

Exhibitions

War for Civil Rights

New-York Historical Society

170 Central Park West @ 77th St., NYC 10024
Tu–Thurs, Sat 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Fri 10 a.m.–8 p.m. Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Through May 27

A “Double V” campaign waged by African Americans during WWII, since black men & women who fought for victory abroad deserved full civil rights & a victory over racism at home. The exhibit, comprised of photographs, posters, & two new short films, focuses on three aspects of the Double V campaign in New York City: the Negro Freedom Rallies, the fight against Red Cross blood segregation, & the effort to integrate the Stuyvesant Town housing development. \$15; Srs., Students \$12; 7-13 \$5; under 7 Free. 212.873.3400. nyhistory.org

Gordon Parks

A Harlem Family 1967

The Studio Museum in Harlem

144 W.125 St., NYC 10027

Thurs, Fri Noon-9 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun Noon-6 p.m.
Through June 30

Honors the legacy of late artist & photojournalist Gordon Parks. Features 30 black & white photographs of the Fontenelle family, whose lives Parks documented as part of a Life Magazine photo essay. A searing portrait of poverty in the U.S., viewed in Harlem. Adults \$7; Srs., Students (with valid ID) \$3; under 12 Free; Free Sundays. 212.864.4500. studiomuseum.org

LaToya Ruby Frazier:

A Haunted Capital

Brooklyn Museum

200 Eastern Parkway Brooklyn, NY 11238

Wed 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Thurs 11 a.m.–10 p.m. Fri–Sun 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Through August 11

Uses social documentary/photos of Frazier’s family & the deindustrialization of Braddock, PA — home to one of America’s first steel mills — now a “distressed municipality” of 2,500. Adults \$12; Students \$8 (with valid ID); under 12 (accompanied by an adult): Free! 718.638.5000. brooklynmuseum.org

“Worht by Hand”:

Hidden Labor and Historical Quilts

Brooklyn Museum

Through September 15

Showcases approximately 35 American & European quilt masterpieces from the Brooklyn Museum’s decorative arts collection. The exhibition examines the impact of feminist scholarship on the ways historical quilts have been & are currently viewed, contextualized, & interpreted.

Meet Miss Subways:

New York’s Beauty Queens 1941 - 1976

New York Transit Museum

Corner of Boerum Place & Schermerhorn St., Brooklyn, NY 11201
Tu – Fri 10 a.m.–4 p.m.; Sat, Sun 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Through May 31

Miss Subways was New York’s most iconic & democratic beauty contest. From 1941 to 1976, young women of mostly middle & working class backgrounds were selected, not just for their looks, but for the aspirations & dreams they had for their futures. Photographer Fiona Gardner & journalist Amy Zimmer tracked down most of the living former Miss Subways to see how their lives turned out. \$7; Srs., 2–17 years of age \$5. Free Wed. 718.694.1600. mta.info/mta/museum

Activist New York

Museum of the City of New York

1220 Fifth Av. @ 103 St., NYC 10029

Daily 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Ongoing

Explores social activism in NYC — 17th century to the present. NYC citizens have banded together on issues as diverse as historic preservation, civil rights, wages, sexual orientation, & religious freedom. Adults \$10; Srs., Students \$6; Families \$20 (max. 2 adults); under 2 Free! 212.534.1672. mcny.org

For free copies of this calendar, call
George Altomare 212.598.7772

Defending the Social Safety Net

LaborArts.org

Opens May 1

A “virtual exhibit” telling the story of Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment insurance, workers’ compensation, & employee health benefits — through contemporary artwork (some of it commissioned to win over the American people). 212.998.2637. laborarts.org.

Centennial Commemoration of the 1913 Paterson Silk Strike

The American Labor Museum

Botto House National Landmark

83 Norwood St., Haledon, NJ 07508

Wed – Sat 1 p.m.–4 p.m. or by appointment

Through December 28

Depicts the epic 1913 Paterson Silk Strike with photographs, artifacts & original artwork depicting the people, places & events related to this historic strike. \$5. 973.595.7953. labormuseum.net



Strikers participating in the Paterson Pageant march to Madison Square Garden, June 7, 1913.

