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## **RE-OPENING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3: THE NEW YORK CHINESE SCHOLAR'S GARDEN AT SNUG HARBOR**

**September 29, 2020 | Staten Island, NY** – Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is thrilled to Announce the re-opening of the New York Chinese Scholar's Garden (NYCSG) after its temporary closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



**“It’s the moment we’ve all been waiting for,” said Aileen Fuchs, President & CEO of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden. “We’re thrilled to make this local treasure available once more for our community to find peace and wellness, and to enjoy the dynamic culture represented by the garden’s details and story.”**

Beginning Saturday, October 3, the garden will be open Saturday – Sunday from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Visitors can purchase tickets at Cottage E on Cottage Row, indicated on the campus map directions at [snug-harbor.org/visit/directions](https://snug-harbor.org/visit/directions). Admission remains \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors (65+) and students, and free for children 5 and under, and active military through the Blue Star program. Snug Harbor Members receive free entry to the garden for a year, as well as discounts on special events and invitations to exclusive opportunities such as the Member Appreciation Day on October 11. Join as a Snug Harbor Member with a tax-deductible donation at [snug-harbor.org/support/membership/](https://snug-harbor.org/support/membership/).

To adhere to safety precautions, visitors are urged to maintain a distance of 6+ feet away from other visitors whenever possible, wear a mask while in the garden, practice good hygiene and sanitization, and stay home if they are sick.

**“The New York Chinese Scholar’s Garden is a unique art form that every New Yorker should visit at least once,” said Dr. Ronald Altman of the Friends of the New York Chinese Scholar’s Garden, who has been involved with the garden for over 20 years. “We’re excited to welcome visitors back safely to enjoy this beautiful space.”**

The NYCSG, an immersive space modeled after traditional Ming Dynasty gardens (1368-1644), featuring a bamboo forest path, waterfalls, a Koi-filled pond, Chinese calligraphy, and a variety



of Ghongshi scholar's rocks, creating the first authentic outdoor classical scholar's garden in the United States. All the architectural components of the New York Chinese Scholars Garden were fabricated in Suzhou, China, including roof and floor tiles, columns and beams, doors and windows, bridges, and paving materials. Visitors can learn more about the garden at <https://snug-harbor.org/botanical-garden/new-york-chinese-scholars-garden/>

### **About Snug Harbor**

Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden is an urban oasis where art, history and nature converge. We offer dynamic programming in the arts, horticulture and agriculture for diverse communities and all ages, on our historic 83-acre campus. We envision being a locally impactful, globally renowned destination, true to our values of artistic vibrancy and community, inclusion and discovery, stewardship and conservation.

Snug Harbor is the result of more than four decades of restoration and development to convert a 19th-century charitable rest home for sailors into a regional arts center, botanical gardens and public park. One of the largest ongoing adaptive reuse projects in America, Snug Harbor encompasses 26 historic structures, 14 botanical gardens, a 2.5-acre urban farm, wetlands, forests and park land on a free, open campus. Learn more about Snug Harbor at [snug-harbor.org](https://snug-harbor.org).