

TOURS & EVENTS SUMMER 2017



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BIRDING IN PEACE

Sundays

June 4, 11, 18 and 25, 6:00 – 7:30 AM

July 9, 16, 23, and 30, 6:00 – 7:30 AM

August 6 and 20, 6:30 – 8:00 AM



Before our gates open to the general public, birding expert Rob Jett leads these peaceful Sunday morning walking tours to discover the many birds that call Green-Wood home. Locally nesting birds will be incubating eggs or actively raising their first

broods. In July we should see the offspring of our resident red-tailed hawk bravely preparing to leave the nest. Warbler songs will be replaced by chirring Cicadas and the tweets of fledgling birds. Butterflies and dragonflies are abundant. By late-July, expect the arrival of the first southbound migrants.

Mark your findings in our Bird Checklist, which you'll receive before the tour begins. Comfortable footwear is recommended



Walking Tour

\$10 for members of Green Wood and BHS/\$15 for non-members.

TWILIGHT TOURS

Fridays

June 16 and 30, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

July 14 and 28, 7:30 – 9:30 PM

August 11 and 25, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Just after Green-Wood's gates close to the public, enjoy the rare opportunity to explore the quiet beauty of the cemetery bathed in the golden light of the setting sun. On this walking tour you'll visit the graves of fascinating figures in New York history and American culture from the 19th and early 20th centuries, ending with a visit to the Catacombs, which are normally closed to visitors.



Please bring a flashlight to light your way; Green-Wood is very dark at night. Comfortable footwear is recommended.



Walking Tour

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THE VICTORIAN CULT OF MOURNING

Discover the Fascinating (and Often Bizarre) Arts, Crafts, and Culture of Victorian Mourning

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

No one knew how to grieve like the Victorians. The elaborate and often downright weird rituals of the era – inspired by Queen Victoria who publicly mourned her husband's death for forty years – provide a fascinating look at a culture for whom death was ever present. In the United States, losses from the Civil War eclipsed 600,000 deaths, or two percent of the entire population. Death was everywhere. Mourning was an art form. Widows dressed in black from head to toe for an entire year. Household mirrors were covered and clocks were stopped when a death occurred. Women created and wore intricate jewelry made from the hair of the deceased. And rural cemeteries were established across America. Green-Wood is one such example, which by the 1860's drew over 500,000 visitors a year who came to see the cemetery's collection of ornate monuments and mausoleums.



Join us for an afternoon symposium devoted to exploring the arts and culture of Victorian mourning with illustrated talks and show-and-tell presentations of period artifacts. Speakers will include Dr. Stanley Burns, professor of Medicine and Psychiatry and Founder of the Burns Photographic Archive, Green-Wood Historian Jeff Richman, Evan Michelson, co-owner of Obscura Antiques & Oddities and host of the Science Channel's *Oddities*, funeral director Amy Cunningham, Jennifer Glassock, Research Associate at the Costume Institute, and more!

This symposium is organized in partnership with Joanna Ebenstein and Laetitia Barbier of the Morbid Anatomy Library.

\$20 for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$25 for nonmembers.

JUNE 10
SAT 3:00 – 7:00 PM



PHOTOGRAPHING GREEN-WOOD: ADVICE FROM AN EXPERT

Although Green-Wood's vast expanse of rolling hills, glacial ponds, and over 150 species of trees is one of New York City's most loved green-spaces, it can be difficult to capture on film. In this class, Sean Sime, who has over 20 years of professional experience in journalism, fashion, and documentary photography, will share tips, techniques, and tools for capturing the splendor of nature. You will learn the best practices for lighting and composition, as well as discovering how to fine tune exposure and focus. (The program is timed to capture the beauty of the late afternoon sun.) Sean will evaluate participants' work, offering guidance on best practices for future shooting expeditions of Green-Wood or other landscapes. *An SLR or DSLR camera is necessary.*

\$40 for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$45 for non-members.

JUNE 13, JULY 11, AND AUG 8
TUESDAYS 7:00 – 9:00 PM



DEATH CAFÉ

Green-Wood is proud to host monthly gatherings of the Death Café here in our beautiful, modern chapel. Amy Cunningham, death educator and creator of the Brooklyn-based blog *TheInspiredFuneral.com*, invites participants to share their thoughts and feelings on death. It's an opportunity for safe and open exchanges, without an agenda. Tea and light snacks are provided.

