



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

Adventures in Sculpture at The Noguchi Museum



The Noguchi Museum Sculpture Garden. Photo by Elizabeth Felicella.
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Explore nature in a whole new way at [The Noguchi Museum](#)!

Here, your family can check out volcanic rock sculptures, relax in a peaceful garden and hunt for animal shapes in the art around you. With dozens of amazing abstract sculptures on display, this indoor/outdoor museum is perfect for creative discovery.

"I love to see the 'wow' expression on kids' faces when they walk in," says Rebecca Shulman Herz, Head of Education at The Noguchi Museum.

Must-See Museum Spots

Head to the museum's garden in [Gallery Area 2](#) to enjoy the beauty of art... and nature! Soak up the sun while stretching yourself into the form of your favorite sculptures. Sit under the shade of a tree and draw pictures inspired by the colorful sights around you.

Play more imagination games inside the main building's [Gallery Area 7](#) where you will find striped sculptures that have unusual shapes. "This room is very family-friendly and playful," says Annelisse Fifi, Education

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Did you know? Children love to imitate and strike a pose! Go to [The Noguchi Museum](#) and encourage your kids to pose like a cool sculpture.

Want More Info about 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.

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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Assistant at The Noguchi Museum. Find a sculpture that looks like a snake and then pretend to be one - hiss, wriggle and have fun!

Discover other creatures on the second floor at the exhibition [Tracks: Animal Drawings from Noguchi's Travels](#). Help your child practice vocabulary by naming all the animals in the sketches on display. Grab a free family passport guide and take a make-believe journey through the countries where they live. **Hurry - this exhibition ends on September 18th!**

Exciting Events

Explore movement and create artwork together at [Open Studio: Moveable Sculptures](#) on Sunday, September 4th. This drop-in workshop is free for Cool Culture members!

Catch a [violin and saxophone concert](#) in the museum garden on Sunday, September 11th - also free for Cool Culture families!

Insider's Info

Stop by the front desk to pick up a free family walking guide full of interesting info and cool activities, and use it to create your own interactive tour!

Get info about all upcoming family programs by visiting <http://www.noguchi.org/programs/education/families>. Be sure to sign-up soon because they fill up fast!

Can't Get Enough of Sculpture?

Travel to the [Brooklyn Museum](#) and [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) to check out sculptures from the present and the past - including ancient Egypt!

By Erin Cassin

SEPTEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Start the new season with these great family events!

EVENTS CALENDAR KEY:

FP = Free with Cool Culture Family Pass

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

Sunday, September 4

OPEN STUDIO: MOVABLE SCULPTURES, 11am - 1pm

Explore the galleries with your family and then make art in response to what you find! No registration is required for this drop-in program, offered the first Sunday of every month.

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

Monday, September 5

CHARLES H. TALLY HOLIDAY FAMILY PROGRAMS, 11-3:30pm

Take a day to play at the Met and enjoy fun discussion and sketching! Programs start in the Carson Family Hall on the ground floor at 11, 12, 1:15 and 2:30.

[THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART](#), Manhattan. AGES 5-12 FP

Saturday, September 10

STORYBOOK READINGS & WORKSHOP, 1 pm

September is Hispanic Heritage Month! Listen to stories from the Huichol of Mexico and make a yarn painting. In English and Spanish.

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

Saturday, September 10

ARTS & RECREATION, 1 - 3 pm

Amazing craft activities and fun nature play at the Boathouse every Saturday and Sunday. Your kids will be up and moving like an animal or pretending to be a bat trying to catch a moth!

[PROSPECT PARK AUDUBON CENTER](#), Brooklyn. ALL AGES FREE

Friday, September 16

AUTUMN LEAVES STORYTIME, 10:30am

Listen to stories about the changing seasons and hunt for flowers and leaves inside and outside of the museum. Afterward, make a leaf rubbing to take home. An optional brief tour of the period rooms will follow.

