

# *The Evergreens Cemetery*

## *Quarterly Newsletter*



### ***FDNY Community Partners***

This Fall, The Evergreens Cemetery was honored to provide a site for elite members of the FDNY Rescue Squad 252 to practice Trench Rescue Training. The Evergreens grounds crew dug an 8 by 8 foot trench for members of the rescue squad to practice safety training drills. Trench rescue is one of the most challenging rescue events that emergency responders face today. We were delighted to be able to provide a safe environment for FDNY to work on skills that will help keep them safe from hazards they may encounter in the field and we look forward to partnering with our FDNY first responders in the future.



## Notable Resident

This article continues our series highlighting important people buried at The Evergreens Cemetery.



### Catherina Claus-Lipsius

Walking the grounds at The Evergreens Cemetery you'll see a number of stones with the Star of David, a symbol of the Jewish faith. Most people are familiar with this symbol that David wore on his shield when he fought Goliath. However, this symbol has been used throughout the ages for a number of different purposes.

If you were to buy a beer in Brooklyn in the mid to late 1800s you might notice what looks like a Star of David on the bottle. This was actually called the "Brewers Star" which had its origins in Bavaria and can be traced as far back as the late 1300s. The Brewers Star was used as part of the logo for the Claus-Lipsius Brewery in Brooklyn.

Catherina Claus (later Claus-Lipsius) moved from Germany to Brooklyn in 1853, with her husband Henry Claus. Henry opened the Henry Claus Brewery in Brooklyn in 1865, but died just 7 years later, leaving the fate of the brewery to his wife Catherina, and making her one of the first female CEOs in the New York area. Catherina and Henry are buried at The Evergreens Cemetery and her brewery is spotlighted on our upcoming tour.

Learn all about the Brewers Star, Catherina Claus-Lipsius and other fascinating Brooklyn beer lore on our upcoming tour: The Beer Barons of Bushwick at The Evergreens Cemetery. For more information please click [HERE](#).

## Upcoming Events at The Evergreens

### Arbor Day Celebration

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

**12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

We will hold a family-friendly Arbor Day event about trees at the Evergreens, including a tree climbing demonstration by a professional arborist, tree identification walk, tree and flower planting and art activities.

Free and open to the public. All Ages.

Registration is recommended but not required. See [HERE](#) for further information.



Arbor Day celebration 2018

### Hidden History Stroll: Walking Tours of The Evergreens

**Saturday, May 25th**  
**Saturday, June 15th**





**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

Join us for a walking tour as we explore the winding paths of the Evergreens on a walking tour. We will visit the gravesites of notable residents -- who reflect the racial and religious diversity of New York City -- including artists, actors, musicians and entertainers as well as some controversial personalities. We will learn about Victorian funerary symbols and styles as well as secret societies and their mysterious

memorials. The tour will also include a trip inside our normally closed to the public Receiving Vault as well as other surprises.

Registration is recommended but not required. \$10 suggested donation. Register [HERE](#).

## *Brewers Row: The Beer Barons of Bushwick at The Evergreens Cemetery*



**Sunday, May 5, 2019**

**12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

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Brooklyn was the center of the American brewing industry in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and Bushwick formed the heart of this thriving industry, with more breweries than any other part of Brooklyn.

On this tour, we will learn about the lives of these beer barons as we walk

down Brewers Row, where several notable beer barons are entombed in lavish mausoleums. We will learn about a brewer whose elaborate Egyptian Revival mausoleum was inspired by the discovery of King Tut's tomb in 1922, and hear the tale of a successful brewer whose business survived prohibition, only to be destroyed by labor unrest. We will visit the grave of the owners of a "mom-and-pop" brewery whose famous nearby mansion is now a designated City Landmark, and speculate about the mysterious death of a brewer who may have been the victim of a serial arsonist.

The tour will be led by James Henry, tour guide at The Evergreens. Following the tour we will gather for a beer tasting co-sponsored by Bridge and Tunnel Brewery. Brewmaster Rich will share the history of his brewery and the stories behind the brews as we pay homage to the rich legacy of the beer barons of Bushwick.

Registration is required. Register [HERE](#).

## *Stargazing with the Amateur Astronomers Association of New York*

**Friday, May 10, 2019**

**7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

We will welcome the public to observe and learn about the stars with members of the Amateur Astronomers Association of New York.



