



NEXT FGA MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 22, 7:30PM

Topic #1 **WHAT'S NEW AT LIU?**

The Brooklyn Campus of Long Island University abounds with a treasure trove of FREE cultural events that are open to the public, including art exhibits and series such as "Afternoons at LIU," the "Jazz Clinic and Concert Series," and "Voices of the Rainbow." Find out more from guest speakers: Kim A. Williams, Esq. Director, Office of Institutional Advancement, and Nanette Fuentes, Office of Institutional Advancement Community Relations Coordinator.

Topic #2 **DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS**
The FGA, the DOT and YOU.

Learn what you can do to help try to persuade the DOT to make our streets safer for pedestrians. Specifically:
Fulton & Lafayette and
Flatbush & Fourth Avenue.

Meeting Location THE COMMUNITY ROOM of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, 85 South Oxford Street, between Lafayette Ave. & Fulton St. in Fort Greene, Brooklyn.

All are welcome to attend — renters and homeowners, alike.

www.HistoricFortGreene.org

NewScenes and Current Events
CAFE MARTINO, 559 Myrtle@Emerson
Owners: Martin Hernandez and Tino Agüero.
Gourmet cafe: French breads and pastries, sandwiches and other delectables; cappuccino, lattes, coffee and specialty teas. s718 636-3966

SAVY'S CAFE, 330 Myrtle@Carlton
Owners: Tricia Sinclair and Devon Silvera.
The tastes and sounds of the Caribbean. Full food and bar menu. 718 403-0155

RED BAMBOO, 271 Adelphi@ DeKalb
Owner: Jason Wong. Vegetarian, Caribbean and Cajun. Coming: 2 bars, 2 stages and a deck. (Cash only) 718 643-4806

LA BAGEL DELIGHT Stay tuned for their opening soon on Lafayette@S. Elliott Pl.

HABANA OUTPOST - Grand Opening
757 Fulton@So.Portland, May 27, 2006, 12 pm- through the night! FREE. A live performance by Citizen Cope, fashion show featuring local in-house designer Lopeti, Project Runway's Zulema PLUS

· Flea Market featuring local artisans
· Kids corner activities including face painting, crafting and coloring
· Burlesque show at 10 PM with headliner Run Around Sue of Las Carinosas

IRONDALE CENTER FOR THEATER, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH — Coming to Fort Greene at 85 South Oxford Street. Catch a sneak peak at one of these upcoming events: SEUSS: A Celebration of the Imagination — May 27 at 3pm. FUNDIES! — May 25, 26, 27 at 8pm. For tickets and information call 718-488-9233, or send an email to: info@irondale.org

SPOTLIGHT ON POVERTY- MAY 20 and 21

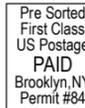
Councilwoman LETITIA JAMES is organizing the first legislative weekend of the New York City Council's Black, Latino and Asian Caucus on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21. Events are free and open to everyone. We hope to generate a lot of discussion and policy ideas. Information: 212-341-9583.

CANDIDATES' NIGHT - JUNE 5

The Fort Greene Association will co-host a candidate's forum on June 5. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to meet the candidates for both the 57th State Assembly District and the 10th US Congressional District. Candidates for the 57th State Assembly District are Bill Batson, Hakeem Jeffries, and Freddie Hamilton. Candidates for the 10th US Congressional District are Ed Towns, Charles Barron, Roger Green, and Kevin Powell.

DATE and TIME: June 5 at 6:30pm. LOCATION: Brown Memorial Baptist Church at Washington and Gates Avenues. See you there!

Box 170563, Brooklyn, NY 11217-0563



JUICEBOX PARTY! Complimentary food, beer and wine, DJs, silent auction, and more. Sponsored by Fort Greene/Clinton Hill businesses, put on by COOP School parents, it's a great spring event. At Sputnik, 262 Taaffe Place@DeKalb. Thursday, May 18th, 8pm to ? Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Info: www.thecoopschool.com

MoCADA GRAND RE-OPENING. May 18-20 Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts (MoCADA). In its new home within the BAM Cultural District at 80 Hanson Place @S. Portland. Inaugural exhibition: "The Pulse of New Brooklyn: A Review of Works of Art by Contemporary Black Artists," (through August 19) plus re-opening celebrations, ribbon cutting ceremony and family fun events. Call 718-230-0492 for more information.

