

## **Spring 2026 Retiree Chapter Program (1-12 -26)**

### **The Museum of Illusions** 77 Eighth Avenue, NYC, 10014.

The museum features over 70 exhibits that trick the eye and challenge our perception of reality. Its holograms, optical illusions, and immersive installations encourage visitors to question what they see while learning about the science of vision, perception, and the brain. Guests can explore spaces where they appear to defy gravity, change size, or step inside a kaleidoscope, revealing how the eyes and brain can interpret the same information in surprising ways. Lunch will be at the Grey Dog Restaurant, near 14<sup>th</sup> street. (optional)

**Leader:** Rhonda Morgan    **Date:** Tues. 3/3    **Time:** 11am – 1 pm    **Fee:** \$28 /\$33    **Limit:** 15

### **Museum of Broadway** - 145 West 45<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC, 10036

The Museum of Broadway is the only place in the world where you can have such an incredible in-depth experience learning Broadway's history, see costumes up-close, go backstage and found out about your favorite Broadway stars and discover what it takes to make the magic happen.

**Leader:** Beverly Stern    **Date:** Tues.3/10    **Fee:** \$35/ \$40    **Time:** 11 am – 1 pm

**Limit:** 10

### **Studio Museum in Harlem** 144 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10027

Studio Museum in Harlem is the nexus for artists of African descent. It collects, preserves, and interprets art created by African Americans, members of the African diaspora and artists of the African continent. We will have a one-hour tour of the museum with a guide to learn its history and see current exhibits on display of Tom Lloyd and An Arm's Length: Expanding the Walls. CSA guests will be able to visit other exhibits while at the museum. Lunch will be at the Red Rooster Restaurant nearby. (optional)

**Leader:** Sylvia Egal **Date:** Wed. 3/4    **Fee:** \$20/\$25    **Time:** 11 am – 12:30 pm    **Limit:** 20

### **Fabric & Textile Crochet Studio Visit**

We will visit the studio of the community and textile artist, Carmen Paulino. She uses crochet to create large, colorful, meaningful displays. Her installations are seen all over the city, indoors and outdoors, as well. She will share with us how she develops her ideas, her process, her designs and her latest installation.

Carmen Paulino's Studio 1590 Park Avenue, NYC 10029; 115<sup>th</sup> Street, *La Marqueta*

**Leader:** Ronnie Feder    **Date:** 3/24    **Time:** 11 am – 12:30 pm    **Fee:** \$20/\$25    **Limit:** 12

**The Edge** 30 Hudson Yards, NYC, 10001 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Edge, which is the highest outdoor sky deck in the Western Hemisphere, lets you experience the city from a thrilling height with its glass floor and angled walls. Head to Edge's sky deck on the 100th floor and enjoy the immersive multimedia experience about the history of Hudson Yards before stepping onto the thrilling glass floor. Take in breathtaking 360-degree views of NYC, including iconic landmarks like the Statue of Liberty, Central Park, and the Empire State Building. Lunch at the food court.

**Leader:** Arlene Ramos **Date:** Tues. 4/14 **Time:** 11am-12pm **Fee:** \$40/\$45 **Limit:** 10

**Hindu Temple in NJ** 12 North Main Street, Robbinsville, NJ 08561

Participants will travel by van to The PAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Hindu Temple), in Robbinsville, New Jersey, largest in the United States. People who have visited there say that the Taj Mahal pales in comparison with its beauty. It is a cultural and spiritual complex that functions as a large-scale temple and museum for showcasing Hindu culture and wisdom. The tour includes how the temple was constructed, significance of the mandirs in modern life, and the impressive inside of the temple. There is a dress code: must cover shoulders, chest and upper arms; shorts/skirts must be knee-length. After the tour, lunch will be enjoyed at the Italian restaurant, Villa Barone. The tour guides are Art & Susan Zuckerman. Van pick-up will be at the Sunac Natural Market, 600 West 42<sup>nd</sup> St., (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Aves).

**Leader:** Ana Maldonado **Date:** Thurs., 4/16 **Time:** 8:30 am - 4:30 pm **Fee:** \$115/\$120

**Limit:** 12

**NY Chinese Scholar's Garden** Snug Harbor Cultural Center: 1000 Richmond Ter. Staten Island 10301

The Chinese Scholar's Garden is a compilation of different gardens in China. It is based on the Ming Dynasty gardens (1368-1644 AD). The garden features magnificent rocks resembling mountains that inspired the poetry and paintings of Confucian, Buddhist, and Taoist monks, as well as other scholars. Participants of the tour can explore eight pavilions, a bamboo forest path, waterfalls, a Koi-filled pond, Chinese calligraphy, and a variety of Ghongshi scholar's rocks, including a 15-foot formation that towers over the central courtyard. Restaurant nearby, (optional).