2013 Events

Wed., April 17, 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

La Ruta

The Working Theater presents a play about undocumented workers entering the U.S. Performance will be staged inside a tractor-trailer, not unlike the kind which currently bring people into the U.S. \$25; Srs., Students, Union Members \$23. The Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine @ 1047 Amsterdam Av. & 112 St., NYC 10025. Additional performances through Sun., April 28 according to the following schedule: Wed-Sat 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.; Sun 3 p.m. & 5 p.m. Tickets: 800-838-3006. theworkingtheater.org/la ruta

Thurs., April 25, 7:30 p.m.

Food Justice, Labor Rights & the Environment

Panelists Sean Sweeney, Nancy Romer, & Gerardo Renique speak on labor/producer rights, unequal food distribution/consumption, food justice & environmental activism for building a more powerful & effective mobilization against the corporate food system. Sliding scale: \$15/\$10/\$6. Brechtforum, 451 West St. @ Bank St., NYC 10014. 212.242.4201. brechtforum.org

Fri., April 26, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Internal Organizing Social Media Workshop

Kenzo Shibata, Social Media & Video Director at Chicago Teachers Union, will discuss the Chicago Teachers Union (CTU)’s highly publicized strike and how your union can become more effective through the use of social media! \$125. Rutgers University Labor Education Center, 50 Labor Center Way, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. 732.932.0303. smlr.rutgers.edu

Sat., April 27, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Workers Memorial Day

Candlelight vigil & discussion commemorating a day set aside by the nations’ unions to draw attention to the occupational health & safety of workers in the U.S. Irwin Nack (Emeritus, Wm. Paterson Univ. & past president of American Federation of Teachers’ Local 1796) will discuss “What were the Real Issues in the Chicago Teachers’ Strike of 2012?” FREE! American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark, 83 Norwood St., Haledon, NJ 07508. 973.595.7953. labormuseum.net

Mon., April 29, 4:30 p.m.

Over the Cliff?

What’s Next for American Labor Law

Milton Konvitz Memorial Lecture: Wilma Liebman, Former Chairman, National Labor Relations Board will speak. Liebman led the NLRB through a particularly contentious period during President Obama’s first term. FREE! 105 Ives Hall, Cornell Univ., ILR School, 105 Ives Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853. 607. 255.3276. jz76@cornell.edu

Wed., May 1, 8 p.m.

Reds

Warren Beatty directed & starred in this 1981 film homage to journalist John Reed who reported on the Paterson Silk Strike (1913), the Colorado Coal War (1914) & the Russian Revolution (1917) — with Diane Keaton, Jack Nicholson, & Maureen Stapleton. FREE with Labor Council ticket; otherwise, \$8. The Dryden Theater, George Eastman House, 900 East Av., Rochester, NY 14607. 585.271.3970. rochesterlabor.org

Wed., May 1, 7 p.m.

May Day Festival

Annual May Day Festival with instrumental & vocal performances of folk & labor music by George Mann with Marty Confurius & Alan Podber, the New Jersey Industrial Union Council Solidarity Singers, ten-member choir Harmonic Insurgence, the Ray Korona Trio, & lyric soprano Annamaria Stafanelli. Refreshments will be served. \$10. American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark, 83 Norwood St., Haledon, NJ 07508. 973.595.7953. labormuseum.net



Firefighter Sarinya Srisakul of Engine 5 was the first Asian-American woman firefighter to join the FDNY (in 2005). Photo by Nicholas Truong, courtesy of Sarinya Srisakul and LaborArts.com.

Wed., May 1, 4 p.m.