BLACK DANCE: TRADITION AND TRANSFORMATION
Reggie Wilson & Shani Collins, Friday, May 19, 8pm. 651 ARTS brings together Reggie Wilson/Fist & Heel Performance Group and Shani Nwando Ikerioha Collins' Eternal Works in a shared evening at LIU's Kumble Theater. Tickets: \$25. Student & Seniors \$20. Tickets: call 718-488-1624 or visit www.brooklyn.liu.edu/kumbletheater

SONYA STUDIO STROLL. South Of the Navy Yard Artists Studio Stroll 2006. Fort Greene, Clinton Hill, Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. Saturday, May 20 & Sunday, May 21. Noon to 6:00 pm both days, rain or shine. FREE and open to the public. Over 100 artists exhibiting work at 33 locations. With over 1000 great works of art at affordable prices, you can easily start or add to your own art collection. Download a Stroll map at: sonyaonline.org

BROOKLYN SOCIAL THERAPY GROUP announces the opening of their new therapy office in Fort Greene, at 104-106 S. Oxford Street. Social Therapy is a non-diagnostic, non-blaming cultural performatory approach to human development. Call 718-797-3220. Open House, June 10, 3-6pm.

AGNES PEEBLES - New Baby
Agnes Peebles decided to join the rest of her family on March 20th, a full five days after she had told everyone she would show up for the party. Her brother Rex appears to be excited about the new arrival and his new authoritative status as big brother.
--Amanda & Gustav Peebles

AL FRESCO DINING. Notice all the summer al fresco dining spots blossoming. enjoy!



FORT GREENE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
HISTORIC FORT GREENE BROOKLYN **MAY 2006**

The Fort Greene Association is devoted to historic preservation, neighborhood and park enhancement, as well as cultural, economic and housing advancement. To find out more, become a member or to volunteer, visit www.HistoricFortGreene.org

Record Setting House Tour



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PLUS

DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS

What to do about the perils at Fulton and Lafayette and Flatbush and Fourth Avenue.

LOCATION
Community Room of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, 85 S. Oxford Street, Fort Greene, Brooklyn

All are welcome to attend.

The first time I was involved with a Fort Greene House Tour was 7 years ago. My wife and I were living in a Manhattan apartment and loved exploring the neighborhoods of New York City. After taking the Fort Greene House Tour and having dinner under the trees lining Lafayette—we were hooked! We took other tours that year, but no place felt as perfect.

So here we are in 2006, celebrating the 28th House Tour. One that broke records in attendance, fundraising, and quite possibly — weather perfection!

There are many people to thank, and we list them inside this SPECIAL EDITION of the FGA Newsletter. But even with all their hard work, a debt of gratitude must go to all those involved in the first twenty-seven Fort Greene House Tours. It is their work that laid the groundwork for the success the neighborhood enjoys today.

It's also important to note that as great as the house tour was, it is only part of what the FGA is about. The funds raised from the house tour, your membership contributions and other efforts finance the work of the FGA: from the Community-Based Contextual Zoning and Preservation efforts to lobbying for traffic and transit issues, improving our parks and quality of life, and lending a hand to our schools. Over the summer, the FGA Board will establish priorities and determine how the funds will be used.

By participating as a member, you can have a voice in that process.

And now I'm curious, how many people do you think fell in love with our neighborhood on that fabulous day in May?

Phillip Kellogg
FGA Chair



Dangerous Intersections

Come to the FGA meeting on May 22nd to learn what you can do to make our streets safer for pedestrians.

As we all know, Fort Greene is a very congested neighborhood, and there are a number of intersections that remain dangerous for pedestrians. Over the years the FGA has lobbied the DOT to improve the pedestrian lights at critical intersections. Unfortunately, many of these requests have fallen on deaf ears while the lives of our residents are at risk.

The two critical intersections the FGA is targeting are Lafayette & Fulton and Flatbush & 4th Avenue.

Lafayette & Fulton is heavily trafficked and considered Fort Greene's gateway. Unfortunately, the crosswalks and pedestrian lights are not designed for safe crossing. The FGA has pleaded with the DOT for 18 months to install traffic lights that give pedestrians a clear path without vehicular obstructions and realign the crosswalks.

Flatbush & Fourth is more critical than ever to residents of Fort Greene because of the move of HSBC Bank across Fourth Avenue. Vehicular traffic here is very aggressive, and many pedestrians get trapped in the intersection.

The FGA has asked with the DOT to adjust the traffic lights to give pedestrians a safe path across Fourth Avenue.