Registration is recommended but not required. Register [HERE](#).

Photo courtesy of Stan Honda

## *Recent Events at The Evergreens*

## Third Annual Easter Eggstravaganza

On Saturday April 13, 2019 we welcomed over 300 members of the community for our Third Annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Participants enjoyed an egg hunt, a visit from the Easter Bunny, a magic show, and petting zoo all on the beautiful grounds of the Evergreens Cemetery. The event was free and open to the public and a good time was had by all.



*We would like to thank Carbone Memorials Inc for sponsoring this event.*



## New Trees for The Evergreens

What improves property values, reduces air particulate matter, cools city heat islands in the summer and provides beautiful shade, color and texture to a neighborhood? The answer is TREES! And the Evergreens has more than 2,500 trees throughout its beautiful expansive grounds. Caring for these magnificent trees is a major focus at The

Evergreens, and tree walks and tree education programs at The Evergreens are popular – the next one is on Saturday April 27th (click [HERE](#) for more info).



Many of the Evergreens trees are magnificent mature specimens planted long ago, perhaps more than 100 years ago, and still growing beautifully – to the delight of our visitors. Large graceful ash, oak, beech and evergreens throughout the grounds attest to the longevity of many species.

But the natural life cycle of a tree also means that replacements are necessary. Now, thanks to support from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Urban and Community Forest program, the Evergreens has embarked on an ambitious new tree planting program.

Over the next two years, we will be planting more than 200 trees throughout historic grounds. Plantings will be in keeping with influence of the Cemetery's original renowned historic landscape architect, Andrew Jackson Downing. At the Cemetery's main entrance on Bushwick, a generous selection of new young evergreens welcomes visitors to our historic grounds.

Then, throughout the winding roads of the cemetery, the historic tree allées have been supplemented by new young trees to replace those that have fallen as a result of age or damage from Super Storm Sandy and Hurricane's Lee and Irene.

As a result of its focus and care for its trees, The Evergreens Cemetery was invited to make a presentation on tree stewardship at the NYS DEC ReLeaf conference in New York City. We invite you to come and experience the beauty of the Evergreens trees.





Trees grace the Cemetery's grounds in all seasons.



Young trees planted at the main Bushwick Avenue entrance



## March is Ladder Safety Month

Every year more than 700 workers are fatally injured and thousands suffer disabling injuries in ladder-related incidents. To promote ladder safety in the workplace, the Evergreens Cemetery held a ladder safety training program with all of its groundskeeping crew. The program coincided with National Ladder Safety

Month which takes place every March and is intended to raise awareness of ladder safety and to decrease the number of ladder-related injuries and fatalities. The program featured ladder safety tips including how to follow the three point rule while climbing ladders, two hands and a foot or two feet and a hand. It also taught the 1 to 4 rule, that the base of a ladder should be spaced 1 foot away for every 4 feet it reaches up. The program was taught by Rob English, Guillermo Riquero and Juan Matteo. Next month the Evergreens will be hosting excavation safety for all its grounds crew. The Evergreens maintains its strong commitment to safety in the workplace and looks forward to continued success in decreasing workplace injuries.

## Support Us

We are committed to maintaining our beautiful historic cemetery, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and offering our green space to our community through a wide variety of programs. Your support helps make our this possible. It allows us to offer historical tours, tours of cemetery architecture and art, tree walks, stargazing, bird walks, Easter and Halloween events for local children, and other events. We are grateful for your support in helping us fulfill our mission.

Your tax-deductible donation may be made by credit card through PayPal or mailing a check to:

The Evergreens Cemetery Preservation Foundation  
1629 Bushwick Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11207

To make a donation through PayPal please click [HERE](#).



## Making Arrangements

The Evergreens Cemetery provides a beautiful final resting place for loved ones, and we are pleased to discuss the variety of options available.

Contact:  
Damaris Rodriguez  
Family Service Counselor

## Research

We welcome genealogical inquiries. Please contact the office at [info@theevergreenscemetery.org](mailto:info@theevergreenscemetery.org) or tel. 718-455-5300 for further information.

## Cemetery Hours

Grounds are open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please consult our website or contact the office for holiday closures.

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