

# Exhibitions:

## City of Workers, City of Struggle

Museum of the City of New York  
1220 Fifth Av. @ E. 103 St., NYC  
Open daily 10-6

**Opens May 1**  
For 200 years, working people's movements shaped NY. New Yorkers struggled over pay, power, & inclusion. New waves of workers — women, immigrants, people of color, & the "unskilled" — repeatedly defined their own movements for a better life, remaking NYC life. **City of Workers, City of Struggle** traces the social, political, & economic story of these diverse workers & their movements in NY through rare documents, artifacts, & footage — & considers the future of labor in NYC. \$15/\$12 Srs./\$10 Students & Educators

## A Neglected Legacy: Reclaiming a Radical Past

American Labor Museum/  
Botto House National Landmark  
83 Norwood St., Haledon, NJ  
Wed-Sat, 1-4 & by appointment

**Opens May 1, 7 pm**  
1940s photos tell the story of first-generation Italian immigrants becoming fully-fledged Americans; the hidden history of brothers Raimondo & Vincenzo Fazio, engaged in the Italian American Left's fight for social justice in the early 20th-century U.S. labor movement; & what is gained — & lost — in the process of becoming American. Curated by Prof. Michele Fazio, UNC/Pembroke. \$5. 973.595.7953. labormuseum.net

## Hudson Rising

New-York Historical Society  
170 Central Park West @ W. 77 St., NYC  
Tu-Thurs, Sat, 10-6; Fri 10-8; Sun 11-5

**Through August 4, 2019**  
Explores 200 years of ecological change & environmental activism. How human activity has impacted the Hudson River; how the Hudson shaped industrial development, commerce, tourism, & environmental awareness; how experts in various fields are restoring & re-engineering parts of the river in response to climate change. \$21/\$16 Srs./\$13 Students/\$6 Ages 5-13/pay-as-you-wish Fri, 6-8 pm. 212.873.3400. nyhistory.org

## Augusta Savage: Renaissance Woman

New-York Historical Society

**May 3 - July 28, 2019**  
Artist Augusta Savage (1892–1962) overcame poverty, racism, & sexual discrimination to create sculptures celebrating African American culture. Savage's work as arts educator, activist, & Harlem Renaissance leader catalyzed social change.

## Stonewall 50 at New-York Historical Society

New-York Historical Society

**May 24 - September 22, 2019**  
New-York Historical commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising & the dawn of the gay liberation movement with two new exhibitions & a special installation.

## Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow

Connecticut Historical Society

1 Elizabeth St., Hartford, CT  
Tu-Thurs, 12-5; Fri-Sat, 9-5  
**Through September 14**  
How African Americans leveraged their collective labor & purchasing power to dismantle racially discriminatory hiring & customer service practices in department stores, like Hartford's G. Fox & Co., epicenters of 20th century American consumption & modernity. \$12/\$10 65+/\$8 Students 6-17. 860.236.5621. chs.org

## Ticket To Ride

The Transit Museum  
99 Schermerhorn Street Brooklyn, NY  
Tu-Fri, 10-4 pm; Sat, Sun, 11-5 pm

**Ongoing**  
Through archival photographs & ephemera, Ticket to Ride shows the evolution of fare collection across all of New York's modes of transportation. See & touch turnstiles & fare boxes, photos of the people who make sure the money goes where it's supposed to go. \$10/\$5 Srs, 2-17/Wed. Free. 718.694.1848. nytransitmuseum.org



Educator Maribel Valdez Gonzalez (from a photograph by Arlene Mejorado). Artist: Shepard Fairey. Courtesy of LaborArts.org/contest See April 29 "Making Work Visible" Contest

## New York Labor History Association, Inc.

NYLHA was founded in 1975. To join NYLHA send \$20 (\$10 Srs./Students) to: Peter Filardo, 340 W. 28 St., #18A, NYC 10001-4765. **Officers:** Irwin Yellowitz, President, George Altomare, Vice-President; Peter Filardo, Treasurer. **Calendar Committee:** George Altomare, Annie Chamberlin, Bette Craig, Keith Danish, Martha Foley, Philoine Fried, Deborah Green, Jane Latour, Gail Malmgreen, Arieh Lebowitz, Susan Wilson, Joe Doyle (Chair).

# 2019 Events:

## Workers' Memorial Day

Sat, **April 27**, 1 pm  
Discussion, candle-light vigil. Irwin Nack (Emeritus Prof. of History, Wm. Paterson Univ., past pres. AFT Local 1796, discusses the day set aside by the nations' unions to draw attention to the occupational health & safety of workers in the U.S. Donations welcome. American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark. 83 Norwood St., Haledon, NJ. RSVP: 973.595.7953. labormuseum@gmail.com.

