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Discover Bartow-Pell Day is Saturday, October 11th *FREE Day at the Museum Includes Lots of Family-Friendly Activities*

Bronx, NY, September 29, 2014—Explore all Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum (BPMM) has to offer on **Saturday, October 11, from noon to 4:00 pm** at Discover Bartow-Pell Day: We're More than a Mansion. As part of the 12th annual Open House NY weekend, the museum will offer free tours of the 1840s mansion and carriage house with costumed docents, guided walks through the newly restored 1916 formal sunken garden, wigwam explorations, children's games and crafts, trails to hike, bric-a-brac tables for shopping, live music, and more.

For two days every October, OHNY Weekend unlocks the doors to New York's most important buildings, offering an extraordinary opportunity to experience the city and meet the people who design, build, and preserve New York. From historic to contemporary, residential to industrial, hundreds of sites across the five boroughs are open to visit, with tours, talks, performances, and other special events taking place over the course of the weekend.

"Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is so much more than just a beautiful 19th-century Greek Revival mansion," said Ellen Bruzelius, Executive Director of BPMM. "We've put together a day of varied and fun activities for all ages that reflect all we have to offer. We hope people will take the opportunity to see what we're all about on Saturday, October 11th."

Four centuries of history can be explored at the museum's country like setting in the northeast corner of Pelham Bay Park—the city's largest. From the authentically reproduced Northeast Woodlands wigwam of the first Bronx natives or the 18th-century Pell family cemetery to 19th-century children's games like hoops and graces or the 20th-century story of the mansion's restoration in the exhibition *Grandes Dames and Grand Plans: 100 Years of History at Bartow-Pell*, there's much to discover. Husband and wife duo Cracked Walnuts add to the fun with traditional American folk songs accompanied by banjo and washboard.

Co-sponsored by Pelham Bay Park administration, Discover Bartow-Pell Day is **FREE** and open to public. Activities commence at noon and continue throughout the day until 4:00 pm. Rain date is Sunday, October 12, 12–4 p.m. Driving directions can be found on the museum website at www.bpmm.org. Parking is across the street at the Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Courses, 870 Shore Road. The Museum is accessible via public transportation on the Westchester Bee-line Bus System #45 bus. If coming from Manhattan or the southern Bronx, take the #6 Lexington Avenue Local subway to Pelham Bay Park Subway Station and take the Westchester Bee-line #45 bus. If coming from Westchester, the bus can be picked up in Eastchester, New Rochelle, or Pelham. The Westchester Bee-line bus accepts Metro Cards. Bus fare is \$2.50.

Registration requested at 718-885-1461 or via email at info@bpmm.org.

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ABOUT THE BARTOW-PELL MANSION MUSEUM

A New York City Landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum (BPMM) is owned by the City of New York Department of Parks & Recreation and is a member of the Historic House Trust of New York City. It is operated by the private, non-profit Bartow-Pell Conservancy. The Bartow-Pell Conservancy, originally known as the International Garden Club, was formed in 1914 by a group passionate about horticulture. That year, New York City gave them permission to use the Bartow family mansion on Pelham Bay in the Bronx, as their headquarters in exchange for restoring it, creating public gardens and programs, and preserving it for generations to come. The International Garden Club officially changed its name to the Bartow-Pell Conservancy in 2008 as well its membership model to that of a typical cultural organization. BPMM is located at 895 Shore Road, Pelham Bay Park, Bronx, New York. The mansion and carriage house are open to the public for guided tours on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The gardens and grounds are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to dusk. For more information about Bartow-Pell, visit www.bpmm.org.