"A place for people to discuss our inevitable fate." – Gothamist

"It's a reversal for American culture, which for a long time has shied away from these conversations." – Village Voice



Conversation

There is no charge to attend, but reservations are recommended.

JUNE 15, JULY 20, & AUG 17
THURSDAYS 8:00 – 10:00 PM



CONCERTS IN THE CATACOMBS

In the heart of Green-Wood, a simple, iron gate leads into an underground structure few people ever see. Rarely open to the public, the Catacombs – built in the 1850s – are one of the cemetery's most unknown spaces. They offered 19th-century New Yorkers an above-ground burial option, which proved to be very popular for those who feared being buried alive.

In the 21st-century, musicians love the unmatched acoustic quality of this unique studio of stone. Join Atlas Obscura and Green-Wood for the premiere of a series of curated concerts featuring artists specially selected to perform in this coveted setting. Without question, this will be New York City's most unique musical experience.

Artist listing to be posted on Green-Wood's website.



Concert

*To purchase tickets, visit Atlas Obscura's website:
<http://www.atlasobscura.com/>*

*For member discount to Concert in the Catacombs, contact Green-Wood's events team:
events@green-wood.com.*

JUNE 16 & JULY 21
FRIDAYS 12:30 – 1:30 PM



GREEN-WOOD IN AN HOUR

Fridays

June 16 – Of Verdant Hills: Green-Wood's Historic Landscape

July 21 – Discovering Your Roots with "Greenealogy"

Don't have a lot of time? These new tours are perfect for you. Green-Wood is an immense place, and a visit to our grounds can sometimes be overwhelming. What to see? Where to walk? That's why we've created these short but power-packed tours that give you a fascinating look at a single aspect of Green-Wood. On the third Friday of every month, one of our expert staff members will take you behind the scenes for rare insights into this historic cemetery. And after sixty minutes, you're on your way!

Free for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$5 for non-members.

JUNE 17
SAT 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



MUSHROOMING 101

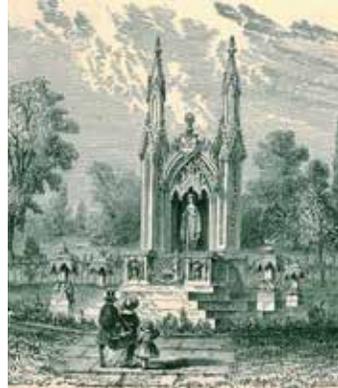
While the colorful trees and migrating birds of Green-Wood get lots of buzz (and Instagram posts), visitors might not know about the bounty of mushrooms sprouting throughout the cemetery's 478 verdant acres. Gary Lincoff, author of *The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Mushrooms* and instructor at the New York Botanical Garden, leads an eye-opening exploration of the wonderful fungi on our grounds. Learn the basics of identifying mushrooms species and the crucial differences between edible and poisonous varieties. This tour is a great opportunity for novice and expert foragers alike for the next hike in the woods or trip to the farmers market.



Walking Tour

\$10 for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$15 for non-members.

JUNE 17
SAT 8:00 – 9:30 PM



A NIGHT OF VICTORIAN TRAGEDIES

The Victorians knew a thing or two about tragedy. They seemed to almost revel in tales of disaster and heartbreak. And a Victorian-era cemetery, like Green-Wood, has no dearth of these sad, sad stories. **Greg Young**, co-host of the award-winning NYC history podcast, *The Bowery Boys*, emcees a night of storytelling, where you and your fellow audience members will vote on the most tragic of Victorian tales. He will be joined by a team of seasoned storytellers who will try to convince you that their own heartbreaking tale of a Green-Wood permanent resident is worthy of the title. Will it be the victims of a shipwreck just 300 yards from port or the beautiful Charlotte Canda thrown from her horse-drawn carriage on the night of her 17th birthday? A bit Victorian trivia is also on deck, along with some great Green-Wood prizes for the most knowledgeable (or lucky). Be sure to bring tissues. Fainting couches not provided.

\$20 for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$25 for non-members.