## "Making Work Visible" Contest

Mon, **April 29**, 6 - 8 pm  
Awards Ceremony: Be inspired by CUNY students' award winning poetry, prose & art. FREE! Refreshments served. Brooklyn College Grad. Cntr. for Worker Education 25 Broadway, 7th fl. Auditorium, NYC. RSVP: info@LaborArts.org LaborArts.org/contest

## Behemoth: A History of the Factory and the Making of the Modern World

Wed, **May 1**, 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Book Talk: with author Joshua B. Freeman, Distinguished Professor of History, Queens College & the CUNY Graduate Center. FREE! Refreshments. Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies, 325 Hudson St. @ Vandam St., 3rd fl., NYC. Sponsored by NYLHA; Co-Sponsor: Harry Van Arsdale Jr. Center for Labor Studies.

## Annual May Day Festival

Wed, **May 1**, 7 pm  
Instrumental & vocal performances: union organizer George Mann (part sing-along & part history lesson); "The Solidarity Singers" pay tribute to Pete Seeger on the 100th anniversary of his birth; lyric soprano Annamaria Stefanelli sings opera arias popular among working people in the early 20th century. Light refreshments, museum tours, shopping in the Museum Store. \$10. The American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark, 83 Norwood St., Haledon, NJ. 973.595.7953. labormuseum.net

## Capital District's 20th Annual May Day Celebration

Wed, **May 1**, 11:30 am -  
Celebration begins at Townsend Park (corner of Henry Johnson Blvd. & Central Av.) in Albany at 11:30 am for brief remarks; march from there to 5-6 sites in the immediate area. Speakers will outline local labor history, followed by music. March will end up at Tricentennial Park ~ 1 pm for lunch & socializing. At 5 pm, folks are invited to Capital District Latinos, 160 Central Av., Albany for an update on the situation in Venezuela, dinner & entertainment. Solidarity Committee of the Capital District. All events are FREE! Contact: Art Fleischer, aladfour@gmail.com

## Department Stores & the Black Freedom Struggle: Workers, Consumers, & Civil Rights

Thurs, **May 2**, 5:30 - 7 pm  
Book talk. Historian Traci Parker discusses how civil rights activists used department stores (like Hartford's G. Fox & Co.) as centers for the struggle for black freedom, leveraging their collective labor & purchasing power to fully realize middle-class citizenship — winning equal treatment as consumers, as well as workers. Free! Light refreshments. 860.236.5621. rsvp@chs.org

## Domino Refinery Walk

Sat, **May 4**, 11 am & 1 pm  
Walking tour. Geoffrey Cobb, author, *The Rise and Fall of the Sugar King* leads a tour of the Domino plant, largest sugar refinery in the world in the 1880s & lynchpin of the "Sugar Trust". Tour focuses on brutal working conditions for 1000s toiling & (some dying) in the landmarked building now undergoing a controversial luxury renovation. FREE! Walk-ins OK. Meet. Grand St. (in front of the gantry cranes ramp access). Park address: 15 River St., Brooklyn, NY. mas.org/janes-walk-nyc

## Clara Lemlich Awards for Social Activism

Mon, **May 6**, 6:30 pm reception; 7:15 - 8:30 program  
The Lemlich Awards honor women in their 80s & beyond who've devoted their lives to the greater good. FREE! Light refreshments. Museum of the City of NY, 5th Av. @ 103 St., NYC. RSVP: info@LaborArts.org

## Labor & Immigrants of Paterson Tour

Wed, **May 8**, 9 am - 1 pm  
Bus tour. Period-costumed guides portraying Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) organizers Elizabeth Gurley Flynn & Patrick Quinlan guide visitors around sites significant to the 1913 Paterson Silk Strike, the Great Falls, Paterson Museum, & Lambert Castle Museum. Tour begins with a guided visit to the American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark. 83 Norwood St., Haledon, NJ. Italian-American brown-bag lunch provided. Professional Development Certificate for registered educators. Pre-registration required. \$20 members/\$25 non-members. 973.595.7953.labormuseum@gmail.com.

