

# Our Roots Run Deep

History lives in NYC's parks

Explore with a membership to the Historic House Trust

No question about it, public parks have become increasingly important to our well-being during this extraordinary year. Fortunately, beyond offering much needed respite, NYC's open spaces—especially those parks that surround the Historic House Trust's 23 partner house museums—are deeply rooted in history and in the communities that have grown around them. As our partner museums begin to safely reopen to the public (we will keep our members updated!), experience the unexpected historic delights within these sites' grounds and parks. From meticulously restored gardens to farm pastures that date back to 1697, and from little-known architectural surprises to the living history found in heritage herbs, orchards, and livestock, NYC's past is deeply rooted in every step you take at these historic sites.

**Become a member of the Historic House Trust** and in addition to your member perks (full benefits on reverse), you will become an instrumental part of our mission that celebrates the vibrant history living under your feet, in the parks and sites preserved in your own backyard. Below are ideas to kick start your open space adventures. Get out there and stay safe!



**Keeping Queens Green** Encompassing 47 acres, the **Queens County Farm Museum** is NYC's largest area of undisturbed farmland, continuously operated since 1697. Even during the shutdown the farm continued to grow fresh produce to feed its community, and the site has now reopened so visitors can once again witness agricultural history in action. Visit on weekends this fall to experience the site's autumnal charms, with the Amazing Maize Maze adventure, live bluegrass music, locally crafted brews, and a ramble among the historic farm buildings. Make sure to say hello to the heritage livestock who call Queens home!

**Forever Wild** The splendidly restored terraced gardens of the **Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum** are worth a entire visit on their own, but if you're up for a walk on the wild side, explore the surrounding Pelham Bay Park. NYC's largest park, this natural area's flora and fauna are protected by the NYC Parks Forever Wild Program. After hiking these urban wilderness trails, visit the mansion's newly established heritage apple orchard, which recalls the estate's 19<sup>th</sup>-century plantings. And don't miss the authentically fabricated Lenape wigwam, which hosts interactive school programs where history meets anthropology and environmental stewardship.



**History Comes Alive** More than just a museum, **Historic Richmond Town** is an open-air experience that brings NYC's past to life on 100 acres of Staten Island parkland. Meander among 30 historic structures from the 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries—including a courthouse, railroad stations, a tavern, and even several privies—that tell the story of rural living. Stop for a frozen treat at Egger's Ice Cream, a Staten Island institution since 1932, at their outpost housed in a new "old" 1920s American diner (built for filming HBO's *Boardwalk Empire*). Or celebrate the arrival of autumn with hay rides and pumpkin picking at Decker Farm starting in October.

To purchase a membership online, please visit [www.historichousetrust.org](http://www.historichousetrust.org).

# Our Members Help HHT Grow

Members are the building blocks of our work. For the past 30 years, member support has helped HHT operate in partnership with the NYC Parks Department to preserve, promote, and provide expertise to our 23 partner historic sites. Your financial contribution ensures that they remain enriching cultural resources for New Yorkers and visitors alike.

Choose the membership level below that's right for you, and help keep history firmly rooted in our daily lives.

**Simply fill out this form and mail it back in the envelope provided, or visit our website to join online!**

Questions? Please contact Giulietta Fiore at [giulietta.fiore@historichousetrust.org](mailto:giulietta.fiore@historichousetrust.org) or 212-360-8721.

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