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A LOVELY DAY IN MURRAY HILL

Our Murray Hill Neighborhood Association street fair this year, themed “Celebrating Historic Murray Hill,” was held on Saturday, June 6th. Several events at the fair were part of the NYC Landmarks50 Alliance, the multi-year celebration of the 50th anniversary of New York City’s Landmarks Law. It was a beautiful day and the fair was a great success.

The retail attendees this year included a large number of arts and crafts vendors offering unique and beautiful handcrafted items.

We were very happy to host several Murray Hill businesses at the fair—they had a chance to talk to local residents who visited their tables. We’d love to have more representation from Murray Hill businesses and artisans next year. As the time approaches for the next street fair, watch for announcements and details on how you can participate. It is a great way to advertise your business and increase your name recognition throughout the area.



Our musical entertainment was really top-notch as always. Performers entertained us with everything from blues to jazz to

rock, and even some big band selections. Many visitors grabbed a snack from our baked goods table and pulled up a chair to sit and enjoy the music for a while.

Attendees enjoyed a couple of new features at this year’s fair. First, we were treated to strolling performances by members of The Snarks, a famous local theater group with a long and colorful history. Many of the most prominent residents of Murray Hill were portrayed in period costume by The Snarks. Some of the characters were Kate Smith, J.P. Morgan, Ayn Rand, and Irving Berlin. They all looked wonderful, and certainly added a touch of whimsy.



The Gibson Girls portrayed by The Snarks.

Another new feature was our Flea Market Finds table in the MHNA area of the fair. There were many lovely articles of jewelry, household goods, and novelty items to browse through. The flea market was a resounding success and we plan to include it again next year.

Association volunteers signed up new members, conducted walking tours of the neighborhood, and provided everyone who attended a really memorable day.

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Murray Hill in the News

July 16, 2015, *New York Times*, “An Oasis of Tranquility, in Grand Central Terminal” by David W. Dunlap. The Oyster Bar ramp hall at Grand Central Terminal [is] among the most imposing, dignified and humanistic public spaces in New York City. Metro-North understood its role as the steward of a landmark. As a result, Midtown Manhattan has an oasis of tranquility where there is no sign of marketing or promotion. <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/07/realestate/midtowns-vanishing-historic-architecture.html>.

June 7, 2015, *New York Times*, Real Estate Section: Nowhere is this loss of historic architecture felt more acutely than in

Midtown Manhattan, where billions of dollars are driving development in an area with virtually no vacant land left. From Hudson Yards to the rising Billionaires’ Row along 57th Street to the hotels going up north of Madison Square Park, construction is seemingly everywhere in Midtown. <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/16/nyregion/an-oasis-of-tranquility-in-grand-central-terminal.html>.

June 15, 2015, *Curbed NY* website: “Midtown East’s New Rezoning Plan Finally Makes Progress,” by Hana R. Alberts, <http://ny.curbed.com/tags/midtown-east-rezoning>.

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President's Corner

By Diane Bartow, President, MHNA

Welcome to the new season of The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, the opening of our 56th year!

I hope to see you all on October 8, at the annual meeting of the MHNA. Meet the new trustees, meet your neighbors, and hear about the pressing issues in the neighborhood. We will be discussing traffic and transportation, noise, concerns on Third Avenue, and construction issues. We will also have breakout sessions to give you the opportunity to discuss your issues. We need to hear from you as we prioritize the major issues concerning the neighborhood. Your feedback helps us decide on the topics that the Association's committees will work on in the coming year. I sincerely hope you will join us for an informative meeting. We work very hard to cover the important issues and to invite guest speakers who can help the neighborhood solve its concerns and problems.

The Association continues to work on a variety of issues, including the expansion of the historic district, the greening program, quality of life issues in Murray Hill, keeping Murray Hill clean, redesign of the web site, information programs to address the concerns and problems in our area, traditional and social events, the Park Avenue Malls, and membership programs.

If you are interested in any of the issues, please get involved and volunteer for the committee of your choice. We can use your help! You can contact us by email at info@murrayhillnyc.org, or by telephone at 212-886-5867. We also need your help to get new members—the more members we have, the larger our voice. So renew your membership, and get a new member involved. This is our neighborhood. We are all volunteers—please show your commitment to continue to make Murray Hill a highly desirable place to live, work and visit. There is a lot of work to be done!

Again, welcome to our new season. I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting and at other events throughout the year.

News from MECA

Manhattan East Community Association

Fred Arcaro, President

If you missed MECA's street fair on August 21, please plan to visit the next one on Friday, October 23. It will take place on 41st Street between Third and Lexington Avenue.

Construction for JDS's two building projects, located at 625 First Avenue, is progressing at a faster rate. The façade sheathing work has started on the first structure, a 47-story residential building. The second building has progressed past the third floor.