## Uncovering the Lost Lives of Workers: The Archaeology of Labor

Wed, **May 8**, 6:30 - 8 pm  
As NY workers built & maintained the physical city, they left a physical record for archaeologists to uncover. Dr. Meta Janowitz, Dr. Jean Houson, & Alanna Warner-Smith share their latest findings about NYC's 18th - 20th century's working & living conditions & consider the lasting impact of labor on workers' bodies, both female & male. Moderated by Sharon Wilkins, Deputy Borough Historian of Manhattan. \$15/\$12 Srs./\$10 Students/Educators. Museum of the City of NY. 1220 5th Av, NYC. 212.534.1672. info@mcny.org

## Labor & Climate Justice Metro Labor Communications Council Convention

Fri, **May 10**, 10 am-noon  
Panel discussion: labor & climate justice. Sean Sweeney, CUNY Institute for Worker Education, Todd Vachon, Labor Network for Sustainability, Lara Skinner, Cornell ILR Worker Institute, James Stevin,

## Workers Unite Film Festival

**Opening Night: Somewhere To Be & Councilwoman & Sorry To Bother You**  
Fri, **May 10**, 5:30 pm Reception, 6:30 Films  
Film: Division Ave. Film: Somewhere To Be. Followed by Q&A with director Peter Obadashian, & the director & employees of NYC's Greenwich House. Film short: **50 Days: The story of the Great Chicago Hotel Strike**. Film: **Councilwoman** (8pm) NYC premiere! Q&A afterwards with director Margo Guernsey & Carmen Castillo, the real-life Providence, RI councilwoman. Film short: **Tick Tock**. Film: **Sorry To Bother You**. (10pm) Cinema Village, 22 E. 12 St., NYC

## Sat, May 18, 6 pm The Green Book

Staged reading + film shorts. Actors perform a live reading from *The Green Book*, by Calvin Ramsey, National Writers Union member & early researcher into the *Green Book's* history. \$20/\$17 Srs. Auditorium, DC 1707, 420 W. 45 St., NYC.

# Governor Andrew Cuomo Proclaims May 2019 Labor History Month in the State of New York!



Photo from *City of Workers, City of Struggle*. Unknown photographer, c. 1909. Courtesy of the Kheel Center, Cornell University



## New York Labor History Association's Spring Conference

**Panel 1: History:** Walter Reuther, the UAW, & the First Earth Day – Donn Mitchell; Trade Union Energy Democracy – Irene Shen; Labor Network for Sustainability – Jon Forster, DC37, AFSCME  
**Panel 2: Labor Activism:** Philadelphia Climate Works – Zakia Elliott; Local 3 IBEW – Chris Erikson; New York State Nurses Association – Judy Sheridan Gonzalez  
**Panel 3: Challenges:** Eileen Moran, Professional Staff Congress; Maritza Silva-Farrell, ALIGN (Alliance for Greater New York); Amalgamated Transit Union V.P. Bruce Hamilton.  
**FREE! Reception to follow.**

President, UAW Local 1-2, & NY State Senator Jessica Ramos. Discussion of the Green New Deal & how labor can promote the transition to a carbon neutral economy. International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 237, 216 W. 14 St, NYC. \$35/\$25 Union Members/\$10 Retirees. RSVP: Denise Shavers, miden@jps.net

## The Devil We Know NYLHA Night at the Workers Unite Film Festival

Sat, **May 11**, 5:30 pm  
Film: *L'eau Est La Vie - The Water Is Life!* Feature film: *The Devil We Know*: Virginia citizens challenge DuPont for poisoning their drinking water. (Q&A to follow with director Stephanie Soehrig). That One Tenth of Good: inequality in modern-day America. Dear Walmart (7:30 pm) NYC Premiere - five years in the making - the "OUR Walmart" fight to organize the world's largest (& most unfair) retailer. Birth of a Union: Chapel Hill, UNC employees fight for dignity & fairness on the job after decades of gross exploitation (Q & A with filmmakers). Stop The Pipeline and The Reason We're Still Here: Youngstown, OH fights to stop the fracking that is blowing up their state. Against The Wind: Man wants to drive his UBER car, (self-driving) car wins, in this humorous sci-fi warning about self-driving cars. Final Cutz (9:45 pm) Self-aware zombie horror comedy showing why art should trump commerce in a university setting. \$10/\$17/\$20/\$30. Cinema Village, 22 E. 12 St., NYC. workersunitefilmfestival.org

## Only in New York: City of Workers Labor & the Green Agenda

Wed, **May 22**, 7 pm  
Bhairavi Desai of the New York Taxi Workers Alliance & Allison Julien of the National Domestic Workers Alliance sit down with journalist Sarah Maslin Nir. \$15/\$12 Srs./\$10 Students, Educators. Museum of the City of NY. 1220 Fifth Av., NYC. 212.534.1672. info@mcny.org

## workersunitefilmfestival.org

**Tickets:** \$10 one show/\$17 two programs/ \$20 full-day pass/\$30 two shows & a festival T-shirt/\$35 two-day pass/\$85 festival pass/ \$65 Student & Retiree festival pass.

