



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

Explore a World of Wonder at the Queens Museum of Art



The Panorama at the Queens Museum of Art

Travel across a toy-sized version of New York City, explore a giant sculpture of the globe and hunt for other amazing treasures at the [Queens Museum of Art \(QMA\)](#)!

"Regardless of your artistic knowledge (or) your language skills, we're going to do everything we can to make you feel that this institution is established just for you," says David Strauss, Director of External Affairs at QMA.

Awesome Activities

The museum's [free family workshops](#) on Sundays are a wonderful way to check out QMA. Drop by for an afternoon of action-packed activities, and on Second Sundays, experience gallery explorations, art projects, and kid-friendly music performances. The museum has a trained team of volunteers to provide extra help for visitors who don't speak English or have special needs.

"We're very flexible and we try to provide a really personable experience for each family," says Lindsay Smilow, Associate Coordinator of School, Youth and Family Programs at QMA.

Must-See QMA Spots

Journey across New York City with a visit to the [Panorama exhibit](#), which has amazed visitors for nearly 50 years! A team of 100 people built this model of New York City that stretches across an entire room

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Did you know? Dragonflies can travel as fast as cars. Download [Cool Culture Hunt Cards](#) in English, Spanish and Chinese, and start your hunt for a dragonfly stained glass lamp and more at the Queens Museum of Art!

Your family can see the *Dragonfly Library Lamp* and more at the [Catch the Cool: Cool Culture Meets You at Queens Museum of Art](#) free family day, on **Saturday, June 18, 2011!**

Drop in anytime from noon to 4pm for fun indoor and outdoor activities, and, **bring your Cool Culture Family Pass to enter a special prize giveaway.***

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* All families attending Catch the Cool are eligible to enter the general raffle.

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

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

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!

and includes 895,000 buildings. Can you spy mini versions of famous landmarks like the Statue of Liberty?

The Panorama is one of many treasures found at QMA created especially for New York's 1939 and 1964 World's Fairs. Go back in time by checking out toys, model cars and more from these international cultural expositions.

See the whole world when you exit the museum! Check out the Unisphere globe located in the center of a beautiful fountain. This 140-foot-tall sculpture was created for the 1964 World's Fair and symbolizes peace through understanding.

**Free
Family
Fun**

[Catch the Cool at QMA](#)

Gear up for a free afternoon of scavenger hunts, art activities, prize giveaways and even more family fun!

Join Cool Culture at QMA on Saturday, June 18th!

Find out about more cool programs and events at the Queens Museum of Art by visiting www.queensmuseum.org!

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

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MAY EVENTS CALENDAR—Keep spring COOL with these fun events!

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, May 7

NOMADIC RUGS: THE ART OF WEAVING, 2pm

Did you know it is possible to weave almost anything, from geometric shapes to animals and dragons? We'll take a look at the exhibition "Patterns of Life: The Art of Tibetan Carpets" and try our hand at weaving and dyeing in the hands-on studio.

[RUBIN MUSEUM OF ART](#) AGES 6+ FP

Sunday, May 8

PAINT THE TOWN RED. OR GREEN! OR PURPLE! 10:30am-noon

Maybe a cow should be yellow and a mountain deep blue! Painters love to play with color. Come see the different ways artists color the world around them and make your own colorful art during this family-oriented tour. Registration required: call [212-423-3587](tel:212-423-3587).

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

Sunday, May 8

METLIFE SECOND SUNDAYS FOR FAMILIES, 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](#) ALL AGES FREE

Sunday, May 8

MOTHER'S DAY, 2-5PM

Bring Mom to the Galleries for free! Make jewelry boxes and necklaces, draw and frame Mom's portrait, and weave bracelets.

[CHILDREN'S GALLERIES FOR JEWISH CULTURE](#) AGES 4+ FP

Saturday, May 14

STORYBOOK READINGS & WORKSHOP: ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, 1-3:30pm

Come hear storybook readings about Native Hawai'i. Learn all about Kapa (bark cloth) and do your own kapa stamping design activity.

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

Sunday, May 15

MAIRA + MATISSE FAMILY DAY! Noon-4pm

Bring your entire family for an amazing afternoon celebrating the vibrant worlds of artists Maira Kalman and Henri Matisse. Create an illustration using collage and drawing, hear live music and go on a special gallery hunt to see how Matisse inspired Kalman.

[THE JEWISH MUSEUM](#) AGES 3+ FP

Friday, May 20

FLOWER GARDEN STORYTIME, 10:30am

This month's storytime will take place outside in our garden (weather permitting). Listen to stories about planting a garden, and explore the different plants and flowers planted by the museum's gardener. Then make your own paper flower to take home!

[MOUNT VERNON HOTEL MUSEUM & GARDEN](#) AGES 6 AND UNDER FP

Saturday, May 21

HANDS-ON HISTORY: MUSIC, MOZART & THE MANOR, Noon-3pm

Drop in anytime to learn about Mozart and other popular music during Rufus King's time, play Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, and make a related craft.

[KING MANOR MUSEUM](#) ALL AGES FREE

Saturday, May 28

TRANSIT COMIC STRIPS

Don't just read the weekend comics - create your own! Our city's transportation systems evoke rich anecdotes and funny stories. With archival and current images of buses and subways, and using Comic Life software in our Technology Lab, we'll design our own comic strip tales. Space is limited.

[NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM](#) AGES 6+ FP

Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29

POTATO PLANTING DAYS, 1-4PM

Help spread manure, till soil and plant potatoes (and in the fall, you can come back and reap what you sowed!). Once the planting is done, wash up, and churn some fresh butter and spread it on freshly baked cornbread made on-site over an open fire.

[LEFFERTS HISTORIC HOUSE](#) ALL AGES FREE

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE EVENTS—Start your hot summer with a COOL splash!

Thursday, June 2

FLIPPING PAGES, 3:30pm

Come enjoy an illustrated story while sitting on the front lawn of the Alice Austen House Museum "Clear Comfort," overlooking the Narrows. Then go on a short tour of the museum and make some art! If weather is not permitting, event will take place in the museum. Call for reservations.

[ALICE AUSTEN HOUSE MUSEUM](#) AGES 4-8 FREE

Saturday, June 18

CATCH THE COOL: DISCOVER YOUR CITY, Noon-4pm

Join Cool Culture at The Queens Museum's FREE FAMILY DAY, full of hands-on art making, workshops, tours, prize giveaways and more! Drop in anytime and bring your friends!

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

Every Sunday

FREE DROP-IN ART WORKSHOPS, 1:30-4:30pm

Come for fun activities that will get you talking about the art on view! These programs are accessible to all families, including those whose children have special needs and those for whom English is a new language. Check the website to find out what the theme of the week will be!

[THE QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART](#) AGES 5-12 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](#) ALL AGES FREE

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