

Monday, July 1: “Color” your understanding of art at this [conversation](#) on abstraction, hue, and optical perception in painting and related media. [Whitney Museum of American Art](#).

Tuesday, July 2: Summon your courage to join the [Midnight Society](#)'s lineup of storytellers as they relate scary stories and the psychology behind them; this month's theme is “urban legends.” [Caveat](#).

Wednesday, July 3: We the people should head to this talk on [democracy](#) and whether it's ever really existed. [New York Public Library—Mid-Manhattan Library](#).

Thursday, July 4: Kick off your July 4 with an early morning [Dawn of Independence tour](#) exploring Lower Manhattan's Revolutionary-era spots, before heading to [Fraunces Tavern Museum](#)'s [Independence Day Open House](#).

Friday, July 5: Pack in some knowledge—and laughs—at [Encyclopedia Commedia](#), which bills itself as a “fast-paced and hilarious exploration of all the knowledge in the world (more or less [markedly less]).” [Caveat](#).

Saturday, July 6: Discover [Jackie O's New York](#) on this walking tour of sites related to the former first lady and her efforts in architectural preservation.

Sunday, July 7: Bring literature to life on this walking tour of the Lower East Side that draws inspiration from the children's classic [All-of-a-Kind Family](#). [Museum at Eldridge Street](#).

Monday, July 8: Re-examine the structure of women's lives with Chavisa Woods, as she shares her new book [100 Times: A Memoir of Sexism](#). [New York Public Library—Mid-Manhattan Library](#).

Tuesday, July 9: Cross species lines with primatologist [Frans de Waal](#) and a conversation about what animal consciousness reveals about human morality. [Pioneer Works](#).

Wednesday, July 10: Get a green thumb—and maybe even a “green heart”—at this talk on how to [make plants love you](#) and how plants can be good for self-care. [The New York Botanical Garden](#).

Thursday, July 11: You won't need to crash this celebration of writer Edmund White, with a slew of friends and family (and Edmund White himself) coming together for the tribute-cum-biography [Crashing Cathedrals: Edmund White by the Book](#). [Book Culture](#).

Friday, July 12: Travel back in time to a 19th century pleasure garden at [Green-Wood Cemetery](#)'s [Victorian-inspired Circus Extravaganza](#), which recreates the famed Niblo's Garden over two nights.

Saturday, July 13: Take in the [Lower East Side's art scene](#) on this tour of the neighborhood's galleries. [New York Gallery Tours](#).

Sunday, July 14: “Hop” over to Bushwick for this tour of “[Brewer's Row](#),” where many famed beer barons have been laid to rest, along with a look at Bushwick's brewing history and a special beer tasting.

Monday, July 15: Keep things private at this public debate on [spyware for mobile phones](#) and how it can be used to harass women and for child abuse. [The New School](#).

Tuesday, July 16: Put pen to paper at [the Writing Den](#), a special event that gives you the chance to return to hand-writing letters to loved ones. [Muhlenberg Library](#).

Wednesday, July 17: Parse what it means to fight for your country at this talk on military hero [George Marshall](#). [Bryant Park/Bryant Park Reading Room](#).

Thursday, July 18: Feast on this talk marking the 500th anniversary of [Leonardo da Vinci's](#) death, looking at da Vinci's work and the legendary feasts of his day. [92nd Street Y](#).

Friday, July 19: Blast off at this celebration of the 50th anniversary of [Apollo 11](#), which includes a talk with NASA's Noah Petro, deputy project scientist for the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter, and stargazing. [Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum](#).

Saturday, July 20: Discover the revitalization projects taking place on the Lower East Side on this [Layered SPURA walking tour](#) of the area's past, present, and future.

Sunday, July 21: Take one small step toward [The Town Hall](#) to celebrate 50 years since [the moon landing](#) with a play reading and a conversation involving Michael Collins, the command module pilot on Apollo 11.

Monday, July 22: Go behind bars with Buddhist teacher, scholar, and writer Cuong Lu, who shares his book [The Buddha in Jail: Restoring Lives, Finding Hope and Freedom](#), with vignettes from six years in the life of a prison chaplain. [Tibet House US](#).

Tuesday, July 23: Make progress at this talk on New York governor and 1928 Democratic presidential nominee [Alfred E. Smith](#) and his strain of American progressivism. [New York Public Library—Grand Central Library](#).

Wednesday, July 24: Queer your understanding of the American Revolution at this talk on [Deborah Sampson](#), who dressed as a man to fight in the Revolution, and how she fits into our current understanding of transgender identity. [New-York Historical Society](#).

Thursday, July 25: Be bivalve-curious at this [Brooklyn Historical Society](#) session on [Oysters 101](#), full of the culinary, historical, and environmental secrets of a half-shell staple.

Friday, July 26: Call yourself Ishmael at this special performance of excerpts from a new [Moby-Dick musical](#), performed beneath the Natural History Museum's iconic whale itself. [American Museum of Natural History](#).

Saturday, July 27: Understand yourself better at this workshop on [Buddhist psychology](#), including a guided meditation. [Rubin Museum of Art](#).

Sunday, July 28: Figure out what the Constitution means to you at this conversation between [What the Constitution Means to Me](#) creator Heidi Schreck and Harvard law professor Laurence Tribe. [92nd Street Y](#).

Monday, July 29: Be a trailblazer at this talk on the [Women's Film Pioneer Project](#), which spotlights little-known women who worked behind the scenes in Hollywood's earliest days. [Bryant Park/Bryant Park Reading Room](#).

Tuesday, July 30: Strategize how to attend this talk on how math can be used for [game strategies](#)—including how to win at Monopoly—and how those strategies connect to real life. [Museum of Mathematics](#).

Wednesday, July 31: Get a snapshot of the role that women have played in the history photography at this talk, which is held in conjunction with the Historical Society's new exhibition [LIFE: Six Women Photographers](#). [New-York Historical Society](#).