

 Friends of Maple Grove Cemetery, Inc.

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 **2025 Event Calendar**

**Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Founding of Maple Grove Cemetery in 1875**

**and the 20th Anniversary**

**of the Friends of Maple Grove**

**PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE or CALL FOR UPDATES (347 878 6613) if you cannot access updates online. Please do not call the Maple Grove Cemetery office.**

**DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** **Events are free admission unless otherwise noted. <https://www.friendsofmaplegrove.org/events1> More events will be added as they are confirmed. RSVP REQUESTED FOR ALL EVENTS in the Celebration Hall!**

**Your free-will donation at our events will enable us to continue to provide top level entertainment for your enjoyment!**

**JULY – AUGUST 2025 – Gallery Exhibit – “Places & Faces” Artwork by Alexandria Lopez of Kew Gardens** Meet the artist at 5 PM after the concert on 7/26/25. **Dedicated to Alexandria’s mother-in-law Rosa G. Lopez (1947-2018) Richmond Hill resident. Loving mother and grandmother.**

**Celebration Hall Exhibit JULY: Artwork by Jessica Rechner and Eni Mihilli of the Forest Hills Choir** Meet the artists after the Summer Sing with the Forest Hills Choir on 7/24/25. Both artists will perform at the Summer Sing. **Dedicated to Edward C. Caswell (1879-1963) an American artist & illustrator, best known for his portrayals of Greenwich Village street life and architecture.**

**Wed. 7/30/25. Maple Grove Artist in Residence Open Studio, Sit & Draw, Free Workshop 1 PM to 2:30 PM. At the Victorian Admin Building 83-15 Lefferts Blvd. just inside the cemetery gate. RSVP required to 347-878-6613 or on our website:** [**https://www.friendsofmaplegrove.org/events/jack-chi-esquivel-open-studio-sit-draw-workshop-2025-07-16-13-00**](https://www.friendsofmaplegrove.org/events/jack-chi-esquivel-open-studio-sit-draw-workshop-2025-07-16-13-00)

**AUGUST 2025 – Celebration Hall Exhibit – Artwork by Jack Chi-Esquivel, Artist in Residence at Maple Grove.**

**Sat. 8/9/25 Hip Hop Concert** 4 PM – 5:30 PM in the Celebration Hall. Reception to follow. **Dedicated to Bertram Reid (1956 – 2004) 'Bert' Reid was a saxophonist, songwriter, and producer who helped shape the sound of funk and disco. A member of the Crown Heights Affair musical band, he brought hits like *Dreaming a Dream* and *Galaxy of Love* to the world, filling dance floors from New York to London.**

**Sun. 8/10/25 The Next Chapter Collective - Jazz Concert** 3 PM – 4:30 PM in the Celebration Hall. Previously performing at the QC Jazz Collective at the Center in February 2025. Kazuho Murakami, trombone; Yeon Ji Lee, piano, Yuhang Jiang, bass and David Najera Gonzalez on drums. Jazz selections from the 1930s and 1940s and the group’s own compositions based on the traditional styles of those times. Reception to follow. **Dedicated to Clarence Profit (26 Jun 1912 – 22 Oct 1944) African American Jazz Pianist.**

**Sun. 8/24/25 Javier Madrazo Quartet in Concert** in the Celebration Hall. 2 PM – 3:15 PM Featuring jazz guitarist, composer & arranger Javier Madrazo. <https://www.facebook.com/javi.madrazo/> Reception to follow. **Dedicated to Julies Bollé (1856-1922),  a devoted musica and craftsman, and his son, Jules Bollé, Jr. (1894-1960) a bugler in WWI and a musician after the war.**

**Fri. 8/29/25 Jack Chi-Esquivel, Artist in Residence, Evening Reception with music in the Celebration Hall. Time TBD.**

**SEPTEMBER 2025: EXHIBIT: Quilt N Queens (QNQ) Quilt Exhibit**

**Fri. 9/5/25, Sat. 9/6/25, Sun. 9/7/25 Wet Plate in the Field at Maple Grove** – intensive 3-day workshop on tintype and ambrotype photography by Jolene Lupo. 10 AM to 6 PM daily. Rain date 9/12 to 9/14. $775.00 – register here: <https://jolenelupo.com/workshops/maple-grove-cemetery> **Dedicated to Estelle Hewitt Fowx (1832-1901) at Maple Grove, daughter of John Hill Hewitt, songwriter, poet & newspaper editor and wife of Civil War photographer Egbert Guy Fowx who worked in the collodion process of wet-plate photography.**

**Sat. 9/6/25 Quilt N Queens Quilting Guild 30th Anniversary Celebration. 1 PM to 4 PM. Tickets $28.52 on** [**Eventbrite**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/quilt-n-queens-30th-anniversary-celebration-and-exhibit-tickets-1388618367919?aff=ebdssbdestsearch)**.** Welcome reception, networking with and presentation by master quilter Sylvia Hernandez, raffles and light refreshments. **Dedicated to Monica Mitran (1959-2019) acclaimed Senior Fashion Technical Designer in the garment industry, worked with Donna Karan, Michael Kors, Ralph Loren, Ellie Tahari & Kenneth Cole.**

**Sat. 9/13/25 WWII 80th Anniversary Day** **with Concert.**

Concert of WWII music including Big Band Music at 4 PM – 6 PM in the Celebration Hall

Display of WWII memorabilia, flags on WWII Vets graves. Reception to follow.

