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**2024 Event Calendar ~ May to December**

**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 may be added as they are confirmed. RSVP REQUESTED FOR ALL EVENTS in the Celebration Hall!**

**MAY Exhibit:**

**Gallery:**  “Portraits of Philosophy” - by Eric Scott Horn. A series of visual interpretations in acrylics of philosophic thought from ancient times to the modern period. Dedicated to John Stanley Wear (1869-1937), painter, decorator and cabinet maker, at Maple Grove.Opening reception after the Play-In on Sat. 5/18/24

**Celebration Hall:** Photos of Queens and Maple Grove by Marlene Rubins. Opening reception after the play on Sun. 5/19/24. The exhibit is dedicated to Vincent Simone (4/20/1932-4/22/2023) a noted jewelry designer. His pieces were based on nature and showed designs of animals and insects.

**Sun. 5/5/24 “Tesla” Gatsby Ball 4 PM to 6 PM in the Celebration Hall with Big Band Music. $20/$15 members. RSVP required.** Dance instruction with Paul Capo.Dedicated to the Czito Family at Maple Grove: Coleman Czito (1862-1926), his son, Julius Czito (1888-1955) both were assistants to Nicola Tesla and other family members at Maple Grove. The previously announced monument dedication has been moved to 7/14/24.

**Sat. 5/11/24 Spirits Alive Anthology at Maple Grove with the In the Grove Players.** Anthology presentation at the Center. Reception to follow in the Gallery. 4 PM – 5:15 PM, reception to follow. Free admission with RSVP.

**Sat. 5/12/24 to Fri. 5/24/24 Flags for Veterans Graves.** Volunteers are needed to place flags at the graves of our Veterans at Maple Grove including 75 soldiers who lost their lives during their service. Flags will be available between the hours of 8:30 to 4 PM at the desk on the 2nd floor of the office during the week and on Saturdays at the guard’s desk just inside the building entrance. The building is closed on Sundays.

**Sat. 5/18/24 ACMP Chamber Music Play In. “Violapalooza”** 4 PM – 5:30 PM in the Celebration Hall. Guests are invited to meet featured Gallery artist Eric Horn at the reception following the Play In. Dedicated to Dr. Ella A. Jennings (1848-1908), pioneer female physician who founded a clinic for poor working women in Manhattan. Free Admission.

**RSVP’s are closed for this event! Sun. 5/19/24**. **The Forest Fairy, a play in one act by Mike Rendino**. Three downtrodden commuters are magically transported to an urban Forest by a self-centered fairy. **3 PM to 4 PM.** **Admission $8, $5 for Seniors and children.** Meet featured Celebration Hall photographer Marlene Rubins at the reception following the play. Dedicated to Harry A Crowe (1864-1933) top officer of the BMT (Brooklyn Manhattan Transit) and rose through the ranks with 45 years of service. **RSVP to 347-342-6511**

**Sat. 5/25/24 Memorial Day Service at 11 AM with Scout Troop 177.** Taps and reading of the names of the war casualties buried at Maple Grove. Dedicated to our service members who lost their lives while in service to our country. Location: at the Lake behind the Center.

**June Art Exhibit: Liana’s Art School Presents: Whimsy & Wonder: Art for All Ages** in the Gallery *and* the Celebration Hall – 100 paintings by 27 artists, ages 5 - 85, on view from 6/3/24 to 6/30/24. Exhibit Hours: 8:30 – 4 PM, Monday to Saturday (closed on Sundays).

**June Events:**

**Sat. 6/1/24 at 4 PM “Politics in Forest Hills” presentation by Nick Hirshon.** Featuring stories of Theodore Roosevelt, Abe Beame, Jimmy Carter, Ed Koch and Geraldine Ferraro**.** Dedicated to the Ebbets Family at Maple Grove – the parents and four siblings of Charles Hercules Ebbets, (1859-1925) who built Ebbets Field Stadium.

**Sun. 6/2/24 Dance Floor Democracy** with Paul Capo featuring vocalist Edith Hazel and the songs of Vera Lynn from WWII, and Cut a Rug Quartet. $15/$10 Members. The doors will open at 3 PM with free dance lessons at 3:30; Welcome and Dedication at 4:45 PM; Live music from 5 PM to 7:30 PM. Award presentation to Maple Grove President Philip Rash-Flynn and Eileen O’Donnell, founder of <https://thisweekinswingnyc.com/> at 6 PM. Call Paul Capo 917-834-7327 to register. *This event is dedicated* to the Veterans and those killed in action during WWII and buried in Maple Grove including PFC Wilburt G Hofer 1923-1944, who was awarded the Victory Medal and Purple Heart.

**Sat. 6/8/24 Summer Jazz Fest** at 4 PM – 5:30 PM Fundraiser, free for members. $10 for non-members. Dedicated to Clarence Profit (1910-1944) nightclub jazz musician and composer, Clarence Profit Trio performed in NYC clubs in the 1930s.