May Day - Labor Rights

Immigrant Rights - Jobs for All

This year’s goal is to pass comprehensive immigration reform in Washington. FREE! Meet: South Side, Union Square, Broadway & 14 St. NYC 10003. Labor Rights Immigrant Rights For All Coalition, 917.488.2515 or 212.239.7323

Wed., May 1, 11:30 a.m. until evening

May Day

Vigil, march, speakers, & music. The theme is the connections among various struggles for labor rights & economic justice, & the importance of working together in solidarity. Collaborators include the Solidarity Committee of the Capital District, Occupy Albany, the Troy Area Labor Council, New Sanctuary for Immigrants and Albany Catholic Worker. FREE! March for immigrant rights begins at 273 Central Av., Albany, NY 12206, in front of Our Lady of the Americas Church. Many of the afternoon events will be at Academy Park, Washington Av. @ Eagle St., Albany, NY 12207. 518.465.9646. sjdubois@acmenet.net

Wed., May 1, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

May Day Protests

Live radio feeds from May Day protests plus focus on low wage worker organizing here & around the country & on immigration

New York Labor History Association, Inc.

NYLHA was founded in 1975. To join NYLHA send \$20 (\$10 Srs./Students) to: Phloine Fried, 351 West 24 St., NY, NY 10011.

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Calendar Committee: George Altomare, Bette Craig, Art Fleischer, Gail Malmgreen, Arieh Lebowitz, Susan Wilson, Joe Doyle (Chair).

May is Labor History Month!



Lawrence Massachusetts textile strikers, 1913. Photo courtesy of The New York Public Library Picture Collection.

Sat., May 18, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

LABOR STUDIES IN THE CLASSROOM NYLHA’s Spring Labor History Conference

Keynote by historian Richard Greenwald:

Labor Rising, the Past and Future of Working People in America
Labor Songs by UFT charter member George Altomare

Workshops: Triangle Fire: Rob Linne, Adelphi U.

Bread and Roses Strike: Robert Forrant, U. Mass.

Low Wage Workers in NY: Maggie Gray, Adelphi U.

Teaching Labor Resources: Paul Cole, Amer. Labor Studies Ctr.

Bagel breakfast & boxed lunch served, teaching materials distributed. Professional development for the core curriculum (Teachers will get a certificate for 6 PD hours) K-12 Teachers especially, but all teachers & labor educators, & all who support labor studies in schools are welcome. Sponsored by: ATSS/UFT & New York Labor History Association. Co-sponsored by: Frances Perkins Forum, Jewish Labor Committee/ Educators Chapter, Italian-American Committee/UFT, Women’s Rights Committee/UFT. 52 Broadway, 19th Floor, NYC 10004. Space Limited! Advance Registration Only. Please send a \$10 check to ATSS/UFT c/o George Altomare, Professional Committees, 50 Broadway, 10th Floor, NY, NY 10004.

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Wed., May 1, 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

La Ruta

The Working Theater’s play about undocumented workers entering the U.S. [See notice April 17] Wed., May 1 – Sun., May 5. Wed-Sat 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.; Sun 3 p.m. & 5 p.m. IBEW Local 3 Headquarters, 158-11 Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Av., Flushing NY 11365. 212.244.3300. theworkingtheater.org/la ruta. There will also be performances Wed., May 8 – Sun., May 12. Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, 1000 Richmond Terrace, State Island, NY 10301.

Sat., May 4, 10 a.m.

Workers Memorial

Art Wheaton (Cornell ILR) will speak. The Jamestown Central Labor Council, founded in 1888, celebrates 125 years of standing up for the working men & women of the Jamestown area. FREE! Tom Eerlandson Overview Park in Oak Hill Road, Frewsburg NY 14738. jackrudy@netsync.net

Sat., May 4, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Woodsmen’s Festival