[MOUNT VERNON HOTEL MUSEUM AND GARDEN](#), Manhattan AGES (0-6) FP

Saturday, September 17

HANDS-ON HISTORY: CONSTITUTION DAY, 12pm - 3pm

Come learn about the Constitution: Get a chance to write with a quill pen, make crafts and enjoy story time!

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

Sunday, September 18

FROM BROOKLYN TO THE TROPICS, 1-3pm

Join us for an afternoon of hands-on conservation fun. Through dynamic activities, we'll explore our local environment and learn about how our lives in NYC are connected to tropical communities. Reservations recommended at [\(646\) 452-1975](tel:6464521975), but walk-ins also welcome.

[PROSPECT PARK AUDUBON CENTER](#), Brooklyn. AGES 3-8 FREE

Sunday, September 18

HANDS ON: THE SECRET RIVER PAINTINGS, 2-4pm

After the Story Corner reading of *The Secret River*, create your own illustrations inspired by the beautiful images in the picture book. Add your personal touch with a fun and easy oil pastel transfer technique, along with watercolor paints. This activity is part of Target Free Sundays, so bring the whole family for a day of fun, free activities!

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

Saturday, September 24

BALLET FIESTA MEXICANA DE YLOY YBARRA, 2pm

Featuring spectacular dancers and musicians in full traditional costumes, this performance offers a view of the folk dances of Mexico and including the Jarabe Tapatio, the Mexican Hat Dance; La Raspa, a traditional Mexican cowboy dance; and an Aztec dance.

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

Saturday-Sunday September 24-25

HARVEST DAYS, 1-4pm

Help us celebrate the 2011 harvest the same way Brooklynites did years ago! Harvest, cook and eat the potatoes planted last May. Work the press and drink fresh apple cider, churn butter, and run potato sack races!

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

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER EVENTS

Plan for a thrill before Halloween!

Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2

HONEY WEEKEND, 10am-5:30pm

Drop in at the Family Art Project to craft wings, antennae and a pollen cup, then grab a kazoo to buzz around the grounds like a bee. Don beekeeping gear to explore a hive and sample varieties of honey to find your favorite. See website for schedule of the day's events.

[WAVE HILL](#), Bronx. ALL AGES FREE until Noon; Free with FP Noon-5:30pm

Saturday, October 15

BEASTS! 1-2pm

Join us as we hunt for beasts lurking in The Cloisters! Learn the legends that were told about these wild animals in the Middle Ages. Make your own pet beast to take home.

[THE CLOISTERS](#), Manhattan. AGES 4-12 FP

Friday, October 21

JACK-O-LANTERN STORYTIME, 10:30am

Get ready for Halloween with our monthly story time. Listen to stories about pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns, and visit the museum's kitchen to see the pie-making display. Afterward, make a jack-o-lantern ball & cup toy to take home. If you can't make the event, come anytime during the month of October to make a complimentary Halloween luminary to take home!

[MOUNT VERNON HOTEL MUSEUM AND GARDEN](#), Manhattan. AGES 0-6 FP

ONGOING PROGRAMS
Family fun anytime, all the time!

Every Saturday in September

WOODEN BEAST, WITH FREE STYLE ARTS ASSOCIATION, Noon-3pm

Drop in anytime to help build a giant wooden creature out of hundreds of pieces of wood. Utilizing tape, staples and screws, families can help children build a real wooden sculpture in the form of a dynamic, bristling, imaginary beast.

Available every Saturday in September!

[SOCRATES SCULPTURE PARK](#), Queens. ALL AGES FREE

Ongoing throughout the year, visit www.metmuseum.org for dates and times

START WITH ART AT THE MET

Sketch, explore, listen to stories, and discover the meaning of art! Meet at Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education, ground floor.

[THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART](#), Manhattan. AGES 3-7 FP

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.

[QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART](#), Queens. AGES 5-12 FREE

Every Sunday

TARGET FREE SUNDAYS, 12-4pm

Come for free programs and events ranging from family workshops to theater performances. You can explore how art and visual communication can ignite the imagination, engage the mind and reflect our human experience - past, present and future!

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

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