**DOUBLE HEADER: Sat. 6/15/24 TWO Free Concerts!**

**Sat. 6/15/24 Mandolin Ensemble 2 PM to 3 PM** in the Celebration Hall followed by a reception in the Gallery. Free admission. Dedicated to Maestro Roy A Prescod 1936-2019, baritone soloist, composer & arranger, choral conductor, church organist & choir director, music teacher, music professor, vocal coach, Carnegie Hall vocal debut, baritone singer in the NYC Opera Extra Chorus, founder and director of The Roy Prescod Chorale.

**Sat. 6/15/24 A Legacy of Music: A Tribute to Maestro Roy A. Prescod** (1936-2019), baritone soloist, composer & arranger, choral conductor, church organist & choir director, music teacher, music professor, vocal coach, Carnegie Hall vocal debut, baritone singer in the NYC Opera Extra Chorus, founder and director of The Roy Prescod Chorale by Nedelka F. Prescod, visionary and performing artist. 6 PM – 7:30 PM in the Celebration Hall. Reception to follow.

**Thurs. 6/20/24** **Summer Solstice** - **Make Music Concert**. 6 PM – 7:30 PM Outdoor Concert at the Lake. Dedicated to the Great Trees of NYC – Twin American Beech Trees at Maple Grove planted by Jacob Riis at the grave of his wife Elizabeth in 1905.

**Sun. 6/23/24 Queens Symphony Orchestra – String Quartet Concert**. 4 PM to 5 PM in the Celebration Hall. Free Admission. RSVP requested. Dedicated to Paul Henry Siebeneichen (12/11/1895 - 10/21/1965) musician, flautist, and member of the Long Island Symphony. The Barrere Little and other Symphony Orchestras. (Please note that this date has been changed from 6/22/24 on a previous event calendar)

**Tues. 6/25/24** An Evening of friendship and books – a humorous and connective conversation by best-selling authors and chums, A. J. Jacobs, and Alix Strauss. **A. J. Jacobs – NY Times best-seller with his latest book, The Year of Living Constitutionally and Alix Strauss – The Joy of Funerals**, 20th anniversary re-issue**.** 5:30 PM to 7 PM in the Celebration Hall followed by a reception in the Gallery. Joy of Funerals $20 (cash or Venmo). Dedicated to Sam Loyd 1841-1911 and Sam Loyd, Jr. 1873-1934, known as the greatest puzzle creators producing over 20,000 puzzles that continue to perplex people today!

**Sun. 7/14/24 Monument Dedication for Nikola Tesla’s assistants, Coleman Czito and son Julius Czito & family at Maple Grove. Monument Dedication 12 PM to 2 PM. Gallery Reception from 2 PM to 4 PM**

**Sat. 9/21/24 New York, New York Concert 4 PM – 6 PM.** Celebrating “500/400/360” for the discovery of New York by Giovanni da Verrazano on 17 Apr 1524; New Amsterdam established by the Dutch in 1624; the handover to the English in 1664 and renamed New York. A historical musical journey along with historical narrations. Reception to Follow. Free admission.

**Sat. 10/5/24 Italian American Heritage Month Concert** with a new composition by Frankie Di Donato of Astoria. 4 PM

**Sun. 10/6/24 Short Stories from the Séance Report Horror Writers Group** and Loretta Campbell. Afternoon time TBD in the Celebration Hall.

**Sun 10/13/24 GMCF – Glaelle Mathurin Community Foundation art auction fundraiser**. Time TBD.

**Sat. 10/19/24 Happiness in the Long Run, with Bill McBride and Irene Failenbogan** (“Oy Father”) Stories and life lessons with readings and music. 4 PM to 5 PM. Reception to follow in the Gallery with book signing.

**Sun. 10/20/24 Open House NY Weekend** – Walking tours at Maple Grove with Carl Ballenas. Time TBD

**Sat. 10/26/24 Trunk or Treat and food drive**

**Sat. 11/2/24 Eight Strings & a Whistle** (flute, viola, cello trio) at 4 PM. Ina Litera, viola, Matt Goeke, cello, Suzanne Gilchrest, flute. Reception to follow in the Gallery.

**Sun. 11/3/24** **Dia de los Muertos Concert** with Margin Alexander – time & date to be confirmed.

**Fri. 11/8/24 and Sat. 11/9/24 Murder Myster Dinner** weekend. Time/Cost TBD.

**Sun. 11/24/24 Quintet of the Americas Concert** with Cuban Composer Time TBD. Reception to follow in the Gallery.

**Sat. 12/7/24 Holiday Concert** 4 PM – 6 PM. Free admission. RSVP required. Reception to follow in the Gallery.