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**SNUG HARBOR ANNOUNCES 2018 AUTUMN MOON FESTIVAL FOR SEPTEMBER 22:  
*A celebration of Asian culture featuring traditional music, dance, storytelling, and crafts***

**September 13, 2018 | Staten Island, NY** - Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is pleased to announce the annual Autumn Moon Festival for Saturday, September 22, 2018 at Snug Harbor's New York Chinese Scholar's Garden from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

The annual Asian-themed festival features activities and events for the whole family. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students, seniors, and Snug Harbor members. Children five and under will be admitted free. Tickets are available at <https://autumnmoon2018.bpt.me>



Guests will enjoy performances of traditional Asian music and dance, storytelling, tours, demonstrations of martial arts, food for sale, lessons in Chinese calligraphy, tours of the New York Chinese Scholar's Garden (NYCSG), and more.

"The Autumn Moon Festival has become a cultural tradition for the community as well as an annual fundraiser that helps support the ongoing maintenance costs of the New York Chinese Scholars Garden," said Larry Anderson, Director of Performing Arts and Production Management. "This year we are excited to bring the Autumn Moon Festival back to its evening timeslot--a time of day when the light is just right for painted lanterns and traditional Chinese food and entertainment."

The schedule of events is as follows:

**4:00 – 7:00 PM:**

- Lantern decorating and traditional Chinese calligraphy crafts led by Snug Harbor Educators in the NYCSG

**4:30 PM:**

- Flower arranging demonstration with the Staten Island Chinese Society at the Main Pavilion

**4:30 PM:**



- Tour of the New York Chinese Scholar's Garden (30 mins) led by Snug Harbor Educator

**4:35 PM:**

- Karate demonstration from Seido Karate students at the Tented Pavilion

**4:45 PM:**

- Traditional dances from Art Plaza Dance School at the Tented Pavilion
- Story of the Jade Rabbit told by Snug Harbor Educators at the Wetlands Viewing Pavilion

**5:30 PM:**

- Tour of the New York Chinese Scholar's Garden (30 mins) led by Snug Harbor Education
- Dance and musical performances from the NY Qipao Association

**6:30 PM:**

- Flower arranging demonstration with the Staten Island Chinese Society at the Main Pavilion

**7:00 PM:** End of event

Snug Harbor would like to extend special thanks to the NY Qipao Association, Staten Island Chinese Society, the Art Plaza Dance School, the Friends of the NY Chinese Scholar's Garden, and volunteers Ellen Wu, Dr. Ronald Altman, and Kevin Chau.

The Autumn Moon Festival celebrates the seasonal harvest fest in East Asia, which dates back to at least 2000 B.C. The Autumn Moon Festival aligns with harvest festivals such as China's Zhongqiu Jie, Japan's Fukushima Autumn, Thailand's Loy Krathong Festival and Vietnam's Tet Trung Thu, when the moon is at its fullest.

Snug Harbor's NY Chinese Scholar's Garden was built in 1999 and is based on original designs by Zou GongWu, a recognized leading scholar of classic garden design. All funds raised at the Autumn Moon Festival support the ongoing maintenance of the NYCSG.

**About Snug Harbor**

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden's historic 83-acre campus is one of the largest ongoing adaptive reuse projects in America, with 28 structures, 14 unique botanical gardens, 10 acres of wetlands, and a two-acre urban farm. Our mission is to provide a vibrant, regional cultural destination that offers dynamic programming in the 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. Snug Harbor is a proud Smithsonian Affiliate. Learn more about Snug Harbor at [snug-harbor.org](http://snug-harbor.org).