

West 104th Street

BLOCK ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Annual West 104th Street Yard Sale Revolutionizes Bargain Hunting

At the 23rd Annual West 104th Street Yard Sale on September 29, neighborhood sellers and buyers refined the art of the bargain hunt, transforming the parallel curbsides from West End to Riverside into gallery rows where connoisseurs indulged their caviar tastes with only cream-cheese budgets.



To prepare for the onslaught of collectors and critics, local dealers arrived before 9:00 AM, inhaled the damp air, and surveyed the gray skies. Like a painter considering her palette, each eyed her stock of recycled treasures: jewelry, jackets, dresses, board games, decorative objects, and household items ready for a new setting to enhance their luster. Guided by a classical aesthetic, some arranged their merchandise with careful attention to balance and proportion. Taking an abstract expression approach, others scattered objects and indulged their impulse to “do it as I feel it.”

After adding their finishing touches, they assembled at the breakfast counter to plan strategy and to assess their prospects over coffee and bagels. As their public arrived, they held their breath in anticipation of high-pressure hagglers and aggressive bickerers.

By 10:00 AM, the street began to fill with connoisseurs of the rare buy. Wandering from stall to stall, they examined the merchandise and evaluated prospective purchases, appraising value in accordance with deeply held beliefs about the essence of beauty, the enigma of the sublime, the color scheme of their family den, and the tendency of a particular cut or style to make them appear pudgy.

When an item declared its essentiality for happiness in life to a buyer, he approached the dealer and opened negotiations with a clever gambit, such as, “How much?” Frequently, he amplified this stratagem by pointing a forefinger at the item. When the dealer deftly countered by asking how ten bucks sounded, the buyer nodded approval and offered a handshake to seal the deal.

To celebrate, buyer and dealer headed to the refreshment

stand for a hot dog and hamburger with all the trimmings. Arriving, they encountered an array of never-before-offered option: guacamole, tortilla chips, and quesadillas donated to the Block Association by Papasito, Mexican grill and agave bar located on the east side of Bway (104th/105th Streets).

Fortified with spices and condiments from south and north of the border, they prepared to explore the Yard Sale. From the top of the block throughout the day, they heard strains of live music: the blues of Frank Schaap and Josh Levine, the jazz of guitarist Joe Giglio, the pop tunes of Foley Road, and the soul of Shalah Edwards and the Shaylettes.

Near the performance stage, they dug their way through mounds of second-hand knick-knacks and conversation pieces on the tables of ‘What-A-Bargain’—the ultimate bargain basement conveniently located above ground.

Next door, they stopped to purchase a ticket at the 50/50 Raffle, which would collect a total of \$1,745 by day’s end and the winner, Abigail Jacob, would receive \$872.50, half the receipts. Before making a purchase at the nearby Bake Sale, they allowed their eyes and imaginations to wander among the unique creations from neighborhood kitchens.



Proceeding to the Silent Auction, they placed bids on donated valuables and gift certificates from stores, restaurants, and museums. Reaching the Book Sale, they stocked up on second-hand volumes and CDs, taking advantage of the uniform price of just one dollar.

As dinner time approached, buyers and sellers joined forces to dismantle the stalls, to pack up the few remaining unsold items, to prepare the garbage pick up for the Sanitation Department, to transform the block back into a quiet residential neighborhood, and to congratulate themselves on raising \$6,500 to keep our community, safe, well-maintained, and beautiful.

WEST 104 STREET BLOCK ASSOCIATION 2012 YARD SALE PRELIMINARY REPORT

Income

Vendor Tables	\$3,225.00
Raffle tickets	1,745.00
What-a-Bargain	628.55
Breakfast/Bakery	814.40
Food and beverage	1,101.34
Books	974.00
T-shirts	161.00
Silent Auction	1,775.00

Total **10,424.29** **10,424.29**

Disbursements

Port-o-san	233.19
Permits	85.50
Flyer printing	285.20
Insurance	300.00
Supplies	78.38
T-shirts	372.04
Food and beverage	457.81
Breakfast/Bakery	58.48
Entertainment	1,000.00
Tips/thank yous	140.00
Gift cards	40.00
Raffle payout	872.50

Total **3,833.90** **3,833.90**

NET **6,590.39**

This report includes income and expenses incurred over a period of months. It is not intended to correlate to the Sept. 2012 financial report.

In Memoriam

We sadly announce the recent passing of Wells Jenkins, long time resident of 905 WEA, and former Board member of the W. 104th St. Block Assn. Our sympathy goes to her mother, Pat Jenkins. She will be missed by all who knew her.

W 104 ST BLOCK ASSN FINANCIAL REPORT September 2012

Opening Balance (9/01/12) **\$39,352.97**

Income

Dues, individual	\$355.00
Newsletter ads	80.00
Yard Sale	3,339.00
Interest	5.65
Total	+3,779.65 +3,779.65

Disbursements

Guard service	1,327.44
Guard supplement	100.00
Yard Sale	268.14
Printing and mailing	13.50
Total	-1,709.08 -1,709.08

Other **+100.00**

Closing Balance (9/30/12) **\$41,523.54**

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Tree Guard Update



Work continues as you shown in these photos from our visit to the factory. Guards are being welded together shortly they will be shipped to electroplater for their anti-rust treatment. After treatment is completed they go back to the fabricator for a final coating with epoxy paint and are then ready for installation which is scheduled to start around Thanksgiving. We will have an update in our next issue.