## Sun, May 19, 1 - 6 pm Fourth Annual Activist Filmmaker Bootcamp

Documentary filmmakers Third World Newsreel & Seed and Spark mentor new filmmakers from activist networks. \$40 (includes lunch) DC 1707, 420 W. 45 St., NYC.

## May 20, 4:30 pm May 21, 4 pm Films from the Frontlines

Short films by NYC union electricians & apprentices from the "100,000 Labor Journalists" program of the Van Arsdale Center of Empire State College/SUNY. **Venue for May 20:** Workers United, 305 7th Av., 7th fl. **Film:** (May 20 only): **The Devil We Know** (7 pm). **Venue for May 21:** National Writers Union. 256 W. 38 St., Suite 703, NYC. **Film** (May 21 only): **Final Cutz** (7 pm).

WHEREAS, For centuries, the American labor movement has served as a force for economic and social progress in these United States; and WHEREAS, Prior to the formation in 1881 of a nationwide labor movement in the United States, safe working conditions, regular working hours, reasonable workdays, decent wages, paid holidays, and vacations were utopian dreams, while such benefits as emergency and family leave were almost unimaginable; and WHEREAS, The struggle of American workers against appalling working conditions, exemplified by those that caused disasters like the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Fire, has played an important role in improving American life through the establishment of health and safety standards and OSHA; and WHEREAS, Labor history reveals the vital role of labor unions in the establishment of the 8-hour day, the 40-hour work week, unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation, old age pensions, protection for the sick, equal employment opportunity, and prohibition of child labor, as well as in the passage of the Wagner Act and of legislation banning discrimination in employment; and WHEREAS, Labor history shows that American workers were in the forefront of the effort to make free public education available to all children regardless of geography, or social and economic status; and WHEREAS, The American labor movement, as recognized by the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been a strong supporter of civil rights for all Americans, regardless of race, color, or creed; and WHEREAS, The American labor movement has been a vigorous proponent of democracy and civil liberties at home and around the world, as well as a vigorous opponent of all forms of dictatorship; and WHEREAS, Democracy and freedom can succeed only if there are free, democratic, and independent institutions, including labor unions; and WHEREAS, The State of New York has played a crucial role in the development and passage of federal laws and regulations that establish and expand the rights of workers to bargain collectively and to work in environments free of chemical and other hazards to life and limb; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 2019, as Labor History Month in the State of New York, and to celebrate the diverse achievements of the American labor movement; and . . . publicized in all New York State institutions.

## Open House:

### Kate Mullany National Historic Site

Wed, **May 29**, Noon - 8 pm  
Kate Mullany organized a union in the 19th century for Troy's laundresses. FREE! 350 8th St., Troy, NY. 518.331.4474. katemullanynhns.org

## Dropping Gumballs on Luke Wilson June 11-July 6

Mon - Thurs 7 pm; Fri 8 pm; Sat 2 & 8 pm  
Play inspired by a true story of the making of an iconic TV commercial. Legendary film director puts a movie star's life in the hands of a very nervous props guy. \$40/\$30/\$22 if you book on-line in May & use the code: labor. The Mezzanine Theatre at the A.R.T./NY Theatres. 502 W. 53 St., NYC. 866.811.4111. theworkingtheater.org/gumballs

## The Vital Union Work of The News Guild of New York

Thurs, **June 13**, 6:30 pm  
Grant Glickson, Pres., NewsGuild of NY (Local 31003, CWA) discusses the work of the NewsGuild, the largest union for news professionals — representing journalists & media employees at New York-based media organizations \$15/\$10 for NYLHA & union members. The General Society Library, 20 W. 44 St., NYC. 212.840.1840x2. genesis.jerez@generalsociety.org

## NYLHA Calendar Contributors for 2019

- AFSCME, Health Services Employees Local 768, DC 37
- AFSCME, New York Public Library Guild, Local 1930
- AFSCME, Social Service Employees Union, Local 371
- Amalgamated Bank
- Cary Kane LLP
- Communication Workers of America, District 1
- Council of School Supervisors & Administrators
- District Council 1707, AFSCME
- New York State AFL-CIO
- New York State Assemblywoman Deborah Glick
- Organization of Staff Analysts
- Professional Staff Congress
- Spivak Lipton LLP
- Theatrical Stage Employees Union, Local 1, IATSE
- United Federation of Teachers, Local 2, AFT

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