**Dedicated to the Veterans at Maple Grove and the 46 KIA from WWII buried at Maple Grove - Their legacy is woven into history. This concert pays tribute to their courage, their sacrifice, and the spirit of the Greatest Generation.**

**Sat. 9/27/25 Author event** with Kew & Willow: Grady Hendrix, horror author who often tackles themes like grief and loss. Time and details to follow. Celebration Hall, with reception to follow.

**OCTOBER 2025: EXHIBIT – Susan Malfa, Painting Exhibit** [**https://www.susanmalfa.com/**](https://www.susanmalfa.com/)

**Sat. 10/18/25 Michael Chimenti** Great Songwriters of the 60s and 70s (Neil Diamond, Carol King, James Taylor, etc.) 5 – 6 PM in the Celebration Hall. Reception to follow.

**Sun. 10/19/25** **Poetry Reading Event: Susan Michele Coronel Poetry Reading with Naomi Rabinowitz on Flute.** [HOME | SusanMicheleCoronel](https://www.susanmichelecoronel.com/)Book release of Susan’s full-length poetry collection: [In the Needle, A Woman by Susan Michele Coronel – Finishing Line Press](https://www.finishinglinepress.com/product/in-the-needle-a-woman-by-susan-michele-coronel/) Winner of the 2024 Donna Wolf-Palacio Prize. Renowned author and poet, **David Mills** and **Meny Beriro**. Time TBD

**Sat. 10/25/25 Trunk or Treat and Food Drive**. 2 PM – 4:30 PM. Outdoors at the Victorian Admin Building. Free admission with donation of non-perishable food items.

**NOVEMBER 2025 – Art Quilts by Susan Louis in the Gallery and Celebration Hall** Opening reception on Sat. 11/1/25 at 5 PM in the Gallery after the concert.

**Sat. 11/1/25** **8 Strings & A Whistle Concert** 4 PM – 5 PM in the Celebration Hall with reception to follow. <https://eightstringsandawhistle.com/>

**Fri. 11/7/25 and Sat. 11/8/25 Murder Mystery Dinner –** $$ and times to follow.

**Mon. 11/10/25** Author **Amy Shea** and death doula **Lauren Seeley** presenting Amy’s latest book, “*Too Poor to Die: The Hidden Realities of Dying in the Margins*” publishing in Sept. and death salon with Lauren Seeley, a death educator,/doula and facilitator of the Silent Book Club of Death NYC. **6 PM to 8 PM in the Celebration Hall**. Free Admission. Writer, <https://amysshea.com/> **Amy Shea** is an essayist with an MFA and a doctorate in creative writing. She works as the Writing Program Director for Mount Tamalpais College, a free community college for the incarcerated people of San Quentin. **Lauren Seeley** is a death and grief doula for pets & humans. She is a death educator and facilitator of the Silent Book Club Of Death NYC. She is a curator for funerals, altars, memorial spaces, designer, illustrator, reiki practitioner, and creative grief artist. She resides in Brooklyn, NY and works in a funeral home in Brooklyn as well.

<https://silentbook.club/blogs/events/brooklyn-ny-death-mortality-book-club>

**Sat. 11/15/25 Hypercube Concert.** Their latest album was released on 4/18/25 <https://neumarecords.org/home/ols/products/hypercube-the-force-for-good> Time TBD in the Celebration Hall with reception to follow.

**Sun. 11/16/25 Percussia Concert** at 2 PM – 3:30 PM for their latest album release. Reception to follow. **Dedicated to Kuniko Nakajima Wilson (1935-1992) Professional ice-skating star of the Far East Company of Holiday on Ice and the Holiday on Ice company in the United States; personal dresser for many Broadway stars.**

**Sun. 11/23/25 Quintet of the Americas** at 3 PM. Reception to follow.

**DECEMBER 2025 – Art Exhibit by Stan Mullins**

**Sat. 12/6/25 Holiday Concert – Vaudeville Theme** 4 PM – 6 PM in the Celebration Hall with reception to follow, meet & greet artist Stan Mullins. **Dedicated to Charles A Smith,  (1873 - 1943) A vaudeville actor, he traveled the country with an act called Watson's Dogs. He appeared at the Hippodrome with 22 dogs doing a repertoire of tricks.**

**Sun. 12/14/25 New York Pianist Club Recital**. Open to all. Time TBD, in the Celebration Hall with reception to follow.

**Sun. 12/27/25 Kwanzaa Celebration** 3 PM at the Celebration. Hall Featuring the storytellers from the African Folk Heritage Circle.

**Tues. 12/30/25** **Séance Report: Horror Writers Assoc. of New York: Alp Beck, Marc L Abbott, Loretta H. Campbell** Time TBD. Sponsored by Poets & Writers and Friends of Maple Grove.