About

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is the result of more than three decades of restoration and development to convert the first home for retired sailors in the United States to a regional arts center. It is a place where history, architecture, visual arts, theater, dance, music and environmental science come together to provide a dynamic experience for all ages. As one of the largest, ongoing adaptive reuse projects in America, Snug Harbor consists of 26 historic buildings, nine distinctive botanical gardens, a two-acre urban farm, and 10 acres of wetlands on a unique 83-acre, park-like campus.

Mission

To provide a vibrant, regional cultural destination that offers dynamic programming in arts, education, horticulture, agriculture, and recreation for diverse cultures and all ages while ensuring a well-managed campus for all residents of Staten Island and surrounding communities.

Supporters

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Sprout to Mouth Program

Sprout to Mouth is an interactive, multimedia, farm-to-table exhibition designed to showcase the evolution of farming as well as the history behind the desire to rebuild the Snug Harbor Heritage Farm. Set up in the Green Gallery of Building P, the walk-through exhibition visits the many aspects of farming and healthy eating while following the Common Core Curriculum standards that NYC has adopted. The exhibit even features a mock kitchen—complete with all of the cooking and eating essentials necessary so that students can harvest, prepare, and sample the fresh produce grown on site.

Power of Green Education Initiative & Sprout to Mouth

The Power of Green Initiative serves as the agricultural and horticultural platform for Snug Harbor’s education program, focused on environmental and nutritional awareness. This initiative teaches the community about healthy eating, the importance of urban farming, eating locally grown foods.

The interdisciplinary program offers students the opportunity to touch and taste fresh produce through classes based around art, literature, math, health and science, enhancing the Common Core Standards adopted by the NYC Department of Education. The Snug Harbor Heritage Farm also works with colleges and universities, such as Wagner College, NYU, and St. John’s University, on service-learning projects, apprenticeships and internships for their students. For adults, the Heritage Farm hosts cooking demonstrations and farming/gardening workshops.

Objective

K-12 CURRICULUM

To enhance the Common Core Curriculum standards that NYC has adopted, programs have been developed for the K-12 population such as the following:

- Literature In the Garden
- Math in the Garden
- Botany On Your Plate
- The Growing Classroom

ADULT AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Snug Harbor Heritage Farm will continue to work with colleges such as Wagner College, NYU and St. John's University on service-learning projects, apprenticeships and internships. Students learn valuable farming techniques in exchange for their time working on the farm.

For adults and families, the Heritage Farm hosts cooking demonstrations, farming/gardening workshops, and family volunteering opportunities. We maintain a Snug Harbor Heritage Farm blog and utilize social media to share recipes, offer tips, and entertain with fun quizzes.

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