JUNE 20, JULY 18 & 25, AUGUST 1 & 15
TUESDAYS 7:00 – 9:30 PM



DEATH AND DHARMA

Tuesdays

June 20, 7:00 – 9:30 PM

July 18 and 25, 7:00 – 9:30 PM

August 1 and 15, 7:00 – 9:30 PM

What can we learn from Buddhist teachings about our own lives on earth? How might we understand the impermanence of life within the expanding universe? In what ways might death inform our relationships with strangers, loved ones, and our own selves? These questions are the inspiration for a new series of lectures and meditations presented by the Brooklyn Zen Center (BZC) and Green-Wood that explore the complexities of death, dying, and the hereafter.

Led by teachers from the BZC, each session will begin with an insightful discussion that highlights Buddhist teachings on life and death. Afterward, just around sunset, attendees will gather for meditation within the cemetery's tranquil and historic landscape. Whether you're a practicing Buddhist or just someone looking to gain a little peace of mind, each session will offer thoughtful opportunities for reflection in the company of fellow seekers.

If you are unable to sit on the ground, you are strongly encouraged to bring a folding chair or cushion. Every effort will be made to choose a meditation site that is accessible for those with mobility issues.

Ticket prices are on a sliding scale basis to allow participants to pay according to individual means. Please note: Tickets are not available on Green-Wood's website. To purchase tickets and for more information on cost, visit Brooklyn Zen Center's website: <https://brooklynzen.org/>

JUNE 23
FRI 7:30 – 10:00 PM



A NIGHT OF BLUES, FOLK AND ROCK IN SUPPORT OF GREEN-WOOD

Join us on the night the Green-Wood Chapel becomes a House of Blues! We are enormously proud and excited to present an evening of folk, blues, and rock music with the powerhouse duo of singer-guitarists **Larry Campbell** and **Teresa Williams**. Three time Grammy Award-winning Larry Campbell – best known for his eight years with Bob Dylan – has played with Elvis Costello, Willie Nelson, and Levon Helm’s Midnight Rambles, to name just a few. And Teresa, who met Larry when she was playing at the Bottom Line in the ‘80s, has sung with giants like Mavis Staples and Emmylou Harris. That’s why this performance by “the first couple of Americana” (Mojo Magazine) at Green-Wood, a National Historic Landmark, is a perfect marriage.

Opening for Larry and Teresa will be the renowned guitarist **Danny Kalb**, one of Dylan’s earliest inspirations and founding member of the legendary Blues Project.

This special performance is a tribute to Green-Wood permanent resident singer-songwriter **Greg Trooper** (1956-2017).

If you’ve never experienced music in Green-Wood’s historic chapel, you are in for a huge treat. For one of the most memorable experiences of the year, join us for this very special evening. **Ticket sales support the tours, programs, school programs, archives, horticulture projects, and conservation work at Green-Wood.**


Concert

Tickets are \$100.

JUNE 24
SAT 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



AHOY NEW YORK!

New York’s harbor is at the center of the city’s evolution from colonial trading outpost to global capital for business and industry. Join Jeff Richman, Green-Wood’s historian, and Marian Betancourt, author of the recently published *Heroes of New York Harbor: Tales from the City’s Port*, for a special trolley tour exploring Green-Wood’s permanent residents who set their sights on this famous port of call. You will learn about the men who spearheaded the Erie Canal, Brooklyn Bridge, and Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel; maritime disasters that inspired iconic memorials like the Pilot’s Monument, men who served on the first ironclad warship *USS Monitor*, and much more.



Trolley Tour

\$25 for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$30 for non-members.

JUNE 24
SAT 7:30 – 10:00 PM



CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE WITH JAZZ AT TWILIGHT MEMBERS ONLY

Sweet Megg and the Wayfarers, a five piece band influenced by New Orleans, Harlem swing and Parisian cabaret, will play you into the night with their uniquely beautiful and melancholic tunes. Arrive just before the sun begins to dip below the horizon to enjoy sweeping views of the cemetery and New York harbor awash in golden light.

Green-Wood thanks its wonderful members by celebrating the official start of summer with this members-only jazz concert at twilight. Lounge on the grass, and take in the enchanting ambience of this historical landscape at sunset. Members may bring a guest, and refreshments will be available.

This perfect summer moment is available for Green-Wood members only. Sign up online at green-wood.com to become a member and get tickets to this event. You’ll also get members-only early access to all of Green-Wood’s programs and tours, including sold-out favorites and brand new events too!



Concert

\$20 for members of Green-Wood.

