



**e-Family Time** Newsletter, brought to you by [Cool Culture](#)—April 2011

## Totally Awesome Time Travel at the Brooklyn Museum



*Tipi: Heritage of the Great Plains. [02/18/2011-05/15/2011]. Installation view. Photo by born digital. Courtesy of Brooklyn Museum. Digital Collections and Services (DIG\_E\_2011\_Tipi).*

Journey through time and place at the [Brooklyn Museum](#)! Here, you can explore a Native American tipi, tour a nearly 350-year-old farmhouse from Brooklyn and even check out mummies from ancient Egypt.

"There is always something that is going to capture your imagination, so come on down," says Schawannah Wright, Manager, Community Involvement at the Brooklyn Museum.

### Insider's Tip

With so many exhibitions to check out at this five-story museum, Ms. Wright suggests you start your visit on the top floor, work your way down and leave when your kids get tired—you can always come back for more!

### Must-See Museum Spots

Step inside a towering tipi and travel back more than 100 years to see the traditional Native American way of life at the [Tipi: Heritage of the Great Plains](#) exhibition on the fifth floor.

Grab a [free family guide](#) and borrow the Eye Spy cards to hunt for different objects, like a beautiful beaded saddle, and learn more about the tribes that lived in

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Did you know? You can double the fun by using Brooklyn Museum AND Cool Culture resources! Download [Cool Culture Hunt Cards](#) and get the Brooklyn Museum's [free printed family guide](#). Be sure to also check out the museum's [Activities Online](#) for fun games!

## Want More Info on Where to Go and What to Do?

Get ideas and the tools for your next cultural adventure by looking at the [events calendar](#) at the bottom of this newsletter and visiting [www.coolculture.org](http://www.coolculture.org).

And... Mark Your Calendars: Saturday, June 18th for FREE family fun at the Queens Museum of Art!

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## Are You Planning a Trip?

Remember, the Family Pass is good for general admission to [90 partner museums, zoos and gardens](#), for up to 5 individuals, any time the cultural institution is open!

Don't forget to bring your ID. Have fun exploring NYC's arts and culture!

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these movable homes called tipis. **Hurry to see this exhibition - it ends in May!**

"I absolutely loved the house display and the tipis," says Ethelyn Pugh, Family Worker and Cool Culture Cultural Liaison from Urban Strategies in Brooklyn. "It made things more realistic on how people used to live (compared) to how we live now. I almost wanted to beat myself up for not coming here sooner."



*Cartonnage of Nespantjer*, ca. 945-718 B.C.E. Linen or papyrus mixed with plaster, pigment, glass, lapis lazuli, H: 69 11/16 x W: 17 5/16 in. (177 x 44 cm). Brooklyn Museum, Charles Edwin Wilbour Fund, 35.1265. Creative Commons-BY-NC

Journey to 17th-century Brooklyn with a visit to the [Jan Martense Schenck House](#) on the fourth floor. Built in 1675, this bright red house gives you a look at what life was like for Dutch immigrants who lived in New York City when it was still farmland! Pick up the [family guide](#) for matching games and other activities.

There is a lot to explore but, Ms. Wright adds, "My favorite 'must see' is the Egyptian collection." Check out more than 1,200 objects from ancient Egypt on the third floor, including stunning sculptures, unique jewelry and real mummies! Explore the collection with a [free family guide](#) and look and learn together!

### Exciting Events

Swing by [Target First Saturdays](#) for live music, dance and art-making activities. Free for everyone!

Find out about more cool programs and events at the Brooklyn Museum by visiting [www.brooklynmuseum.org](http://www.brooklynmuseum.org)—and be sure to check out [Activities Online](#) for fun games!

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## **APRIL EVENTS CALENDAR—SPRING into these fun events and celebrate Earth Day all month long!**

For the complete Family Time Spring Events Calendar in English and Spanish, [click here](#).

### **EVENTS CALENDAR KEY:**

**FP = Free with Cool Culture Family Pass**

**FREE = Free to all, Cool Culture Family Pass not necessary**

**Saturday, April 9**

#### **FAMILY AFFAIR: ARTIST'S STUDIO, 1-4pm**

Spend an afternoon exploring different artistic styles through several exciting art-making activities. This program is inspired by the many styles seen in the exhibition "Stargazers: Elizabeth Catlett in Conversation with 21 Contemporary Artists."

[BRONX MUSEUM OF THE ARTS](#), Bronx AGES 4+ FREE

**Sunday, April 10**

#### **SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY TOUR: WISH YOU WERE HERE! 10:30am-noon**

Have you ever had an experience you wanted to share? Discover different places and occasions that artists share with us, with conversation and creative hands-on gallery activities. Registration required: call 212-423-3587.

[SOLOMON R. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM](#), Manhattan AGES 5-10 FP

**Saturday, April 16**

#### **ZIKRAVAT: MUSIC AND DANCE OF EGYPT AND THE ARAB WORLD, 2pm**

Celebrate the music and dance traditions of Egypt and the greater Arab world that can be found right here in New York City at an interactive performance by Zikrayat, a talented lineup of performers of diverse backgrounds.

[MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK](#), Manhattan ALL AGES FP

**Saturday, April 16**

#### **FREE FAMILY THEATRE: WEEPING MOUNTAIN, 2pm**

Enjoy a lavish family performance involving theatre, dance and music! Follow the journey of a curious young girl who hears the cries of Mother Earth and searches to discover the source of her sadness.

[NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN](#), Manhattan ALL AGES FREE

**Monday, April 18 through Friday, April 22**

#### **SPRING SPROUTS, 1-4pm**

Check out how our kitchen garden is coming along this spring and use newspaper, soil and seeds to make your own pot of herbs to take home.

[LEFFERTS HISTORIC HOUSE](#), Brooklyn ALL AGES FREE

**Saturdays and Sunday, April 16, 17 and 23; 1:30 and 3:30pm**

**Tuesday through Friday, April 19 through April 22; 11am and 1:30pm**

#### **THE TRANSIT MUSEUM TIME TUNNEL GOES GREEN!**

What do you get when you mix drama, costumes, science and magic? A fun-filled trip through the green history of New York City's mass transit, from the first horse carriages to the wonders of the future. Come share the ride and join the fun, during this 35-minute performance for all ages. Call 718-694-1792 for more information.

[NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM](#), Brooklyn ALL AGES FP

**Thursday, April 21 and Saturday, April 23**

#### **FAMILY WORKSHOP: LITTLE GREEN THUMBS, 1-2pm**

Celebrate Earth Day with this special workshop where you can learn how plants grow; no reservation required but space is limited. Then, at 2pm, catch a screening of "Sesame Street: Love the Earth" and watch Elmo, Zoe, and Baby Bear learn about keeping nature beautiful and clean.

[SONY WONDER TECHNOLOGY LAB](#), Manhattan ALL AGES FREE

**Sunday, April 24**

#### **DROP-IN ART WORKSHOP: STORYBOOKS FOR PASSOVER, 1-4pm**

Celebrate Passover through bookmaking. Use Maira Kalman's vibrant, quirky illustrations of animals, people and sumptuous treats to inspire your own handmade book. Using watercolor, design a tale about matzah ball soup, flying frogs or your dog stealing the chocolate macaroons!

[THE JEWISH MUSEUM](#), Manhattan AGES 4+ FP

**Saturday, April 30**

#### **SPRING FESTIVAL, 12-4pm**

Drop by anytime to learn about May Day celebrations during Rufus King's life and make spring-related crafts.

[KING MANOR MUSEUM](#), Queens ALL AGES FREE

**Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1**

#### **SAKURA MATSURI 2011: CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL**

Celebrate Japanese culture under the beautiful cherry blossoms. Check out contemporary and traditional music and dance, taiko drumming, ikebana flower arranging, Japanese DJs, tea ceremonies, and workshops for all ages!

[BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN](#), Brooklyn ALL AGES FP

**Every Second Sunday**

**METLIFE SECOND SUNDAYS WORKSHOPS, 1-4pm**

Every second Sunday of the month, join the Queens Museum for an expanded day of family fun. Come check out family-designed gallery tours, studio art workshops, and live music and dance performances, all inspired by artwork in the museum. Free refreshments included.

[QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART](#), Queens ALL AGES FREE

**Every Sunday**

**TARGET FREE SUNDAYS, 12-4pm**

Every Sunday the Studio Museum opens its doors for free admission, in addition to free programs and events ranging from family workshops to theater performances. Come explore how art and visual communication can ignite the imagination, engage the mind and reflect our human experience - past, present and future!

[STUDIO MUSEUM IN HARLEM](#), Manhattan ALL AGES FREE

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**LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY EVENTS—Keep spring COOL with these fun events!**

**Sunday, May 1**

**FAMILY ART PROJECT: PRIMITIVE PRINTS/IMPRESIONES PRIMITIVAS, 10am-1pm**

Visit the impressive exhibition of prints on display in Glyndor Gallery for inspiration. Then, with visiting artist Amy Feldman, follow some simple nature forms to make monoprints with just a few bold gestures.

[WAVE HILL](#), Bronx ALL AGES FP

**Sunday, May 1 and every Saturday and Sunday in May**

**SEE YOU THERE! PICTURING PLACE, 10:20-11:30am**

Share drawing, movement, and writing activities with your kids as you explore three to five works of art in the Museum galleries.

[MUSEUM OF MODERN ART](#), Manhattan AGES 5-10 FP

**Sunday, May 1**

**OPEN STUDIO: DESIGN, 11am-1pm**

This drop-in program gives families a chance to explore the galleries and to make art in response to their experiences. Program offered the first Sunday of every month; no registration required.

[THE NOGUCHI MUSEUM](#), Queens ALL AGES FP

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