

10th Street Times

Far West 10th Street Block Association Newsletter

Fall 2006

The Far West 10th Street Block Association Street Fair, scheduled for Saturday, September 16 (rain date: September 17), is nearly upon us. This year we've tried to solicit more vendors in the arts, particularly painters and ceramicists. We made a start last year by chance, and now we'd like to do it more purposefully. We'll also be welcoming back many of our regulars, with children's books, vintage clothing, hand-crafted jewelry, and the always popular "household items," which you'll NEVER see at a tube-sock and Italian-sausage street fair.

The Fair Committee invites block association members to

< Come to the fair, shop, enjoy the sunshine, meet some neighbors at the block association tables. Our famous raffle table will be better than ever. Last year we had nearly 50 raffle prizes—dinners for two at local restaurants, gift certificates to local boutiques and businesses—tickets have been printed and are being sold, prizes are being solicited, and raffle prize donors continue to support the work of the block association with their generosity. Enclosed with this newsletter, you'll find a packet of tickets. Send the stub(s) back with payment and we'll pop the stubs in the raffle drum. Let us know if you'd like to help out by selling more tickets to your family, friends, and co-workers.

< Volunteer to pull the fair together. You can staff the Raffle Table for a spell, put up fliers, sell raffle tickets before the fair, help vendors find their spots Saturday morning, haul the

block tables and supplies up from our storage space, push a broom up the street when the party's over.

< There are a few spaces left. Again this year, active members (those who've attended three meetings or more during the past year) may reserve a 10-foot space for \$25, and inactive

Reminder

Monthly block association meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at Village Community School. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 5, 2006, at 7:30 pm. The focus of this meeting will be the preparation of the street fair. All volunteers are welcome to attend this meeting. Any help would be most appreciated.

Annual Harbor Jaunt



Mariners from the neighborhood set out from Pier 40 last June 10 for the annual Community Boat Ride around the harbor. Box lunches from the Gray Dog on Garmin Street were once more offered from the galley, and folks could enjoy the passing scenery from three levels. It was cool and windy, drizzly sometimes, and tested the sea legs of more than one salt. The ship circled around Governor's Island, and we spotted the newly appointed Brooklyn cruise ship terminal in the East River. Spotted? You couldn't miss it. The Brooklyn shoreline has changed dramatically with the "development" of its waterfront.

ADELAIDE

Michael Adams

After years of melancholy emptiness, the garage space at West 10th and Greenwich Streets (formerly home of the much-beloved and much-missed community bookstore run by Bill and Eileen Bowser) has blossomed into Adelaide, a store as glowing and stylish as the bookstore was charming and unkempt.

Owned by Michael Smith (who laughs that he has "been around forever"), Adelaide is an offshoot of his wildly popular Sullivan Street store, Depression Modern, a Soho staple since 1978. With Adelaide (an old family name, says Smith), he has created a home for more unusual pieces than those featured in the flagship shop. "Depression Modern is strictly focused on the 20's and 40's, whereas Adelaide will cover pieces from the 20's to the 60's. This allows me to play more," he says. "I don't have to be so strict."

Those who pass Adelaide have been entranced by the shop's 15-foot window with its arresting displays, including a 1936 Schwinn bicycle and a boat that once served as an amusement park ride. (For one day, there were gigantic Christmas ornaments that Smith displayed

there for a holiday photo shoot.)

Inside, the pieces are beautifully displayed in a small (450 square foot) duplex space that invites serious browsing and even more serious credit card damage. "There is such interesting stuff in the store," says Smith, whose antiques expertise has been in the service of a handful of 30's-era Woody Allen movies, including *The Purple Rose of Cairo*; Smith worked with the set designer Santo Loquasto to give those films their impeccable style. With Adelaide he hopes to extract his pieces from the often too-precious sensibility of Sotheby's and Christie's. "Everyone is getting too fussy about things," he says. "I just want to bring back the old fashioned antique store." (702 Greenwich Street (212) 627-0508; business hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 12-7 pm)



NYC PETS IN HOUSING

Pets are the unacknowledged roommates of numerous NYC residents, and many other residents would love to choose a cat or dog to join their household. Existing NYC law provides that if a tenant has kept a pet openly for three months or more with the landlord's knowledge and within this three-month timeframe the landlord does not initiate legal action to enforce, the no-pet clause is considered waived. If the animal dies and the tenant chooses another pet, the landlord has an additional three-month period to enforce the no-pet clause. NYC Councilman Tony Avella introduced new legislation, Intro. No. 13 (a revision of Intro. No. 189), stating that once a landlord waives a no-pet clause, a rental tenant can replace pets who have died or are no longer living in the apartment with another pet of the same species. Intro. No. 13 applies only to rental tenants excluding co-op and condo rentals. Tenants with well-behaved pets should not be forced to live in fear of choosing between their home and their pet.

Passage of this law would provide dual benefits for both animals and humans. Pets provide security and companionship, and the emotional and physical aspects of these benefits have been documented in research studies. Consequently, this law would probably provide a potential home for some of the thousands of animals in the city shelters. Forbidding pet ownership in rental apartments is another form of discrimination by landlords; federal law grants tenants in public housing the right to have pets. Contact the following City Council Members to urge them to support Intro. No. 13:

Speaker Christine Quinn; phone: (212) 788-7210; quinn@council.nyc.ny.us.

Councilmember Erik Dilan, Chair of the Housing and Buildings Committee; phone: 212-788-7284; emdilan@council.nyc.ny.us.

Recently, Assemblywoman Debra Glick co-sponsored legislation entitled The Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act 2006. This piece of legislation requires the Disaster Preparedness Commission to include programs to assist individuals with pets in the means of evacuation, shelter, and transportation items in the event of a disaster. Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and September 11th in NYC are poignant reminders of the special bond between human and animal. Hopefully this legislation will be readily accepted.



West 10th Street Planting Party

On the first Saturday in May, residents took to the tree pits to plant some much needed green around our tree pits. A total of 20 tree pits were cleaned and planted along West 10th. Funds from the street fair contribute to this annual spring passage.

In Memoriam

Joe Kieley longtime bartender at Julius', West 10th and Waverly, died suddenly on May 22 of a heart attack. He was taken to New York Downtown Hospital (Beekman), but could not be revived.

Joe was a Vietnam war veteran and received the Medal of Honor. He was also a champion darts player and competed in tournaments in Brooklyn. Said Grace Foster at the time, "The patrons at Julius' were shocked and extremely saddened at the news. He was like *The Quiet Man*" Friends gathered at St. John's Church on Christopher Street on June 17 for a memorial service, which was followed by a gathering of more than 100 friends at Julius'. Joe served as the treasurer for the Lamppost Campaign and was active in raising funds for Julius' bishop's crook lamppost, which was dedicated in June 2005. The plaque on the lamppost, which reads, "In Memory of Our Friends," now has an added poignancy.

—Tom Bernardin

Dressing Up on W 10th

Several new shops catering to fashion accessories and clothing are making their debut:

Soixante Neuf Boutique (225 W 10th) LA native Joie specializes in exotic sandals (made in Bali), sleek underwear (made in Vermont), vermeil jewelry (gold and rose gold) made in her studio on Bank Street. She carries elegant handbags from a select group of designers. Check out her trademark lockets.

Phoenix Roze (183 W 10th) Owner and designer Guy presents his own creations in 14K gold and stones and features jewelry custom-made by several others who create items in silver. A mens line is in the works.

Miguelina (Bleecker/West 10th) In the site formerly occupied by DETAILS, flirty dresses and urban wear will compete with the other frocks being sold on Bleecker Street.

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Enclosed is ___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ Other

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