Board of Directors, West 104th Street Block Association.

Neighborhood News: Hallowe'en



The W. 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association will host its annual Halloween Parade on Wednesday, Oct. 31 at 6 pm. Parents and costumed children line up 102nd St. between WEA and Riverside (closed to traffic till 8pm), before the Spooky Stroll around the block. Refreshments and many activities await. All are welcome. For more information or to volunteer, Marc Reiner at 212.278.1449 or mreiner@andersonkill.com. All 104th St. children are invited to join the Parade and festivities. Watch for posters.

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To 10/26 3 Dimension 2 – Sculpture and Sculpture

Drawings. Works of Jeff Miller, 895 WEA resident at Atlantic Gallery, 528 W 28th St, #540. Tues-Sat 12 to 6PM; Thurs to 9.

10/17 Selected Shorts: An Evening with David Mitchell, author of *Cloud Atlas* and *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet*, Peter Sharp Theater, Symphony Space. 7:30PM. \$28.

10/19 The Symphonic Ellington. MSM Jazz Philharmonic Orchestra with Justin DiCioccio, Conductor. The Manhattan School of Music, Borden Auditorium, 122nd and Bway. 7:30PM. \$12 Adults, \$7 Seniors. www.msmyc.edu

10/20 Mr. Gershwin Goes to Washington. NY Festival of Song, Merkin Concert Hall, 129 W 67 St. 90 minutes. 8 pm. Call 212.501.3330 for tickets.

10/25 MSM Philharmonia, David Gilbert, Conductor. Music by Haydn, Dvorak and Stravinsky.. MSM Borden Auditorium, 122nd & Bway. 7:30PM. \$12 Adults, \$7 Seniors.

10/26 Procession of the Ghouls. Organist Timothy Brumfield plays the Great Organ to accompany a screening of the original *Nosferatu* (1922), followed by a procession of ghosts and ghouls. Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 112th and Amsterdam. 7 and 10 PM \$20.00.

10/28 PhilharMONSTER. Young goblins and ghouls of InterSchool Orchestras perform spooky classics for families. Peter Jay Sharp Theater at Symphony Space. 4PM. \$15.

10/31 Halloween Parade. Gather at the Soldier's Monument (89th and RSD) in costume, follow bagpipers to the Hippo Playground for cider and donuts. 3:45 – 5:45PM. FREE.

11/1 Metropolitan Opera Brass Concert, music by Giovanni Gabrieli's. Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 112th and Amsterdam. 8PM \$25.00 Seniors \$10.00.

11/2 Manhattan Hong Kong Music Festival. Join the MSM Symphony Orchestra for music by Mozart. Borden Auditorium, 122nd & Bway. 7:30PM. \$20 Adults, \$12 Seniors.

11/3 Community Health Fair, sponsored by Assembly Member O'Donnell. FREE Eye, Blood Pressure, Glucose, and Cholesterol Screenings! Frederick Douglass Center, 885 Columbus Ave. @ 104th St. 11 am – 3 pm.

11/4 Itzhak Perlman: Fiddling for the Future & Perlman in Shanghai. Film of Itzhak Perlman shares teaching and coaching and rehearsal sessions at the Perlman Music

Program and the Juilliard School and in Shanghai. Leonard Nimoy Thalia at Symphony Space. 7:30PM. FREE.

11/16, 11/18 Opera Scenes: Love Delayed and Denied.

MSM Philharmonic Orchestra performs operatic scenes., Borden Auditorium, 122nd and Bway. 7:30PM (11/16) 2:30PM (11/18). \$12 Adults, \$7 Seniors.

11/17 The Gustafer Yellowgold Show, a multimedia experience. Peter Jay Sharp Theater at Symphony Space. 11:00AM. Adults \$25, Kids \$15

11/28 Selected Shorts: Comedy! Alec Baldwin and others perform hilarious and wacky fictions. Peter Jay Sharp Theater, Symphony Space. 7:30PM. \$28.

12/4 Oliver Nelson's Blues and the Abstract Truth. Join the MSM Chamber Jazz Ensemble Borden Auditorium, 122nd and Bway. 7:30PM. \$12 Adults, \$7 Seniors.

12/5, 12/7, 12/9 Thais by Jules Massenet. Manhattan School of Music at Borden Auditorium, 122nd and Bway. 7:30PM. 12/5, 12/7 2:30PM 12/9 \$30 Adults, \$15 Seniors.

12/8 Cathedral Christmas Concert: A Ceremony of Carols Cathedral Choirs and Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*. Cathedral of St. John the Divine, 112th & Amsterdam. 7:30PM FREE

12/12 Selected Shorts: An Evening with Radiolab. A collaboration with public radio show and podcast. Peter Jay Sharp Theater at Symphony Space. 7:30PM. \$28.

12/12 Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. The drama of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde unfold in a psychoanalytic tale of horror merged with an electric repertoire that includes music by Pfitzner, Strauss, Mahler, and more. Leonard Nimoy Thalia at Symphony Space. 8:00PM. \$47.00.

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West 104th Street
Yard Sale

Scenes from the 23rd Yard Sale



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Breakfast: Alex Grannis and Miriam Duhan

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Entertainment: Beverly Block

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