**Leader:** Stacie Watkins **Date:** Wed. 4/29 **Time:** 11am-12:30pm **Fee:** \$4/ \$9 **Limit:** 20

**Old Westbury Gardens and Mansion** 71 Old Westbury Road, Old Westbury, NY, 11568

Discover the timeless charm of Old Westbury House and Gardens, a historic gem on Long Island. You will be transported to an era of grandeur on Long Island. You will visit through the opulent rooms of the mansion built in 1906. You will also explore the meticulously landscaped gardens. This estate is on the National Register of Historic Places. Several well-known movies have been filmed on the premises. Lunch will be at the "Café in the Woods" (separate fee).

**Leader:** Patricia Mack **Date:** Thurs. 5/14 **Time:** 11am-3pm **Fee:** \$14/ \$19 **Limit:** 15

**White House Experience** The Roosevelt School, C.W. Post Campus, 720 Northern Blvd. Greenvale, Long Island

White House Replica is the only one in the Northeast. (1 of 4). There will be a life size replica of the White House with an Oval Office, Situation Room, and Press Briefing Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) and Residence (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor). Visitors can play the role of U.S. president. White House Cabinet, Press Reporters as they navigate a “crisis”. The Museum of Democracy exhibit contains hundreds of artifacts from presidential politics ranging from George Washington through present day. After the tour, lunch will be enjoyed at a near-by restaurant (Separate fee).

**Leader:** Joyce E. Bush    **Date:** Tues., 5/19    **Time:** 12-2 pm    **Fee:** \$33/ \$38    **Limit:** 20

**New York Bateaux Brunch Cruise** Pier 61, Chelsea Piers, West 23<sup>rd</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New York Come aboard a European-style, glass-enclosed Bateaux for a Brunch Cruise and be treated to a delectable à la carte menu served with mimosas, accompanied by DJ entertainment and jaw-dropping panoramic views of New York City’s skyline. Dress code: casual attire

**Leader:** Miriam Martinez-Diaz    **Date:** Sun. 5/17    **Time:** 12 – 3 pm    **Fee:** \$135/ \$140    **Limit:** 20

**Governor’s Island Walking Tour**    10 South Street, New York, NY 10004

Governors Island offers a unique and relaxing escape from the city. Join the Retiree Chapter members and their family members as they explore the island’s natural beauty, art projects, history, and events. We will visit attractions such as an abandoned army building and forts and lost cemeteries. Your guide will be the author of “The Governor’s Island Explorer’s Guide”, Kevin C. Fitzpatrick. Lunch at “Picnic tables at Eva’s” (separate fee).

**Leader:** Steve Koch    **Date:** Wed., 5/20    **Time:** 11am-1pm    **Fee:** \$38/50    **Limit:** 10

**Eclipso Virtual Reality Experience**    555 West 57<sup>th</sup> NYC, 10019

Eclipso is an immersive virtual reality experience center that uses cutting-edge technology to transport users to different historical, cultural and natural worlds. A VR headset enables users to step into detailed 360-degrees virtual environments and move around freely. The experiences are designed to be both fun and informative, making history and science accessible in a new way. Eclipso aims to make culture and travel accessible by recreating locations and events that are difficult to visit in real life. Lunch is optional.

**Leader:** Rhonda Morgan    **Date:** Tues., 5/12    **Time:** 12:30-1:30 pm    **Fee:** \$40/\$45    **Limit:** 20

**Pioneer Daytime Sailing** – Pier 16 Pioneer Sailing South Street Seaport Museum

Experience the thrill of daytime voyage aboard the historic 1885 Schooner Pioneer through the breathtaking New York Harbor. Watch the sails unfurl, feel the wind in your hair, and even join the crew to help raise the sails – or simply relax and enjoy the stunning views. Perfect for families and adventurers alike, this hands-on sailing experience offers fun for all ages, from

learning sailor skills to steering the schooner under expert guidance. Make lasting memories on the water and discover the magic of sailing. You can bring food and refreshments. Leader: Arlene Ramos Date: Sat. 5/30 Time: Check-in at 12pm; Boat: 12:45 –3 pm Fee: \$45/\$50 Limit: 10

### **Virtual Lectures**

**"The Constitution in Crisis"** James Coll Date: Mon., 3/2 Time: 1 – 2 pm No fee The phrase "constitutional crisis" is often used--and sometimes overused--on cable news and among pundits. In this lecture, we will analyze a handful of historic situations that raised questions for consideration of the Supreme law of the land as well as how these events were resolved. Our analysis will include a discussion about the separate branches of government, federalism and any possible remedies constitutional framers envisioned for conflicts in the administration of the law.