Celebrates 200 years of logging, sawing, & woodworking history: demonstrations of lumberjack skills by the SUNY Cobleskill Woodsmen’s Club, timber frame building, & a variety of woodworking. Watch the sawdust fly as logs are sawn in the Museum’s sawmill, powered by a 1926 Fitz overshot waterwheel, plus kids’ activities, live music, great food, a book sale by Hobart Book Village, & more. 12 years or over \$8.50. Srs. \$6.50; Military \$4.25; under 12: Free. Hanford Mills Museum, 51 County Highway 12, East Meredith, NY 13757. 607.278.5744. hanfordmills.org

Tues., May 7, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

LaborArts, a Virtual Museum

Rachel Bernstein, Evelyn Jones Rich & Henry Foner discuss the luminous works of art produced by & about working people which LaborArts has brought to viewers in the past 13 years. \$15; Students \$5. General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen, 20 W.44 St. NYC 10036. 212 840.1840 #2. info@generalsociety.org

Wed., May 8, 6:30 p.m.

Harvard Square

Tenement Talk: In his latest novel, Andre Aciman’s Egyptian Jewish protagonist personifies the immigrant’s tension between identity and aspiration. The author joins us for a conversation about assimilation & sacrifice. FREE! Lower East Side Tenement Museum, 103 Orchard St., NYC 10002. 212.982.8420. tenement.org

Thurs., May 9, 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

New York City Cartmen, 1667–1850

Author Graham Russell Gao Hodges discusses cartmen — unskilled workers who hauled goods on horse carts — perhaps the most important labor group in early American cities. Hodges uncovers the forgotten world of cart drivers who monopolized the movement of private & commercial goods in NYC from 1667-1850 & proved politically adept at preserving & institutionalizing their economic & racial control over this entry-level occupation. FREE! The Elebash Recital Hall, The Graduate Center, CUNY, 365 Fifth Av. @ 34 St., NY 10016. 212.817.8460. gothamcenter.com/forums

Fri., May 10 – Fri., May 17

Second Annual Workers United Film Festival

This year’s festival will take place at NYC’s Cinema Village (22 E.12 St, NYC) & The Anthology Film Archives (2 St. & Second Av.) Full week of films, music, spoken word & frank discussions about the state of workers lives & labor organizing in the U.S. & around the world. Many of these films are new & NYC premieres, including a screening of *Dreamwork China* (about the Foxconn factory that makes Apple products). \$58 for the full 8 days. 212.675.5518. workersunitefilmfestival.org

Mon., May 13, 7 p.m.

Making Labor History

As part of the Workers Unite Film Festival, NYLHA’s Youth Advisory Board is sponsoring the screening of 7 short documentaries: *Amanecer, The Resurgent Activist, Café Wars, Cross Class Coalition Building at Columbia University, New York Taxi Workers Alliance: Front Line Videos & Induction Into the AFL-CIO, Retail Action Project, & Stitched Together*. Full-day ticket \$11.75; single screenings \$8.25. Cinema Village, 22 E.12 St., NYC 10003. 212.924.3363. workersunitefilmfestival.org

Tues., May 14, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The Necessary Resurrection of Robert Fitch

2nd Annual Robert Fitch Lecture: Doug Henwood will introduce this year’s speaker, John Halle, Director of Studies in Music Theory & Practice at Bard College. FREE! LaGuardia College, 31-10 Thomson Av., E Building, Long Island City, NY. 11101. Room E-501.

Tues., May 14, 7 p.m.

Workers United Film Festival

NYLHA sponsors 3 hard-hitting documentaries: *The Condition of the Working Class in England; World’s Longest Unemployment Line; Never Got a Dime*. Full-day ticket \$11.75; single screenings \$8.25. Cinema Village, 22 E.12 St., NYC 10003. 212.924.3363. workersunitefilmfestival.org

Tues., May 14, 7:15 p.m.

Centennial of the Founding of the U.S. Labor Department

Daniel Miller of Glen Rock, NJ, will present a talk on the U.S. Labor Department, created by Congress March 4, 1913. FREE! Englewood Public Library, 31 Engle Street, Englewood, NJ, 07631. 201.568.2215. englewoodlibrary.org

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