Nothing new to report on the Solow project located on First Avenue, between 38th and 41st Streets.

The major part of the construction is completed at the Waterside pier (the old Con Edison pier running from 38th to 41st Streets). The waterfront amenities are still to be done. The new pier will also have a bike path that will connect the future north and south directional bike paths. Construction of the new pier will be completed at the end of 2015.

The owner's plans for the redesign of Rivergate's open space, located on First

Avenue, between 34th and 35th Street, have been approved by the New York City Department of City Planning. Work is scheduled to start in the fall.

The MTA Bridges and Tunnels Authority started the Queens Midtown Tunnel repair on the North Tunnel. The South Tunnel repair will start approximately June 2017. To get updates or to log complaints resulting from this construction project, you can go to the MTA website at www.mta.info.

A new 42-story mixed-use 429-unit building is planned for 212 - 222 East 44th Street, between Second and Third Avenue. There will be 87 apartments for lottery-allocated housing. The existing 11- and 7-story buildings are now being demolished to make room for the 42-story building scheduled to be completed in 2017.

Lovely Day in Murray Hill *continued from page 1*

Our thanks to everyone who helped make this event such a resounding success—especially those dedicated volunteers who came early to help set up and those who stayed late to help with the break-down.

We will begin to make arrangements for next year's fair soon, so start your plans now to join us next spring on Park Avenue!



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SAVE THE DATE! Architectural Preservation Awards Event to be Held on October 29

The Architectural Preservation Awards event will be held on Thursday, October 29, at 6:30 PM in Volvo Hall at Scandinavia House. This event is presented by the Preservation and Design Committee of The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association. On October 29, five awards will be presented to Murray Hill building owners. The guest speaker will be Susan Henshaw Jones, Director, Museum of the City of New York, "WHAT PRESERVATION MEANS, Saving Place: 50 Years of New York City Landmarks." A reception will follow. Tickets are \$20 per person. Seating is limited. To reserve your seats please visit www.murrayhillnyc.org, click Calendar, and scroll down to the event on October 29.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Demmet at Slidemmet@gmail.com or telephone 212-689-6730.

The Architectural Preservation Awards were established in 1992 to create awareness of Murray Hill's rich architectural history and to honor building owners that have restored the outside of their building to the original design, or have created a new design compatible with the historic streetscape. More than ninety awards have been bestowed since the inception of the award program.

The core historic residential area of Murray Hill includes 88 buildings in the Murray Hill Historic District, 239 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and 14 individual Landmarked buildings.

The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is a member of the NYC Landmarks50 Alliance, the multi-year celebration of the 50th anniversary of New York City's Landmarks Law.

Volunteers Needed for Newsletter and Website

Would you like to work on the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association newsletter, website, or Facebook? If so, please contact Nancy Sheran at nancysheran@gmail.com. To do some of the work, you will need a computer and access to the internet; there are also non-technical things to do. We can provide access to a computer and training, if needed.

In Memoriam – Virginia Parkhouse, Advocate for Murray Hill Preservation

Virginia Parkhouse passed away quietly on May 7th in Lenox Hill Hospital from respiratory failure after a lengthy illness. Virginia was a Patron member of the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association since 1993, and an untiring, active participant in efforts to preserve the historic community, in caring for the Park Avenue malls, greening, clean-up, Murray Hill Street Festivals, and fund-raising events.



Virginia was a determined advocate for preserving the architectural heritage of Murray Hill. In 2003 she was co-chair of the Preservation and Design Committee, leading the successful effort with the Landmarks Preservation Commission to create a Murray Hill Historic District, from Park to Lexington Avenue, 35th to 38th street; and two extensions to the district, crucial to the architectural history of one of the

premier residential districts in New York City.

Born in Texas, Virginia moved to New York City in 1980 from Atlanta and began a career in the legal field. She held a real estate license, worked part time at Sotheby's, loved jazz, blues, rock & roll, theater and opera. In addition, Virginia served on the Board of Trustees of the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, the Historic Districts Council and Landmark West. She was a member of the Municipal Art Society and Greenwich Village Society of Historic Preservation.

Virginia was a true Texas Lady who adopted New York City as her own, with her easy, warm, sense of humor and her welcoming smile dedicated to helping to make and keep New York City a more livable city for all. Her presence is missed greatly.

Members' Corner

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MHNA Thanks Street Festival Donors and Volunteers

The 2015 Silent Auction was a highlight of last spring's Murray Hill Neighborhood Association street festival, and it was the most successful part of the day's fund raising. We thank our donors for their continued generosity and support. The Silent Auction would not have been possible this year without the hard work of Anoop Punjabi, Tom Horan, Deborah Farone, Marisa Bulzone and Marion Weingarten. With special thanks to Elaine Silber, Irma Fisher, Ann Usher, Ellen Imbimbo, Enid Klass, Barbara Sagan, Nina Liebman, Susan Demmet, Ashley Petrylak, Toni Wilson, Ellen Propp, Ann Marie Salmeri, Nancy Sheran, Alice Timothy, Robert and Sona Cohen and Arlene and Tom Guadagno.