JUNE 25
SUN 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



STRIKING LIKENESSES

When Green-Wood Cemetery opened in the early 19th century, the art of posthumous portraiture was immensely popular. As a form of commemoration, these portraits of recently deceased loved ones were prized for the precious bond they created between the land of the living and the realm of the dead. This walking tour explores the stone and bronze images commissioned to immortalize the dearly departed, many of which were created by leading artists of the day, including sculptors Daniel Chester French, John Quincy Ward, and Charles Calverley, among others. Allison Meier, a staff writer for *Hyperallergic*, who specializes in the visual culture of overlooked history, will unravel how the Victorian age's obsession with images of the dead was also found in painted portraits and postmortem daguerreotypes.



Walking Tour

\$20 for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$25 for non-members.

JULY 1
SAT 3:00 – 5:00 PM



THE EMINENT IRISH OF GREEN-WOOD

19th-century Irish immigration contributed immeasurably to the rich tapestry of American culture. Green-Wood has its share of the illustrious sons and daughters of Eire. This trolley tour, led by Green-Wood historian Jeff Richman, will explore these notable Irish, including copper magnate, Marcus Daly; India Ink manufacturer and American patriot, Charles Higgins; one-armed Civil War General, Thomas Sweeny (who retired from the U.S. military but went on to lead the Fenian invasion of Canada); Irish patriot Wolfe Tone's widow and son; actress and mistress of the mighty, Lola Montez (nee Eliza Gilbert in County Limerick), and many more.



Trolley Tour

\$20 for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$25 for non-members.

JULY 22
SAT 7:00 – 9:00 PM



A NIGHT AT NIBLO'S GARDEN

This popular event is back for 2017 and better than ever! Enjoy a Victorian extravaganza of performing arts presented by Bindelstiff Family Cirkus who have a host of all new acts and surprises in store for this year's performance. Your night will begin with a picnic (bring your own) around the beautiful pond Crescent Water and will unfold into an evening of showmanship in front of William Niblo's grand mausoleum. As always, author and Niblo expert Ben Feldman will hold court as Niblo himself. Bring a blanket, snacks, and drinks, and prepare to be dazzled by 19th-century games, fire eaters, contortionists, and much more – all lit by candles and a starry sky.

\$35 for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$40 for non-members.

Refreshments generously provided by Coney Island Brewery.



JULY 29
SAT 7:00 – 11:00 PM



TWILIGHT AND NIGHTTIME PHOTOGRAPHY

Green-Wood is an inspirational landscape any time of day, but it is especially wondrous after sunset. Photographer Sean Sime, who has over 20 years of professional experience in journalism, fashion, and documentary photography, will lead an exclusive after-hours workshop in twilight and nighttime photography. Capture the atmospheric beauty of the cemetery on warm, summer evening.

Long exposures and light painting will be the focus, which will require use of a SLR or DSLR camera, and tripod. Familiarity with shooting in manual and bulb mode is highly recommended. A small flash and bug spray are also recommended.

\$45 for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$50 for non-members.

SUMMER AT BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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FREE FRIDAYS!

This spring Brooklyn Historical Society's second location in DUMBO's historic Empire Stores opened to the public. BHS DUMBO brings to life the rich stories of Brooklyn's waterfront, and features exhibitions, family-friendly tours, a gift shop, and more!

Open Monday – Friday, 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM; Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Summer Fridays, open 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM June 30, July 7, 14, 21 & 28, August 4, 11, 18 & 25

JULY 29
SAT 9:00 – 11:30 PM



THE SECRET MAUSOLEUM CLUB

Each night, a hush falls over Green-Wood. In near darkness, centuries-old monuments stand guard over those laid to permanently rest within. This year, Atlas Obscura and Green-Wood Cemetery are collaborating to present The Secret Mausoleum Club, as we open the cemetery's historic gates and selected mausoleums for an extraordinary series of after-hours explorations through history.

Each Secret Mausoleum Club evening is specially curated to celebrate legends, legacies, and lore, featuring a different mausoleum each time. Clues shared before the event each month will help guests decipher the evening's theme. Take in an inspiring performance, a historic persona or two, and surprising discoveries – all in an elaborate structure of stone.

Upcoming Secret Mausoleum Club events will take place on September 16 and November 18.

\$95 for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$100 for non-members.

