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The next BBC Meeting is Wednesday, November 5th 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

Nabe Notes

The BBC thanks Lawrence Helfant of Bedford Studios for hosting the olive oil tasting for BBCer Beatrice Karp. She presented her olive oil that she presses herself from the groves in Tuscany. Mission-driven Bea Olive Oil aims to combat fraud in the industry while helping repurpose abandoned olive groves in Italy. Her website is www.beaoliveoil.com and she also does pickups from her apartment.



Fall planting is **Saturday, November 7th**.
Details to follow.

From BBCer Anne Marie Paolucci

Chemo Comfort, an all-volunteer run organization founded in 2003 by three-time cancer survivor Anne Marie Paolucci, provides cancer patients with kits of products to help manage chemotherapy's side effects.

Approximately 75% of kits distributed annually are donated, primarily to patients in need within the greater New York area, through partner organizations such as CancerCare, Cancer Support Team and the Phyllis Newman Women's Health Initiative at the Actor Studio. In feedback forms, 100% of kit recipients state they would recommend a Chemo Comfort kit to someone undergoing chemotherapy.

Chemo Comfort is holding our twelfth annual Cocktails for Comfort fundraising campaign October 9–18, 2026. Thirteen establishments across New York City are participating by creating signature cocktails and mocktails for their patrons with proceeds donated to Chemo Comfort to support our programs. We are incredibly honored that these bars and restaurants are participating. 54 Below has participated in every Cocktails for Comfort event since 2015 and Art Bar has done so since 2016. We are thrilled to welcome back cocktail powerhouse, Employees Only.

Art Bar 52 Eighth Ave; Beltane 10 E 16th St.; Brandy Library 25 N Moore St; The Dead Poet 450 Amsterdam Ave; Employees Only 510 Hudson St; 54 Below 254 W 54st, Cellar 54 Below; Jungle Bird 174 Eighth St.; Strutton Bar Room 1074 First Ave; Westville Hudson 333 Hudson StV

From BBCer Diane Wildowsky

While still helping people buy and sell real estate through Sotheby's International Realty, Diane Wildowsky, a long-time BBCer has turned her use of driving a mobility scooter to her appointments into a website full of important information about navigating the 5 boroughs and beyond using a mobility device. Whether it's a mobility scooter, like she uses or a wheelchair, you can enjoy the city fully. You just have to know how. Visit her website: www.paintthetownmobile.com to learn tips and tricks. In addition, you'll learn how handicap accessible restrooms really are (the sign might say it, but reality is different) as well as enjoy some of the fun and crazy experiences she has when out and about in our great city! Feel free to text or call her at 917 881-5019.

Greenwich House

Come Sing, Play Violin, Dance, and Enjoy the Garden

As you settle in to fall, scan the [classes and lessons](#) available at Greenwich House Music School. Whether it's been a season or several years since you last played an instrument or shared your beautiful voice, we'd love to have you here this fall.

[Contact us](#) if you have questions about scheduling, class content, needed supplies, performance opportunities and anything else you need to know. We can't wait to have you here making music!

Greenwich House Fall Benefit

Monday, November 2, 6:30pm - 9:30pm
Tribeca 360°, 10 Desbrosses Street

Celebrate and advance Greenwich House's collective impact: meeting the needs of 20,000 New Yorkers through education and arts programs, behavioral health treatment, and social services. This year, we'll honor Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick, Greenwich Village Girls Basketball League, GH's Certified Recovery Peer Advocates, and Rethink Food.

Purchase your tickets, tables, and journal ads today to support Greenwich House and celebrate our honorees. Because of you, these doors stay open. For more information, contact Dina Carelli at dcarelli@greenwichhouse.org.

36th Annual Children's Halloween Parade

Saturday, October 31, 3:00pm

The annual Manhattan Community Board 2 and NYU Children's Halloween Parade has been called "the cutest Halloween event in the city," but the event's legacy proves that it is much more than that: it is part of the cultural fabric of the community. On October 31st of this year, CB2 and NYU will welcome more than 3,000 local children and families to attend a festive afternoon of parading, live entertainment, carnival rides, and trick-or-treat giveaways – all free for community members thanks to the generosity of our sponsors. The BBC is proud to be a sponsor of this event and has been for many years.

Hudson Park Library

Village Story Salon

Thursday, October 8th, 6:00pm - 7:30pm



Join us for the Village Story Salon, a monthly reading event co-hosted by writers

Cheryl J. Fish and Jonathan Vatner.