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Special thanks must also go to Diane Bartow and Matt Roberts for their hard work, as well as the volunteers who tirelessly contributed their time and energy to the Festival. They are as follows:

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Thank you all!



The silent auction draws a crowd at The Murray Hill Neighborhood Association Street Festival

Spotlight on Murray Hill's Landmarks

This is the second article to feature a group of four landmark buildings in Murray Hill. The landmark buildings are presented in the order that they became landmarked. .

1979: Lanier Mansion, 123 East 35th Street

1979: Adelaide Douglas House, 57 Park Avenue

1979: Thomas Clark House, 22 East 35th Street

1997: Bowdoin Carriage House, 149 East 38th Street

THE LANIER MANSION

123 EAST 35TH STREET (BETWEEN PARK & LEXINGTON)

Built in 1903 for the prominent banker James F. D. Lanier and his wife Harriet by architects Hoppin & Koen. It was landmarked in 1979.

The three-part composition of this opulent French Renaissance house is rich in detail, and of almost overwhelming scale to the neighborhood. It is accentuated by the stone piers with urns at the sidewalk fence. A pair of 1854 brownstones were demolished to make way for this magnificent home.



THE ADELAIDE DOUGLAS HOUSE

57 PARK AVENUE (BETWEEN 37TH & 38TH STREET)

Built in 1911 as the Adelaide L. Douglas residence, it is perhaps the most sophisticated house in Murray Hill. It was landmarked in 1979.

It is elegantly detailed and proportioned in the French Renaissance style by architect Horace Trumbauer. Each floor is treated differently, as the facade gently steps back from the property line. Details range from the deeply recessed first floor opening, to the second floor balcony, to the recessed fourth floor wall permitting a full colonnade to the dormered mansard roof. It was the former home of the U.S. Olympic Committee, now the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations.



THE THOMAS CLARK HOUSE

22 EAST 35TH STREET

(BETWEEN MADISON & PARK AVENUE)

Built in 1854, and landmarked in 1979, it is one of a row of six brownstones. A neo-Georgian Stanford White facade was added in 1901 for Thomas Clark, a banker and a collector. The front is distinguished by the quasi-greenhouse bay window that dominates the front wall over a columned entrance porch. The Collectors Club, a stamp collectors association founded in 1896, purchased the building and moved to this location in 1937.



THE BOWDOIN CARRIAGE HOUSE

149 EAST 38TH STREET (LEXINGTON & THIRD AVENUE)

Built in 1902, by architect Ralph S. Townsend for William R.H. Martin, it was landmarked in 1997. This carriage house was later sold to George S. Bowdoin, a member of the J.P. Morgan firm who lived at 39 Park Avenue. Mr. Bowdoin converted it to a garage in 1918.

The carriage house is modeled after a Dutch townhouse, with stepped gables and elaborate quoining and voussoirs in rich patterns of white granite trim against Flemish brickwork. Notable features are a pair of carved horse heads and the curious little bulldog at its top. This building is now the home of the Gabarron Foundation—Carriage House Center for the Arts.



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New Green and Clean Committee to Focus on Murray Hill Beautification

Are you interested in plants, gardening, or the environment? Would you like to support the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association efforts to add more green space to our community?

How about working with other people in the neighborhood to keep our streetscapes clean and litter free, and to come up with ideas to beautify our area?

If so, the MHNA is looking for volunteers. To further our efforts in making our streetscapes more attractive, we are launching a new Green and Clean Committee which will coordinate our efforts around greening, litter management, and beautification. The committee will organize regular community events such as litter clean-up events in the spring and fall, and activities aimed at improving the amount and quality of plantings in our area. We are looking for energetic volunteers of all backgrounds and abilities to help us with this effort.

For those who want to participate, but do not have the time for a committee commitment, you can become:

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Join us in our community clean-up events. Or better still,

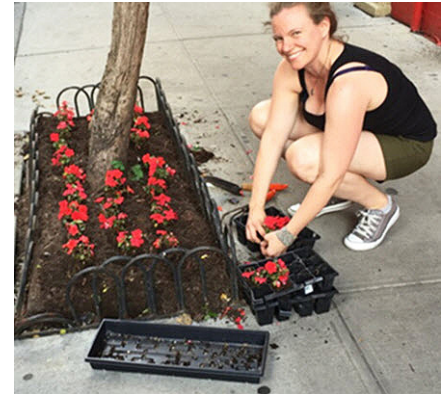
help organize your block. We are looking for smart ways for blocks to team up and keep the streets clean for all of us to enjoy.

