

Juneteenth 2021 on Staten Island

1) Juneteenth Freedom Festival: Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden has partnered with over 50 local organizations to host the inaugural Juneteenth Freedom Festival. The event will be free to the community on June 19 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Snug Harbor. At the event, attendees will experience historical reenactment readings of General Order No. 3 and the Emancipation Proclamation. Performances will also feature various artists, including Harambee Dance Company, WeJustWorkin, Karlus Trapp Jeannine Otis and Sekou McMiller. Fashion shows and pop-up exhibits also will take place at the event.

The event will also include health screenings, wellness resources, various vendors, workshops, and dedicated events for children. During the celebration, the opening of the first Read in Color Little Free Library will take place. Admissions to Snug Harbor's attractions, including the Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, the Staten Island Museum and the Noble Maritime Collection, will be free all day. [Register for the event on Snug Harbor's website.](#)

2) Juneteenth Walk in! Workshop: Also on the grounds of Snug Harbor, the Staten Island Children's Museum will host a workshop for young artists in celebration of Juneteenth. Young attendees will create art inspired by the Black National Flag, a recognized symbol for Black pride and awareness of Black history in America. Workshops will take place every 30 minutes with limited capacity. This event is free to the community and will take place at Building M on the grounds of Snug Harbor. [Find more information on their website.](#)

3.) Black History and Women of the Nation Arise Tour: Staten Island Museum will host a presentation about the Staten Island African-American Heritage Tour and provide attendees with a tour of its exhibit, "Women of the Nation Arise." Local historian Debbie-Ann Paige, [founder of the Staten Island African-American Heritage Tour app](#), will explain how the tour allows community members to have Black history right at their fingertips. The tour of the "Women of the Nation Arise" exhibition will be led by the curator and include stories of Drusilla Poole, Florence Spearing and how Black suffragists claimed space in the fight for women's right to vote.

The event is free to the community and will take place at the museum, located in Building A on the grounds of Snug Harbor. Attendees can visit in hour-long increments between 1 to 4 p.m. on June 19. [Find more information on its website.](#)

4.) Juneteenth Celebration: Clove Lakes Park: Staten Islanders can come together for food, activities, music and more during the second annual celebration of Juneteenth at Clove Lakes Park. This Juneteenth event is hosted by Erica Melton and will take place between 2 and 8 p.m. at the park. The event is free to the public and will include food, music and self-reflection. Activities at the event include sack races, water balloon fights, painting, flag football and more. A park cleanup will take place at 7:30 p.m. Gloves and bags will be provided. Attendance is free, but donations can be made [via GoFundMe](#) for the event.

5.) Juneteenth Celebration: Alice Austen House: The historical Alice Austen House will celebrate Juneteenth with performances by poets Pamela Sneed and Andriniki Mattis.

Pamela Sneed is a poet, performer, visual artist and published author. She has been featured in New York Times Magazine, The New Yorker, Artforum, Hyperallergic and on the cover of New York Magazine for her work.

Andriniki Mattis is a poet who has received fellowships from Cave Canem, Poets House and The Poetry Project. Their work has appeared in Nepantla, Cortland Review, Paperbag Journal, Pariah's Anthology, Typo Mag, THEM journal and elsewhere.

The performance is a part of a collaboration between the Alice Austen House and Worthless Studios as a part of the Plywood Protection Project, which includes an outdoor stage that is on the historical grounds from May 12 to June 30. The celebration will take place June 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the site, which is located at Hylan Boulevard and Front Street. [Register for the event online.](#)

6.) The Great Book Giveaway: The Staten Island United Federation of Teachers and the Curtis High School Title 1 Parent Advisory Council are teaming up to host a book giveaway event to celebrate Juneteenth. The celebration will include a presentation in celebration of the historic date, including words from guest speaker Michele Evans-Arrindell, at 1 p.m. Participants can drop in or stay the day for a chance to take home a new book, enjoy music and have some snacks with the community. The event will take place between 12 and 4 p.m. at the Curtis High School Community Garden, located in front of the school at 105 Hamilton Ave.

7.) A Taste of Juneteenth: Celebrate Juneteenth virtually at the fifth annual "A Taste of Juneteenth" event, hosted by the Harriet Tubman Purple Hat Society. The event will be streamed live from the Hilton Garden Inn from 7 to 9 p.m. June 19. Honorees include Sarah Blas, Edna Greenwich, Laura Owens and Lorna Wilson. Attendees also will see the Thomasina Williams Scholarship Awards be given. There is a \$15 donation fee to attend the event. [Register for the event online.](#)

8.) The Melting Pot: Hearth Cooking at Historic Richmond Town: Hosted from the Gyuon-Lake-Tysen House in Historic Richmond Town, Culture Pass will host an event to virtually teach about the way people used to cook and bake over an open hearth. The costumed interpreters will show how to make gumbo and strawberry pie, which are both commonly associated with the celebrations of Juneteenth. Closed captioning will be available during the event. The event is free to all viewers from 6 to 7 p.m. June 22. [Register for the event online.](#)