*To purchase tickets, visit Atlas Obscura's website:
<http://www.atlasobscura.com/>*

*For member discount to Secret Mausoleum Club, contact Green-Wood's events department:
events@green-wood.com.*

AUG 26
SAT 7:00 – 10:00 PM



BATTLE OF BROOKLYN: TALES AND TUNES

Mark the 241st anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn with a truly revolutionary night. Stroll Green-Wood's dusk-lit landscape as Revolutionary War reenactors illuminate life at the time of our country's battle for survival: setting up camp, cooking, socializing, and steeling themselves for the next day's battle. There will be dance demonstrations, festive music, and 18th-century inspired food to sample. When the sun sets, the glow of a campfire will accompany a storytelling program about battles won and lost, old and new. The songwriting duo Charming Disaster will provide musical interludes.

This program is presented in partnership with Old Stone House & Washington Park.

*Children 5 and Under: Free
All Other Tickets: \$20 for members of Green-Wood and BHS / \$25 for non-members.*



AUG 27
SUN 10:00 AM



BATTLE OF BROOKLYN: COMMEMORATION

The Battle of Brooklyn, fought in 1776 on land that is now a part of Green-Wood, was the first battle of the American Revolution to be waged after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Green-Wood hosts a morning of commemoration to honor all those who served to defend the young Republic. See parades, cannon fire, horses, and re-enactments. This is a great event for kids and families!

10:00 AM BATTLE OF BROOKLYN TROLLEY TOUR

Get a start on the day's commemoration activities with this favorite annual tour. Join Green-Wood historian Jeff Richman for a tour of Green-Wood's Revolutionary War-related sites. Reservations are strongly recommended. This tour always sells out.

\$25 for members of Green-Wood and BHS/\$30 for non-members.

11:00 AM LIFE ON THE BATTLEFIELD

Meet soldiers, their horses, and famous colonial Americans. Historic re-enactors will demonstrate revolutionary weapons and tactics.

12:30 PM BATTLE OF BROOKLYN PARADE

*Grab a Revolutionary regiment flag, wave it high, and march to Battle Hill with The Regimental Band of the United States Merchant Marine Academy. Begins at the main gate.
Free.*

1:15 PM COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY

Honor the spirit and heroes of the Battle of Brooklyn at this commemoration on Battle Hill, overlooking New York Harbor.

These events are free (except for the trolley tour), but please register online so that we can gauge response. We encourage you to consider making an optional donation with your reservation to ensure our ability to continue to offer these events free of charge.



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27, 30

\$15 for members of Green-Wood
and BHS/\$20 for non-members.
Reservations strongly encouraged.



Tickets

To make a reservation for any tour
or program, call
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green-wood.com/toursevents](http://www.green-wood.com/toursevents).

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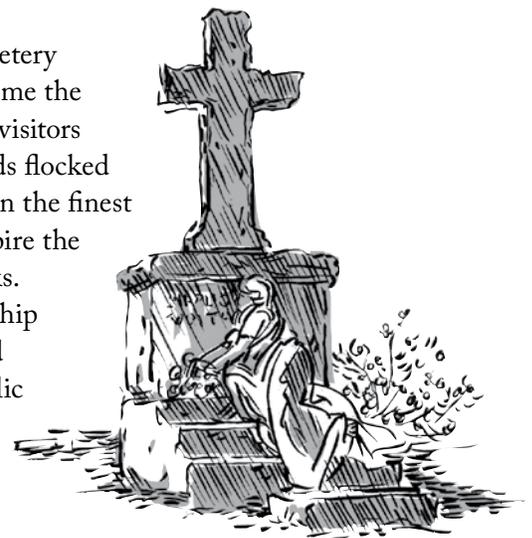
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GREEN-WOOD

Founded in 1838 as one of America's first rural cemeteries, Green-Wood Cemetery soon developed an international reputation for its magnificent beauty and became the fashionable place to be buried. By 1860, Green-Wood was attracting 500,000 visitors a year, rivaling Niagara Falls as the country's greatest tourist attraction. Crowds flocked to Green-Wood to enjoy family outings, carriage rides and sculpture viewing in the finest of first generation American landscapes. Green-Wood's popularity helped inspire the creation of public parks, including New York City's Central and Prospect Parks. The Green-Wood Historic Fund is a registered 501(c)3 not-for-profit membership organization that works to maintain Green-Wood Cemetery's monuments and buildings of historical, cultural, and architectural significance; to advance public knowledge and appreciation; and to preserve the natural habitat of one of New York City's first green spaces.



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