If interested in volunteering as a Partner in Grime, please contact Stein Berre: steinerik-berre@me.com.

A Green Beret

If gardening is your thing, we are looking for volunteers of all skill levels to help sustain plantings in our neighborhood. This year, we plan to hold events to clean and maintain tree beds and planter boxes, and to lend a hand to neighbors who would like to add new plantings to our streetscape.

If interested in volunteering on greening projects, please contact Tom Horan: horan.tc@gmail.com.



MHNA Secretary Ashley Petrylak tending to her Adopted Tree

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Places of Beauty in Murray Hill

Our neighbors in Murray Hill find creative ways to transform pockets of outdoor urban space into something beautiful and enjoyable. Some examples of the different ways they do this are illustrated below.



What was once a dark, drab alleyway filled with dumpsters and refuse, is now a little slice of paradise for the residents of 16 Park Avenue in Murray Hill. Passers-by can glimpse this oasis through the ivy growing up along the wrought iron fence that runs between 10 Park Avenue and 16 Park Avenue. The courtyard is paved with tiles, and has a variety of plantings

in colorful vases along with built-in wooden seating. The glow of English lampposts and lanterns in the evenings preserve the aura of historic Murray Hill. The garden also



features Wi-Fi for the residents. This rejuvenation project, led by board member, Fredda Mantell, was a labor of love that spanned two years. Mrs. Mantell and her husband, David, along with the building staff and other board members, also work to maintain the beauty of 16 Park Avenue's public facade, with seasonal window box and tree bed plantings along Park Avenue and 35th Street.

If you continue from Park Avenue along 35th Street toward Lexington Avenue, on the north side of the street, there is a group of historic townhouses with exceptionally beautiful urban gardens in front. This



stretch of brownstones and townhouses represents the ultimate historic Murray Hill experience, and looks beautiful in all seasons.

A business neighbor, the Rare Bar & Grill, on 37th Street at Lexington Avenue, is notable for its seasonal rooftop bar and garden, RARE View Rooftop. With its 360-degree "master of the universe" view of the NYC



Photo courtesy of Rare Bar & Grill / RARE View Rooftop.

skyline, you can see fiery sunsets and views of iconic buildings such as the Empire State, Chrysler, Met Life & Freedom Tower, while enjoying music, cocktails and a lively crowd. The 4,000 square foot garden is divided into different areas such as the Picnic Patch, Beer Garden, Champagne Garden, and V.I.P (Very Important Patio). RARE View Rooftop is a prime spot for happy hours, summer nights under the stars, romantic dates or game days as there are multiple outside flat screens in the beer shed.

Scandinavia House's charming and intimate terrace adjoining Volvo Hall is used for public and private events in good weather. There is nothing that can quite match the experience of being there, especially in the evenings.

If this makes you yearn for your own piece of outdoor space in NYC, you can adopt a tree by participating in the Adopt-A-Tree program. You can find out which trees are available for adoption at the [milliontreesNYC](http://milliontreesNYC.org) website: <http://stewardship.nycparks.org>.

Our thanks to all who make Murray Hill the wonderful neighborhood that it is!



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Polly Guerin Celebrates Publication of Her New Book

Polly Guerin, a Murray Hill Neighborhood Association member, celebrated the publication of her new book, *The General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York: A History*, with a lecture, book signing and reception. The event took place on June 3, hosted by the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York at their landmark General Society building at 20 West 44th Street. The book details the 230 year-old history of the organization, and explores how The General Society's significant past is interwoven with the development of New York City.

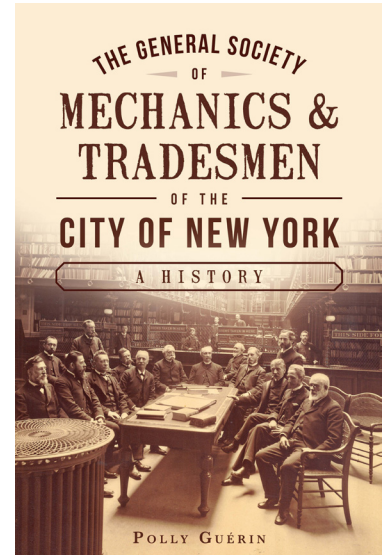
Since 1785, when it was founded by 22 Artisans under the memorable banner of "By Hammer and Hand All Arts Do Stand," prominent General Society members, such as Duncan Phyfe, Abram S. Hewitt, Peter Cooper and Andrew Carnegie have played a pivotal role in the City's physical and cultural expansion.

The book details how The General Society continues to be as relevant today as it was in 1785. The Society continues to improve the lives of New Yorkers, while fostering an innovative and inventive spirit through its educational and cultural programs. These include the tuition-free Mechanics Insti-

tute, The General Society Library, and its century old Lecture Series.

