jonathan Ezra Goldman** offers a panoramic view of New York City in the 1920s,



unearthing stories of everyday life at the margins. Looking at entertainment, politics, art, technology, crime, shopping, eating, and recreation, the book portrays sweeping events like the Harlem Renaissance and Prohibition through individual experiences which counter the era's popular conception of ballooning wealth and uproarious celebration.

Hidden Histories takes readers to an all-female police platoon, a Black amusement park shut down before it opened, an Arabic literary salon, socialist Puerto Rican cigar

factories, Chinatown funerals, lesbian cafes, overcrowded jails, toxic dumps, and Ku Klux Klan recruitment offices, along the way uncovering little-known anecdotes about well-known figures such as Marcus Garvey, Dorothy Parker, and Babe Ruth. Goldman spotlights the challenges and triumphs of a city beset by crowds, automobile traffic, and rapidly changing technology and urban infrastructure, as well as Jim Crow practices, exploding anti-immigrant sentiment, and the violent treatment of political dissent.



Shirley J. Yee, Professor Emerita at the University of Washington, Seattle, joins in conversation.

Meet Melinda Holm



After climbing the many many steps to the top of Sripada in Sri Lanka to catch the sunrise with many, many other pilgrims, February 2026

A longtime member of the Bedford Barrow Commerce Block Association, Melinda Holm has lived on Barrow Street going on 50 years. A world traveler first under a diplomatic passport, growing up in Europe, Africa, Mexico, (the daughter of an American consul), continuing as an adult through Europe, North Africa and Asia, travel has been an important constant. Other main activities have been film and video work, peace walks and runs and environmental activism.

Citizens for a Better Environment in 1970s San Francisco provided an interesting canvassing job through a variety of neighborhoods in the Bay area educating the public on sustainable energy, mostly solar but also wind and geothermal, nuclear power, air and water conditions, pesticides. I had gone to LA to work on a friend's feature and had to run out the time remaining on the yearlong sublet of the apartment I still live in. Before returning to New York, I organized a conference on sustainable energy. Back in New York, I worked with the water and oceans committee of the Sierra Club and the veterans of New York on creating Governors Island into a park, studying New York City waters, including the watershed regulations, the Croton Watershed, Newtown Creek.

I've always been very interested in people; I consider myself something of a cultural ambassador. Peace walks and runs have been an important part of my life. My family, friends and community, including the far flung members, film, travel and protecting the Earth are what makes my world go round. Sometimes I feel like my apartment is a golden cage. I could be living in Santa Fe or Montana or Siberia with a big garden, some animals.... The truth is I love New York and I love our neighborhood, it's a great place to get old (the title of one of my shorts).

Old News

HIS FAMILY BEGGED MERCY.

Robert Hand of 74 Bedford Street, and Michael Lowry of 263 West Houston Street, both nighthawk cabmen were convicted in General Sessions last week of robbing Alexander Ferenz of 23 Washington Street, on Dec. 22 last, were sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Judge Foster yesterday. This light sentence was obtained by Hand's wife and two pretty children, who besought Judge Foster to exercise leniency toward their husband and father. Hand is a big, brawny fellow, a typical hackman. Lowry is a consumptive. He also has a wife and two children. Judge Foster was much impressed by the prepossessing aspect of Mrs. Hand and the little Hands. "You do not appear to be an ordinary criminal," said the Judge to Hand in passing sentence, "judging from the appearance of your wife and children. No man who takes such evident care of his family is a thoroughly bad man, and deserves some clemency and sympathy. I will therefore sentence you to only one year's imprisonment." To Lowry he said that a long term would be a greater hardship to him than to a man in good health. The maximum penalty for the two hackman's offense is fifteen years.

The New York Times, February 6, 1901