



## ***Calling All Nature Lovers!***

Summer is here. It's time to get outside and volunteer! Opportunities abound in gardens, museums and festivals in New York City. Stay cool, use sunscreen and bug spray, have fun and make a difference!



## **Battery Dance Festival**



Battery Dance presents the 37th Annual Dance Festival with free outdoor performances August 12 to 17 at Robert F. Wagner, Jr. Park and a free indoor closing event at Pace University on August 18.

Against the backdrop of New York Harbor, an outstanding roster of international dancers and choreographers will present original works of diverse dance styles.

# BATTERY DANCE

Volunteers are needed to help with daily production set-up, hosting entrance tables, greeting audience members and handing out playbills.

The volunteer shifts are:

### **August 12 - 17**

10 am - 1 pm

1 pm - 6 pm

6 pm - 10 pm

### **August 18**

3 pm - 9 pm

Call Natalia Mesa, 212-219-3910 or email [natalia@batterydance.org](mailto:natalia@batterydance.org)

## **Friends of Governors Island**



Volunteer on Governors Island this summer! Governors Island relies on dedicated volunteers to keep this incredible public space welcoming and beautiful for all.

**GOVERNORS ISLAND**

Volunteer opportunities include:

**Island Ambassador:** Welcome visitors to Governors Island by giving directions, answering questions, and informing visitors about events and activities happening around the Island. Volunteers must be 16 or older and commit to a minimum of 8 hours per month.

**Governors Gardener:** Get your hands dirty tending to the Island's sprawling meadows, young forest groves, beautiful flowerbeds, and brand new landscaped hillsides. Volunteers must be 18 or older and commit to a minimum of 8 hours per month. Gardening experience is a plus, but not required.

Interested volunteers can learn more and fill out an application at [\*\*https://govisland.com/get-involved/volunteer\*\*](https://govisland.com/get-involved/volunteer)



# **Central Park Conservancy**



Central Park is the most frequently visited urban park in the United States.

**Gardener's Assistant Program.** Gardener's Assistants commit to working a regular weekly schedule with a Conservancy Zone Gardener, helping meet the horticulture and maintenance needs of a particular zone. By regularly working in the same zone with a member of the Conservancy staff alongside other volunteers, you'll develop a great deal of knowledge, ownership, and pride about your area of the Park. All shifts are 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.



**Greeter Program.** Help the Conservancy meet the informational needs of Central Park's 42 million annual visitors from all over the world. Whether they are from far-away places or are New Yorkers who use the Park regularly, many visitors need help navigating the Park or have general interest questions. You can sign up to be a Walking Greeter, Kiosk Greeter or Visitor Center Greeter.

As a Gardener's Assistant and/or Greeter, you must attend a **Volunteer Open House** to get started.

All positions require some prior knowledge of the Park and completion of mandatory training which includes a group interview, several classroom sessions, and multiple one-on-one mentoring shifts in the Park with experienced volunteers.

Call the Volunteer Hotline 212-360-2751 or sign up at **[www.centralparknyc.org/support/volunteer](http://www.centralparknyc.org/support/volunteer)** or email **[volunteer@centralparknyc.org](mailto:volunteer@centralparknyc.org)**.

## **Prospect Park Alliance**



Volunteers are active in Prospect Park from April to November, and contribute to its well-being through a range of landscape and horticultural projects. The Alliance offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals, groups, the young, and families.



In addition to pitching in with outdoor projects, volunteers collaborate with staff and assist with educational programs, special events, program development and administrative work.

Sign up online at [\*\*https://www.prospectpark.org/get-involved/volunteer/\*\*](https://www.prospectpark.org/get-involved/volunteer/)



## *Dyckman Farmhouse Museum*



The Dyckman Farmhouse Museum is located in a small park at the corner of Broadway and 204th Street. The Dutch Colonial Style farmhouse was built on this site circa 1785 and it opened as a museum in 1916. The museum has two volunteer programs: Education and Gardening

Garden Volunteers help plant and weed as well as participate in special projects.

Education Volunteers design, facilitate, teach and help run programs as well as greet visitors and work on any number of projects.

Contact Naiomy Rodriguez at 212-304-9422 or email Naiomy at [naiomy.rodriguez@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:naiomy.rodriguez@parks.nyc.gov) or sign up [here](#)



## *The Love Yourself Project*



The Love Yourself Project invites you to join the Art and Landscaping team at SAGE! We are bringing life to SAGE's Harlem Center with our new Rainbow Garden!



The Love Yourself Project  
Healing Our World With Art & Self-love

In the "Rainbow Garden" classes you will enjoy the opportunity to get your hands dirty as we learn about a variety of plants and how landscape design can transform a place where you can relax, be calm and enjoy your view. Beautifying our environment is a big part of loving yourselves.

The beautification takes place each Tuesday in Sage's Harlem court yard. We hope to create a welcoming space where new relationships will bloom.

Who is this for? **All Seniors 60+** Whether you have an eye for gardening or just like pretty flowers, everyone is welcome. No experience is necessary. Come and bring your friends. Starting on June 5th – All Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 pm.

To join the Art and Landscaping team at SAGE email Michael Mut at [michael@loveyourselfproject.org](mailto:michael@loveyourselfproject.org).



## *9/11 Memorial & Museum*



### **Summer Youth & Family Tour Volunteer.**

Youth & Family Tour volunteers assist with the operation of all Youth & Family Tours on the Memorial Plaza. Volunteers greet visitors at the outdoor Memorial Tour Cart, assist with checking in visitors for their tours and answering questions. Volunteers also support the tour leader by monitoring tour participants. The tours run on weekday mornings, mid-June until the end of August. We recommend volunteers do one 4-hour shift per week, 9 am-1 pm. **Minimum age: 16.**



Sign up on line at <https://www.911memorial.org/get-involved> or call Lindsay Watts, volunteer director at 212-857.0151.



# **Summer Streets**

**An iconic New York City Event -August 4th, 11th and 18th**



Do you like New York City? Do you like cycling, running or walking? Do you like ziplines or climbing walls? Do you like yoga or fitness? If your answer is yes to any of these questions, **register to volunteer** at Summer Streets to help make the streets come alive with exciting programming and activities!

Volunteers will assist with crowd control, handing out free giveaways and much more!

Volunteers can work a morning shift, an afternoon shift or work both shifts. All volunteers will receive a commemorative shirt and Goody Bag packed with great gifts and snacks from our sponsors.

Sign up today to become a volunteer at Summer Streets 2018 and help make magic on the streets of NYC. **CLICK HERE** to register today!

**\*\*Please Note\*\*** Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and must be able to work outside in variable weather conditions.

## *Need More Ideas?*

The Volunteer Referral Center has been helping New Yorkers find great volunteer opportunities for 29 years. With over 275 partner agencies, VRC will guide you to a perfect match.

To schedule a free appointment call 212-889-4805 or sign up at <http://volunteer-referral.com/volunteer-opportunities-2/>.



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