Polly is a former adjunct professor at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and the author of four college textbooks and two video productions. This is her second book for the History Press. Ms. Guerin's features on the decorative arts, antiques, collectibles and designs have appeared in *Arts & Antique Magazine* and other consumer publications. She also writes on Fashion and Art Deco and is currently the author of four blogs including: "Pollytalk from New York."

The book is available through Amazon.com. Remember to shop Amazon by clicking the link on www.murrayhillnyc.com—you will also be making a donation to the MHNA.



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Father Damien Way Dedicated on East 33rd Street



On Monday, May 11, at 1:30 PM, Geert Bourgeois, Minister-President of Flanders, and Cardinal Dolan inaugurated Father Damien Way at the Chapel of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Father Damien Way extends along 33rd Street between First and Second Avenues. A special ceremony unveiled the official street sign to the public.

Father Damien, whose secular name was Jozef De Veuster, was canonized by the Vatican in 2009. He was born in Belgium in 1840 and left for Hawaii as a missionary in 1864. In Kalaupapa on the island of Molokai, he dedicated his life to those who were ostracized and exiled with Hansen's disease, also known as leprosy. For 16 years, Father Damien cared for the lepers, until he contracted the disease and succumbed to it in 1889.

While Father Damien never lived here, New York City was chosen as a place to honor his work for its strong international ties. Father Damien Way is near Bellevue Hospital, which has the only Hansen's Disease clinic in the mid-Atlantic region. Bellevue Hospital is the oldest public hospital in the United States, and was in the news recently for taking

in an Ebola patient, Dr. Craig Spenser, in 2014.

Several Hawaiians came to New York City to witness the dedication of Father Damien Way, including two Hansen's disease patients from Kalaupapa, Clarence "Boogie" and Ivy Kahilihiwa. "This is a special moment, not only for Hawaii, not only for Flanders, I think for all people interested in human rights," Bourgeois said at the ceremony. "[Saint Damien] was ... an early human rights activist."

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The Morgan Library and Museum

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Hidden Likeness: Photographer Emmet Gowin and the Morgan, through Sept. 20, 2015. This is Gowin's first solo New York museum exhibit. About 50 traditional works from the Morgan – drawings, books, music, and music manuscripts - alternate with photos by the artist from 1963 to the present.

William Caxton and the Birth of English Printing, through Sept. 20, 2015. Caxton capitalized on Gutenberg's invention of the printing press by publishing key works of English literature, translating many from French or Latin, stabilizing the English language. Pierpont Morgan favored Caxton over Gutenberg as the founder of printing, acquiring a collection of his work, now the third largest in the world.

Alice: 150 Years of Wonderland, through Oct. 11, 2015. This exhibit explores the history of Wonderland and the enduring appeal of Lewis Carroll's classic tale, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. For the first time in 30 years, the original manuscript will travel from the British Library to New York. Included are original drawings, letters, rare editions, vintage photographs and objects, many exhibited for the first time.

Martin Puryear: Multiple Dimensions, Oct. 9, 2015 - Jan. 10, 2016. Known mainly as a sculptor, this is Puryear's (b. 1941) first exhibit to feature his drawings and prints. Included are some sculptures.

Graphic Passion: Matisse and the Book Arts, Oct. 30, 2015 - Jan. 17, 2016. From 1912 to his death, Matisse (1869-1954) created more than 50 book illustration projects and cover designs. The Morgan has acquired almost all of the books he produced. Many will be displayed with proofs and original artwork.

Ernest Hemingway: Between Two Wars, Sept. 25, 2015- Jan. 31, 2016. This is the first museum exhibit on the life and writings of this Nobel Prize laureate, one of the most celebrated authors of the 20th century (1899-1961). It explores the most dynamic period of Hemingway's creative life from 1918 to the aftermath of WWII and his recurrent theme of confronting the fullness of life and death with grace and courage. Manuscripts, letters, photographs, first editions and many more items will reveal Hemingway's creative process and influences, including his legendary Parisian expatriate social scene of the 1920's.

Note the Morgan's expanded roster of public programs: lectures, concerts, opera on HD, gallery talks, films, family and special events. Call 212-685-0008 or visit the Morgan's website www.themorgan.org. Friday evenings open until 9 PM; 7-9 PM FREE ADMISSION. Enjoy lunch or light snack at the Morgan Café.

The New York Public Library

42nd Street & Fifth Avenue

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Public Eye: 175 Years of Sharing Photography, through Jan. 3, 2016.

This is the first retrospective survey of photography from the Library's collections. It explores new ways of looking at photographs from the past. Free public tours of this exhibit: 12:30 & 3:30 PM Mon.-Sat.; 3:30 PM Sun.

Printing Women, Oct. 2, 2015 - Jan. 31, 2016, Prints & Stokes Galleries.

