OSHouse&Park

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Rooted in Brooklyn's revolutionary history, the Old Stone House & Washington Park fosters civic engagement through education, culture, recreation, and environmental programs serving more than 500,000 annual visitors.

Washington Park Reopens for Summer



Thank you to everyone who visited our June Plant Sale, your enthusiasm and generosity is greatly appreciated. It is wonderful to see our neighbors again and we are excited to welcome everyone back safely. Please make sure to wear your mask and maintain social distancing while visiting the Park.

Enjoy all seven episodes of our Tour the Gardens video series, available to stream here, to gain insight into some of the plants and gardening practices that make Washington Park such a wonderful place to be!

We are thankful to Century Tree Productions for producing these videos.

The Democracy Project Online for Families

From July 7 – 30 we look forward to hosting The Democracy Project Online: Summer 2020 at 3 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

This program is designed for families to work together to build their own colony! Everyone will meet online to trade and exchange with other "colonies" in the network's weekly meetings.

Click here to read more about the program and to register your family.



New Teaching Tools for Future Field Trips





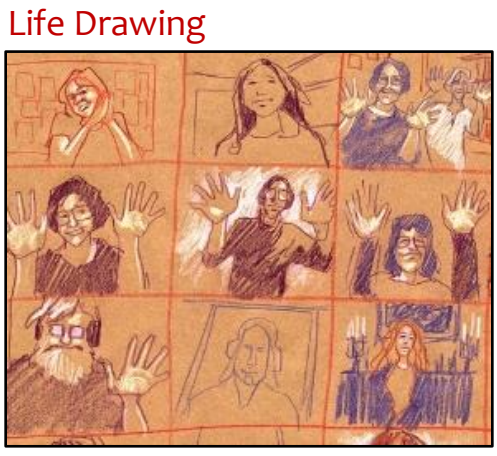


We are looking forward the days when we will be able to host field trips in person again, and we are delighted to announce that we have acquired some amazing new teaching tools!

Stefan Romero, a costume designer, social historian, and Fulbright Scholar who specializes in 18th century American dress has created the amazing child-sized outfit pictured here. Dressing up in period clothing allows students to access the Colonial era with a deeper level of understanding and connection, and we are excited to share these pieces with our students.

Stefan has also created a doll with a full wardrobe to show you how to dress like its 1699! Make your own simple cloth doll at home with our tutorial.

Join us on Zoom for Virtual Life Drawing



Artists of all skill levels and mediums are welcome to participate in our virtual life drawing session on July 6 from 7 pm – 10 pm.

This free session will feature short and long poses with a clothed professional model. Gather your favorite art supplies and join in the fun!

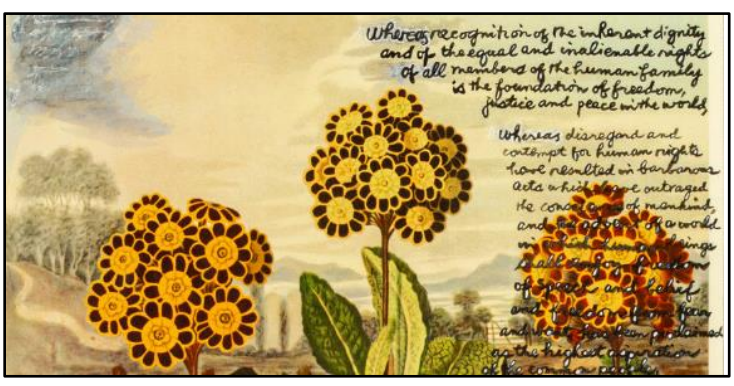
Zoom Meeting ID: 859 0770 9777. Join the Meetup Group here.

Handwriting the Constitution Sessions Begin Next Month

What does the U.S. Constitution actually say? On January 20, 2017, artist Morgan O'Hara took a pen and paper to the central branch of the New York Public Library and began to write her own copy of the document in long hand. Since then, there have been some 119 sessions on three different continents and more than 2,000 participants.

This summer, we will be hosting the first online version of the Handwriting Project, collaborating with several Historic House Trust sites in New York City, as well as a community of artists in Europe. We will meet every Thursday from 12 pm – 2 pm beginning on August 13 and ending on September 17. Commit to spending time with the U. S. Constitution, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, or choose another document.

Visit our website calendar to learn more and to register.



Save the Date! The Kings County Fiber Festival Returns This Fall



The 9th Annual Kings County Fiber Festival is scheduled for October 10 from 10 am - 5 pm. Don't miss this celebration of makers featuring fiber artists, crocheters, dyers, felters, knitters, spinners and weavers.

We're planning a picturesque day in the Park full of fun shopping experiences and inspiring skill demonstrations for all ages!

Are you a fiber artist interested in becoming a vendor at the festival? Check out the guidelines on the KCFF website and apply today!