The FGA has recorded the situation at both intersections, and you can download the video as well as the letters and recommendations sent to DOT on the traffic page of the FGA website: www.HistoricFortGreene.org

At the Fort Greene Association meeting on May 22nd we will discuss the flow of these intersections and ask for your input. We will also have petitions ready to lobby the city to make these intersections safer.

The more people officials hear from, the sooner our trips to the bank, and the market and the subway will be safer.

Restoration, Reopening and Reseeding

The historically sensitive restoration of the Prison Ship Martyrs Memorial at the top of Fort Greene Park has begun. After nearly 10 years of fundraising, preparation and planning, the crypt, Doric column, urn, bronze eagles and granite light shafts will be restored to their original beauty. And the area surrounding the monument will be re-landscaped to reflect McKim, Mead & White's original design. The work is expected to take 18 months.

The monument restoration is complemented by the newly renovated Fort Greene Park visitor center. The center, which houses bathrooms (with new baby-changing stations), is open to the public every day and features fascinating information about the Prison Ship Martyrs, as well as the flora and fauna of the park.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: Visitors Center, Fort Greene Park, Thursday, May 18, 12noon.

Featuring Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winner David McCullough, author of 1776, the first public performance of a specially commissioned composition, The Wallabout Martyrs, based on Walt Whitman's writings about the British prison ships.

There are additional restoration projects taking place throughout the park. Most notable, the main lawn at DeKalb and Washington Park has been aerated, augmented and hydro-seeded to convert it back to a green space. We request your patience and cooperation in respecting the new growth and ask that you do not remove the fence.

- The Fort Greene Park Conservancy

South Oxford Park Set to Go-Go By Howard Pitsch

Two tennis courts await the green ball's bounce-bounce. A jungle gym peacocks in vivid colors. Pod nozzles on a reedy grove of shower sprays are set to spritz the kids in summer. Walkways and seating areas beckon Fort Greene's park users to rest a while. Landscaping is roving. All this by summer 2006? You bet. It all puts a nice cap on a community effort to utilize the once-vacant, one-acre-plus park, on land that was not built upon as part of the Atlantic Commons houses south of Fulton Street. South Oxford Park, itself (nicknamed Sox Park), is bounded by Atlantic Commons, Cumberland and South Oxford Streets. Leaders of the park's development, Andrew Marshall and Todd Nau, are residents adjacent to the site, and they were joined in their efforts by other neighbors and the Fort Greene Association.

The 28th Fort Greene Association House Tour Sunday, May 7, 2006



PICTURED ABOVE:

Phillip Kellogg, Chair of the FGA, Council Member Letitia James and Capt. Cosgrove, Commanding Officer of the 88th Precinct. Council Member James spent several hours at the BAM Garden greeting hundreds of attendees as they set out on the tour. The 88th Precinct was on hand for an extra measure of public safety. Our thanks.

ATTENDANCE:
1,400
(more than twice that of the 2004 tour)

FUNDS RAISED:
\$44,000
(more than triple the amount ever raised)

Thank you to the Committee and members of the Fort Greene Association Board who put together the 28th House Tour. Their work — from finding the homes (dorris, Allen and Howard) and volunteers (Fred) to selling sponsorships (Eva, Roslyn, Monica, Howard Pitsch and Allen) and orchestrating the post-tour volunteer party (a team led by Roslyn), and more — made it possible for everything to go so smoothly on the day of the tour.

Allen Hobbs
dorris gaines
golomb
Howard Pitsch
Tony Davis

Fred Lasker
Eva Daniels
Roslyn Heubener
Monica Weedon
Peter Vitakis
Fredrik Anderson
Joe Gutleber
Joan Bassin
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Ruth Goldstein
Naomi Dickerson

Two years of planning. Too many meetings to count.

With 1,400 tickets sold, the 2006 FGA house tour was a roaring success! Visitors from across the Northeast and beyond marveled at the eclectic display of homes, shops, and exhibits. Of course, the FGA could not have successfully executed such an undertaking without incredible support from the community. Thank you to everyone listed here and all the other contributors who truly made this a day to remember. On behalf of the entire Fort Greene Association THANK YOU for making our 28th tour a successful event.

Plus there are the unsung heroes: The spouses and significant others of all those involved in putting the tour together. The FGA is an all-volunteer organization—and putting on a house tour can be all-consuming. Thank you dear ones, for putting up with us!