As a physically demanding and technically challenging art form, printmaking has often been considered man's work. This unusual collection assembled in the mid-19th century features women printmakers. It was collected by forward-thinking Henrietta Louisa Koenen (1830-1881), wife of the Keeper of the Print Room at the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam. From 1848-1861 Henrietta Louisa followed her own interest in collecting prints by women from the 16th-19th centuries. Included are engravings, etchings, woodcuts and lithographs.

Abacus to Zoology: A Century of Inspiration From The Picture Collection, Nov. 14, 2015 - Jan. 31, 2016, Wachenheim Gallery.

Since 1915 artists, designers, students and researchers with diverse interests have benefitted from the Picture Collection. This exhibit highlights its history and uses of this unique resource.

Jill Kapin Rose Gallery, ongoing exhibit.

Large wall panels with photos, texts, objects and videos showing the history, vast collections and services of the NYPL.

The NYPL Digitizes American Jewish Oral History Transcripts: Interviews with such famous people as Milton Berle, Isaac Bashevis Singer, Bella Abzug and many other Jewish notables. The Doro Division holds the only complete compilation of transcripts and recordings from the American Jewish Committee's Oral History Collection, a 25-year project that began in the 1960's and contains 2,250 interviews. It is on the NYPL's Digital Collections website: <http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/american-jewish-committee>.

If you haven't taken the free tour of the 42nd St. library's history and architecture, it's time to do so! Or enjoy a self-guided audio tour 30-45 minutes in English or Spanish. For information about exhibits, lectures, and tours contact: www.nypl.org/schwarzman; <http://www.nypl.org/events/programs>; 917-275-6975. Also check SIBL (5th Ave. & 34th St.) & Mid-Manhattan (5th Ave. & 40th St.) free lectures and computer classes.

Arts, Culture & Leisure

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Oct. 1: Chamber music showcasing various ensembles, performed by doctoral candidates. Works by Piazzolla, Bernstein, Schubert, Sibelius & Bartok.

Oct. 15: Chamber music performed by doctoral candidates. Works by Berg & Messiaen.

Oct. 29: *Orion String Quartet.* Works by Mozart & Beethoven.

Nov. 5: *Catalyst Quartet* with acclaimed Israeli pianist, Daniel Gortler. Works by Mendelssohn & César Frank.

Nov. 11: Special evening performance, 7:30 PM: *Prometheus Ensemble* with Nadine Earl Carey, soprano. Works by Steven Rosenhaus, commissioned premiere; Brahms & Debussy.

Nov. 19: Piano works by Scriabin and Rachmaninov performed by Moscow-born pianist Dmitry Rachmanov.

For more information: http://www.gc.cuny.edu/Public-Programming/Calendar?type=public_programming. 212-817-8215. Become a member (\$50) for ticket discounts and special events with receptions: www.gc.cuny.edu/membership.htm; 212-817-7130.

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EXHIBIT

Painting Tranquility: Masterworks by Vilhelm Hammershøi: From the Collection of The National Gallery of Denmark, Oct. 17, 2015-Jan. 16, 2016. This is the first exclusive exhibit in over 15 years dedicated to the greatest

Danish artist of the 19th century (1864-1916). It features works of his four main categories: reduced landscapes, unpopulated urban city scapes, portraits, and spare, sunlight infused quiet home interiors, known as "tranquil rooms." His works are mainly in muted tones.

Check the website below for a complete schedule of events not available at press time: films, lectures, concerts, exhibits with related programs, family/children activities and more.

For details: www.scandinaviahouse.org or 212-779-3587. To receive on-going information, leave your email address on right: "Join the Scandinavia House e-list." Visit Facebook page, stop by in person and become a member. Contact: <https://support.amscan.org/membership> or above phone number, ext. 715.

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Reading Room: Daily Apr.-Oct., 11 AM-7 PM. Held in NYPL if bad weather. Includes writers' talks; book clubs; kids' activities.

Birding Tours: 42nd St. & 6th Ave. Through September. Mon. 8-9 AM; Thurs. 5-6 AM.

Juggling: 42nd St. & Plaza. All year. Mon.-Fri. 12-1 PM.

Petanque: French game of "boules" (balls). Mon.-Fri. 11 AM-6 PM (weather permitting), through October. Players throw metal balls as close as possible to a smaller wooden ball, "cochonnet." For info: Mr. Ernesto Santos, La Boule New Yorkaise. Email: info@labouleny.com.

Fitness Club: All year. 6:30 AM.

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Check for other ongoing activities. Free music and signature events.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

The big event is The Pond, our local free ice skating rink, Nov.-Feb. Also see the park's Xmas tree and holiday gift shops.

Check out events all year at www.bryantpark.org; 212-768-4242; Bryant Park's Facebook, Twitter, blog, weekly newsletter, eblasts, brochures. Includes eating spots: Kiosks, cafés, restaurant.