Each month, a curated group of published authors will share their recent and upcoming works of fiction and non-fiction centered around a unique theme. This month's theme is "Blood". This month's presenters are: Fran Hawthorne, Stacy Horn and Sabrina Imbler. Space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Book Launch and Author Talk

Saturday, October 24th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Tracks in Snow (Finishing Line Press) is a collection of lyric poems inspired by Thaddeus Rutkowski's life in northern Appalachia and later in New York. The poems focus on alienation versus belonging, closeness to nature, parenthood, and aging.

Thaddeus Rutkowski is the author of nine books of prose and poetry.

More on www.thaddeusrutkowski.com

Space is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Municipal Arts Society

Online registration for in-person tours closes one hour prior to tour start time. Reserve at mas.org
\$25 members | \$35 non-members

Art Deco Washington Heights

Sunday, October 18th, 11:00am - 1:00pm
16 Jones St, Between Bleecker & West 4th

High up on a hill, its streets lined with modest but attractive six-story Art Deco apartment houses, Washington Heights has more in common with West Bronx neighborhoods just across the Harlem River than with the rest of Manhattan. Many of the same architects who worked on the Grand Concourse also designed apartment buildings on or near Fort Washington Avenue – we will see work by Horace Ginsbern, Jacob Felson, Israel Crausman, Miller and Goldhammer, Charles Kreyborg, and

H. Herbert Lillien. Two taller apartment buildings, by Boak and Paris, offer a more idiosyncratic take on the modernism of the 1930s. This walk with Anthony W. Robins will also include a one-story taxpayer, and one of the city's few frankly Deco subway entrances. But the star attraction is the Fourth Church of Christ, Scientist (now the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights), one of perhaps a dozen or so Art Deco houses of worship anywhere in the city. Mr. Robins is the author of the award-winning book, "New York Art Deco: A Guide to Gotham's Jazz Age Architecture."

The Original Bed-Stuy Tour

Saturday, October 24th, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

[In-person tour] Bedford Stuyvesant's rich and storied history from the Colonial era forward makes it one of Brooklyn's most interesting neighborhoods, with an impressive cast of characters. Anchoring that history is some of the city's finest residential architecture of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. With historians Suzanne Spellman and Morgan Munsey, we will see the works of some of Brooklyn's finest architects, their row houses, apartment buildings, mansions, schools and churches. You'll also learn about the history and culture of the largest African-American community in New York City, a history that is hundreds of years in the making. Central Brooklyn is the borough's heart. Come see what makes it beat.

Gotham Center of New York City

Nonstop Bodies:

How Dance Shaped New York City

Monday, October 19th, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

In this sweeping history, Rennie McDougall explores how dancing shaped New York City. Across the 1900s, in theaters, ballrooms, and nightclubs, dancers blazed trails of resistance

and revolution. From the dance marathons of Prohibition to the military precision of the Rockettes in WWII, the commercialized physicality of Broadway, the elated mingling of disco, and the explosive energy of hip hop, dance has been a reflection of culture and backbone of social change.

Charting these stories, *Nonstop Bodies* reveals how each form was a product of its time, with movements rumbling across the United States coming to a head in the exceptional density and diversity of New York City. While dance mirrors these larger national and international histories, the city has proven uniquely capable of innovating how we move together.

Siobhan Burke, dance critic for the New York Times, joins in conversation.
www.gothamcenter.org

12th Annual Greenwich Village Film Festival

Monday, November 9 - 11, 7:00pm
The Quad Cinema, 34 W 13th St

Each night you attend, you get to see a sampling of great short films, documentaries and animation. Tickets will go on sale on November 1st. 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 Nov. 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.

Meet Your Neighbor: Stephanie Urdang

Stephanie Urdang has lived on Barrow Street since 1992. Even after these many years, when she walks toward her apartment, she still feels grateful to reside in this neighborhood of charming architecture and interesting denizens. Originally from Kansas City, Missouri where she was a horticulturist, the trees, the miniature gardens in their pits, the window boxes, and the various plantings of the West Village add to her appreciation.



Professionally, she's had a practice as an energy healer since 1999. An active member of the National Association of Esoteric Healers, she is the master of ceremonies for their conferences.

Also a writer, her first foray was in the performance world with the specialty of monologues and she appeared in many different venues around the city. During that time, Stephanie won three awards for annual video contests from The American Film Institute in which she told stories. She has written online advice columns, and for the past four years, she's had the pleasure of reading with other BBC writers in the Annual Literary Soiree at the Greenwich House Music School on Barrow Street.