Allen Hobbs
FGA House Tour Chair



The Stars of the Show

Thank you to the homeowners for graciously allowing the public into their homes.

Charles Jarden and Norman Ryan	Elizabeth Adam
Paul Peissers	Stuart Venner and Grace Chang
Samuel & Kate Lawrence	John C. Scheffler
Joseph Gutleber and Scott Emmons	Randy Witherspoon and The Dermot Company (especially Kristin Neil) for the Williamsburgh Bank
Douglas Cardoni and Kirsia Phillips	



Thank you also to:

Peter Lawrence, owner of RICE, (located on DeKalb, across from Fort Greene Park), for catering — at no charge — the after-tour party for over 200 volunteers.
Cake Man Raven and Marquet for donating delicious cakes.
Yú Interiors, Tillie's, and BAM for their advance ticket sale efforts
Debbie Kellogg for her invaluable fundraising expertise and guidance
David Byrd for creating the Tour website
Tom Dolle for tour brochure/poster design
Justine Fasciano and Joe Delgato for helping make everything look great
Rubenstein Associates for PR support



A celebration of Fort Greene that included residents, businesses, elected representatives, the NYPD and more!

This year, the Fort Greene Association initiated a special House Tour Sponsorship Program. The generosity of each of these sponsors made it possible to fund the advertising, website development and public relations that brought so many people to Fort Greene on May 7. Additionally, it is these funds that will go right back into the community through the advocacy and public programs of the FGA. Thank you to each and one of them.

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Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz greeting tour attendees at the BAM Garden, pictured here with Tony Davis, FGA House Tour Committee member in charge of Public Relations.

A Sweet Stop on the Tour

By Meghan Gray

The FGA held their March meeting at PS20 to raise awareness about the incredible academic and arts education programs being offered. After the meeting, two PS20 Parents (myself and Dara Furlow) asked about the house tour and a possible collaboration to raise funds for the school. The FGA graciously accepted the idea of hosting a bake sale and secured a spot for the school on the tour route. With the support of PS20 Administration and PTA, we recruited parent volunteers to donate baked goods and their time.

By 5pm, PS20 sold out of treats and raised \$600 to help fund the fifth grades' graduation celebration and the community garden project on Adelphi Street.

Thank you, FGA!



TOUR PHOTOS: FRED LASKER, JUSTINE FASCIANO, DEBBIE KELLOGG & JOE DELGATO

And the winners are...

The first-ever FGA House Tour Raffle was a hit. Thank you to these local merchants and restaurants for donating the prizes. May each lucky winner become a regular customer.

JIVE TURKEY
J. Delgado/J Fasciano
KAREN'S BODY BEAUTIFUL
Laurence Jaiilet
FROSTED MOON
Roxanne Powell
HEAD OVER HEELS
Adrienne Goering

OLEA
Sharon Berandi-Primie
ICI
Peter Vitakis
JUNE
Roy Greenidge
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Ed Baker
RESTAURANT
NEW ORLEANS
Randolph Hill
HOT TODDIE
Jennifer Tench

MY LITTLE INDIA
Jessica Rogers
WEEK IN VIEQUES, PR
Ginger Barnes
(Courtesy Ann Macdonald and Charlie Raubichek)

Thank you to Annie Coggan for her wonderful work as curator of the exhibition "Fort Green Modern". Thanks also to the Irondale Center for Theater, Education, and Outreach (Terry Greiss, Jim Niesen, and Nina Callaway) and the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church for hosting both the exhibition and after-tour party for all the wonderful volunteers.



SUNDAY GARDEN WALK '06
SUNDAY, JUNE 4
11AM-5PM. RAIN OR SHINE

THE NEXT "DON'T MISS" NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR: The Brownstone Brooklyn Garden District's Annual Garden Walk is Sunday, June 4 from 11:00am to 5:00 pm. Up to fifteen private and ten community gardens may be visited on this self-guided walking tour through three historic Brooklyn neighborhoods: Prospect Heights, Fort Greene and Clinton Hill. Advance tickets: \$15.00 at Tillie's (248 DeKalb at Vanderbilt), and the Forest Floor (659 Vanderbilt at Park Place). Tickets on day of the tour: \$20 available at Tillie's, the Forest Floor, or the BAM Garden (Fulton and Lafayette). A courtesy van, with hop on/hop off privileges for ticket holders will be available. Garden Walk Hotline: 718-707-1277 or email: natashaharsh@earthlink.net