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Collectors Club Announces 2015-2016 Youth and Adult Stamp Programs

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free. While they learn a lot, the kids don't notice it, they are having fun. Meetings are held at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street, from

10-11:30 AM, usually on the third Saturday of the month. The dates for the 2015-2016 school year are: September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16 and May 21.

In October, the club will begin its fourth year of the program for adults who are interested in stamp collecting. The free program is aimed at those beginning to collect stamps or

wanting to resume the hobby, as well as those curious about the pleasures of stamp collecting. Information, encouragement and guidance are the goals. All materials will be provided – they won't be selling anything. Stamp collecting can be an absorbing, challenging and creative hobby, as well as an enjoyable break in a high-stress life. There are a myriad of subjects and themes to interest any individual. The first two meetings will be October 17 and December 19 from 1:00 -2:30 pm at the Collectors Club, 22 East 35th Street. Additional dates to be announced.

For information or to register for either program email to info@collectorsclub.org or call 212-683-0559. Space is limited so early registration is advisable for both programs.

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By now, most of you have had the pleasure of seeing our beautiful display of red tulips this spring and our spectacular red begonias. These will be followed by our colorful seasonal



chrysanthemums and our traditional lighting of the malls in December.

If you don't see your building listed here, please urge your Board of Directors or your Landlord to join us by becoming a BENEFACTOR in an effort that rewards all who live in Murray Hill. It is indeed the "Centerpiece of Murray Hill"!

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New MHNA Website Launched

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Veterans Come to Murray Hill for Alternative Wellness Program *by Nancy Idaka Sheran*

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Tournesol has a veteran on staff working with Carey to enhance the program, and to make it even more applicable to the needs of veterans. Tournesol's veteran's program was featured in June on NBC: Pat Battle's "The Good Fight: Inner Peace to Veterans". To see the video click: http://www.nbc-newyork.com/on-air/as-seen-on/The-Good-Fight_-_Inner-Peace-To-Veterans_New-York-310457541.html.

In addition to yoga, tai chi, meditation, and other alternative methods, one of the therapies used is vibroacoustics, a table similar to a water bed that promotes relaxation and healing through sounds and vibrations. Tournesol has the only vibroacoustic table on the East Coast. I was lucky enough to be able to try it, and despite my initial skepticism, after

about 35 minutes on the table, tension melted away, and I floated out. One of the veterans in the NBC video commented on how the program at Tournesol is an alternative to medications for stress.

If you want to contact Tournesol, they are at 26 East 36th Street, telephone: 646-395-1114, email: info@tournesolwellness.com, website: <http://www.tournesolwellness.com>. Tournesol Wellness is a business member of the MHNA, and you might have visited their table at the MHNA street fair in June.



New Discounts Available for MHNA Members

Gemini Diner, 641 Second Avenue, 212-532-2143, 10% discount on 1) lunch with \$10 minimum purchase or 2) dinner with \$15 minimum purchase, applies to cash purchases only.

The Peacock & The Shakespeare, 24 E. 39th Street (between Madison and Park), 646- 837-6776, 10% off brunch on Saturdays and Sundays.

Knockout Renovations, 47 East 34th Street, 212-599-5060, \$1,500 off any Kitchen Renovation, \$2,000 off any Kitchen and Bathroom renovation and \$3,000 off any apartment renovation.

Tournesol Wellness, 26 East 36th Street, 646-395-1114, info@tournesolwellness.com, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Additional, and weekend hours can be accommodated. MHNA members will receive an exclusive gift of a \$100 credit toward any Guided Wellness or customized program.

Zounds Hearing Center, 314 East 30th Street (between 1st & 2nd Ave), 212-879-2329, 25% discount off manufacturer's suggested retail price on Imprezo 20 Hearing System. Includes charging station, remote control, 3 year worry free protection plan and CaptionCall telephone. Free, comprehensive audiological hearing evaluation by appointment.

Murray Hill Neighborhood Association Statement of Revenues and Expenditures with Cash Position Fiscal Year Ended February 28, 2015 (Unaudited for Management Purposes Only)

Cash, March 1, 2014	\$ 40,951
Revenues	
Administration	24
Block Party	6,969
Community Services	14,500
Greening	40,051
Membership Services	37,731
Preservation and Design	3,735
Prepaid Insurance	4,645
Total Revenues	\$107,655
Expenditures	
Administration	16,324
Block Party	1,723
Community Services	3,244
Greening	53,727
Membership Services	26,052
Preservation and Design	6,529
Exchanges	205
Total Expenditures	\$107,804
Cash, February 28, 2015	\$ 40,802

Sunday at the Ballet

by Marion Weingarten

May 24th was a stellar afternoon for members of the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association who attended the New York City Ballet performance of *Bournonville Divertissements* and *La Sylphide*. Upon entering the orchestra we were greeted by Savannah Lowery, a soloist with the company, who accompanied us backstage. Imagine the thrill to be on center stage at the Koch Theater! The house is enormous. A charming young woman, Savannah was ready to share facts about her earlier life before becoming a ballerina. She hails from Florida and began her dance training at the age of three. She entered The School of American Ballet full time in 1999, and two years later she became an apprentice with the NYC Ballet. The following year she joined the company as a member of the corps de ballet. To her delight, she was promoted to the rank of soloist in 2007. Unfortunately she was not in the day's program, so we could not see her perform.

