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SNUG HARBOR ANNOUNCES THE 35th ANNUAL NEPTUNE BALL
Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the groundbreaking of the NY Chinese Scholar's Garden

April 30, 2018, Staten Island, NY— Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is excited to announce their 35th annual Neptune Ball for Friday, June 8, 2018 from 6:30 PM – 10:30 PM at the New York Chinese Scholar's Garden at Snug Harbor on 1000 Richmond Terrace. This unforgettable evening celebrates the 20th anniversary of the groundbreaking of our magnificent NY Chinese Scholar's Garden. All proceeds from the Neptune Ball will support Snug Harbor's mission and programming.



At the awards ceremony, Snug Harbor will be honoring the following for their contributions to the community:

Robert Richard Randall Award for Corporate Service
Delta Air Lines

Captain Randall Award for Community Service
Kevin Chau, Certified Financial Planner™ at Merrill Lynch

Neptune Award for the Arts
Doreen Cugno and Luanne Sorrentino, St. George Theater

The Neptune Ball is co-chaired for the fourth year in a row by Brian Laline, executive editor of the Staten Island Advance, and Dr. Gracelyn Santos, a family and cosmetic dentist at Santos and Mroczek Family Dentistry in Staten Island. Sponsors to date include Delta Air Lines, Northfield Bank, and John & Katherine Connors.

The dinner menu, a buffet-style tasting banquet, is prepared by Relish Caterers at Celebrate Snug Harbor. Event planning and design is provided by Gustavo Galván of Galván Event Design.



Entertainment will be provided by the New York Chinese Qipao Association and Fong's Hung Ga Kung Fu Association. The evening will include a live auction and a mission-driven paddle raise. Additional on-site opportunities to support the Neptune Ball are still in formation.

Admission starts at \$275 per person, with various sponsorship and journal ad opportunities available. For tickets and other ways to support the Neptune Ball, visit <http://snug-harbor.org/neptuneball2018/> or contact Beth Scannapieco at 718-425-3511 or bscannapieco@snug-harbor.org.

"We're so excited to celebrate the Neptune Ball in our New York Chinese Scholar's Garden—one of the most unique and special gardens in New York City," says Aileen Fuchs, President & CEO of Snug Harbor. "This year's Neptune Ball has a special significance for me, as it marks a year since being announced as CEO of Snug Harbor. I am so thankful for all the dedication and support that we have seen this past year from our friends and neighbors in the community, especially from our Board of Directors and our event co-chairs Brian Laline and Gracelyn Santos. We've come so far already, and we've only just begun."

"The Neptune Ball is truly one of the premiere social events on Staten Island and that's because it is staged in one of the most stunning locations in our borough – Snug Harbor," says Brian Laline. "Those lucky enough to attend will have an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful NY Chinese Scholar's Garden while supporting what has become Staten Island's premiere vibrant and exciting cultural center. If you missed last year in the Tuscan Garden, don't miss this year. If you were with us last year, there's even more in store for the 2018 ball."

"Snug Harbor is dear to my heart not only for the cultural crown jewel that it is, but for the memories I've made over the years with my three daughters at the Staten Island Children's Museum, the Harmony Street Fair, the Polish Festival, and all the events in the Music Hall and Great Hall, among others," says Dr. Gracelyn Santos. "Neptune Ball 2018 in the NY Chinese Scholar's Garden will be an incredible feast for the senses, so make certain your iPhones are charged. We will have a great time, honoring great people, for a great cause."

ABOUT SNUG HARBOR CULTURAL CENTER & BOTANICAL GARDEN

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.