### **"The American Revolution and the Fate of the World"**

Presenter: Richard Bell Date: TBD Time: 11 am-12:30 pm No fee Richard Bell, a professor at the University of Maryland and a renowned author of historically researched works, will present a thought-provoking message about the American Revolution and how it caused mass migration, disrupted trade, famine and many other contemporary issues that affect us today. How did America's founding event create the world we know today?

**Theater Coordinator:** Paula Lombardo

**Joe Turner, Come and Gone** - The Barrymore Theater, 243 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC

It centers on Seth and Bertha Holly who run a warm, orderly boarding house for those navigating uncertain paths. It chronicles the African American experience in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The actors Cedric the Entertainer and Taraji P Henson will play the main characters.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 1 **Time:** 2:00 – 4:30 pm **Fee:** \$159 **Limit:** 14 tickets

**Ragtime** - Lincoln Center Theater, 150 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC

Ragtime is a musical adaption of E.L. Doctorow's novel that follows three fictional families in pursuit of the American Dream at the dawn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. All are grasping for the same dream, if only they can hold onto it.

**Date:** Wednesday, May 6 **Time:** 2:00 – 5:00pm **Fee:** \$149 **Limit:** 12 tickets

### **Clubs**

**Acrylic/ Watercolor Painting**

**Instructor-Virtual:** Nancy Baldwin

Come join our class! No previous drawing or painting experience necessary. Our professional art teacher will instruct and guide you in creating your own original piece of art, in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. Both acrylic and watercolor paints will be used in each class. Students

will choose the medium of choice. Supplies are required for this class. The supply list will be emailed to you after registration. Grab a brush, paint and let the fun begin!

**Date:** Thursdays - 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30   **Time:** 1:30 – 3:30 pm

**Fee:** \$80/\$85      **Limit:** 10

**Mah Jongg** **Instructor:** Beverly Hershkowitz

**Chinese Mah Jongg**

**Date:** Mondays - 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 **Time:** 10:00 am – 12:30 pm **Limit:** 16 **Fee:** \$60/\$65

Chinese Mah Jongg is a game of strategy, memory, and community. Whether you are brand new to the game or looking to sharpen your skills, the class offers a welcoming place to learn, play and connect. Beginners are invited and previous students are welcome.

**American Mah Jongg**      **Instructor:** Beverly Hershkowitz

**Date:** Mondays - 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30   **Time:** 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm **Limit:** 16 **Fee:** \$65/\$70

The class is tailored for advanced players familiar with the rules and who are ready to take their game to the next level. Sessions will include strategic decision making good, personalized feedback, and tournament readiness.

**Books and No Bagels-Virtual: Facilitator:** Beth Peller

Participants meet on a Wednesday, once a month, to discuss the book they read.

2/25/26   Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

3/25/26   The Art Spy by Michelle Young

4/29/26   The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

**Date:** Wednesdays – 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/20, 6/24, 7/29   **Time:** 10:30 am – 12 pm   **Fee:** \$20

**Film: Facilitator-Virtual:** Rhonda Morgan

The Film Club is for movie enthusiasts who appreciate the cinema. The group will meet once a month to discuss a chosen film. Movies will be viewed at home, at your convenience and the discussion will take place via Zoom. Each month's selection relates to a National Awareness theme. You will not be asked to rent movies

**Date:** Wednesdays: 2/11, 3/11, 4/8, 5/13, 6/10   **Time:** 10 – 11:30 am   **Fee:** \$40/\$45

**Golf: Instructors – In Person:** Bob Guido and Jeff Clarke (assistant)

North Shore Towers Golf Club, 500 Shore Road, Glen head, NY 11545

The instructors are golf professionals. The class will follow the theme of "Course Play" and all skills will be taught. With the small size of the group, Bob and Jeff will be able to personalize

instruction, considering that everyone may not be at the same level. Please note, if we have sufficient numbers, we will run two sections. Section 1 will be filled first. Coordinator: Lucie Elio – [Lucie@csa-nyc.org](mailto:Lucie@csa-nyc.org)

Date: Wednesdays: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25 Time: 10 am – 12 pm Fee: \$200/\$205 Limit: 10

**Mystic, Connecticut - TBD**

**Coordinator:** Rosemarie Sinclair