The afternoon was a tribute to August Bournonville, the noted 19th century Danish choreographer and dancer. *Bournonville Divertissements* incorporated highlights of his finest dances, displaying bouncy jumps and speedy footwork, for which he is known. The famous Pas De Deux from the

Flower Festival in Genzano was danced to perfection by two principals, Sara Mearns and Tyler Angle. Tarantella from the ballet *Napoli*, was danced by the entire cast to a rousing conclusion. The second selection, *La Sylphide*, the much loved full-length romantic ballet, premiered at the Paris Opera in 1832. It is the story of passion and unattainable love, featuring an alluring fairy and a diabolical witch. The second act has sylphs (spirits) dancing in the moonlight dressed in diaphanous floating white calf-length costumes. It is mysterious and ghostlike, displaying pure romanticism. Soloists Lauren Lovette and Anthony Huxley portrayed the Sylph and the adoring James. Like Peter Martins, the artistic director of the NYC Ballet, it was also the first ballet that I ever saw. Thus began my love of dance.



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Libraries—Murray Hill Has Four NYPL Branches

July 2, 2015, email from *Mayor de Blasio*: Together with our partners in the City Council, we have worked to reach a balanced budget agreement that includes \$46 million in new operating funds for our libraries, bringing the total to \$358 million for FY 2016. This will allow for universal six-day service, extended hours in many locations, and create nearly 500 new jobs. Combined with an increase by another \$78 million in capital funding – after adding \$300 million earlier this year – that brings total capital funding to \$980 million, the adopted budget represents the largest increase in both operating and capital funding for libraries in our city’s history.

June 15, 2015, email from activist organization, *Save NYPL*, sharing an article about the cost to the New York Public Library (NYPL) of storing the books in the research collection in NJ. This group would like to move the NYPL research stacks back to NYPL’s main branch on 5th Avenue.

Miscellaneous

June 26, 2015, email from *Council Member Dan Garodnick*: \$1 million designated to further improve our soon-to-be open park on 38th Street and the East River.

July 2, 2015, email from *Third & 33rd* activist group: The group is circulating a petition addressed to Mayor de Blasio to clean up the streets near the homeless shelter and take-in facility located in and near Murray Hill.

June 18, 2015, *Crain’s*: French chocolate maker *Michel Cluizel* will replace the *Complete Traveller* storefront at 199 Madison Ave.

June 1, 2015, *New York Times*: Crane accident on Madison Avenue between 38th and 39th Street. A heating and air-conditioning unit weighing several tons came untethered from a crane and fell 30 stories to the ground in Midtown Manhattan on Sunday, leaving seven people scraped, bruised and shaken up, officials said.

Real Estate and Development

posted by Anoop Punjabi on NextDoor Murray Hill, a social media site.

July 15, 2015, *BY REID WILSON*: JDS Development’s 41- and 48-story residential towers planned at 626 First Avenue [between 36th and 37th Street], on the East River in Mur-

ray Hill, are now rising quickly...Construction began nearly a year ago, and completion of the 800-rental-unit development is expected in 2017. SHoP Architects is designing, and façade installation has also begun closer to street level. A 38,000 square-foot park is planned to surround the base of the project.

July 8, 2015, Brause Realty is placing its 10-story Midtown office building at 10 East 34th Street on the market.

June 3, 2015, *The Real Deal*, New York Real Estate News website: Sherwood Equities and JPMorgan Chase have placed their Midtown office building at 370 Lexington Avenue on the market. 370 Lexington is at 41st Street.

June 1, 2015, *YIMBY*, “281 Fifth Avenue, 52-Story NoMad Condo Tower” by Nikolai Fedak, A 52-story condominium tower will soon begin construction on the southeast corner of 30th Street and Fifth Avenue, and completion is likely by 2018.

May 27, 2015, *YIMBY*, “126 Madison Avenue, Aka 15 East 30th Street, 730-Foot Condominium Tower” by Nikolai Fedak, 126 Madison Avenue, a 47-story residential tower which is being developed by Chinese conglomerate, Fosun Property, and JD Carlisle at the northern edge of NoMad, on the east side of 30th Street and Fifth Avenue. The building will be one of the tallest residential structures in Manhattan.

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