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Introduction

The **NYC ARTS Cultural Guide for Seniors: Queens** was developed in cooperation with the City of New York, which has declared its commitment to make the city friendlier to senior citizens through its program Age-Friendly NYC: Enhancing Our City's Livability for Older New Yorkers. This guide has information about 29 cultural organizations in Queens and the special senior programs or discounts for seniors they offer. It is one part of a citywide guide that includes Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island editions.

The **NYC ARTS Cultural Guide for Seniors** is a natural extension of the Alliance for the Arts' online cultural guide and calendar, NYC-ARTS.org, which was built with support from the City of New York. Profiles of more than 950 arts organizations across the city and details of their thousands of cultural events can be found every day on NYC-ARTS.org.

How to Use This Guide

This guide can be read as a printed document or on a computer as a PDF, using the free software program Adobe Reader. If you read this guide on a computer and have an Internet connection, you can click on the cultural group's name or Web site address to reach the group's expanded description on NYC-ARTS.org or its Web site, respectively.

Cultural groups in this guide appear in alphabetical order. Each listing begins with basic information such as address, telephone number, Web site address, admission costs and open hours. Some organizations hold their activities at venues other than their given address, which is provided for mailing purposes only. A description of the organization follows. If the organization offers programs specific to senior citizens or senior groups, those are highlighted under the heading **Programs for Seniors**. The age at which a visitor is considered a senior varies by organization and, if specified, is indicated in the guide.

Each listing ends with information about nearby subway stations and other details—ranging from disability access at the venue to information on discounts offered to seniors for admission, tickets, tours or memberships.

At the back of this guide is a two-part index that highlights the cultural organizations in this guide that are free to every visitor, and those that have programming specific to seniors. Some organizations will appear on both lists; some organizations in the guide are not on either index, but can be found in the table of contents at the front of the guide.

The information in this guide was up to date on April 5, 2011; however, changes are inevitable. Hours of operation, admission fees and programs may all change. Users of this guide are encouraged to contact the organization in advance to confirm particulars.

Alley Pond Environmental Center

228-06 Northern Boulevard
(east of the Cross Island Parkway)
Douglaston, NY 11363

Tel: (718) 229-4000
www.alleypond.com

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Mon–Fri 9 am–4:30 pm; Sat & Sun hours vary, call before visiting. Walking trails open dawn–dusk.

Nature hikes and birding, lessons in astronomy and geology, art workshops, cross-country skiing and even a tour of a city water tunnel take place at these 700 acres in eastern Queens.

Programs for Seniors: Programming available for senior centers; call for details.

Disability Access: Building: fully accessible; trails: partially accessible

Anthropology Museum of the People of New York

Queens College, 64-19 Kissena Boulevard
(between 64th and 65th Avenues)
Flushing, NY 11362

Tel: (718) 428-5650
www.anthropologymuseum.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Wed, Thurs 1–4 pm; call ahead to confirm a visit in summer. Also open by appointment.

Founded in 1977 by Margaret Mead and other anthropologists, the museum details the anthropology disciplines of biology, archaeology, linguistics and cultural studies. One exhibit traces the history of the Armenian people, from ancient times to the 1915 Armenian genocide through paths of immigration, including to the United States.

Disability Access: Wheelchair accessible

Bayside Historical Society

208 Totten Avenue
(between Bell Boulevard and 212th Street)
Bayside, NY 11359

Tel: (718) 352-1548
www.baysidehistorical.org

\$3 General; admission fee is a suggested donation.

Thurs, Fri, Sun 11 am–2 pm; Sat 12–4 pm

With temporary exhibits running the gamut from prehistorical finds to photographs documenting local African-American experiences, this historical society presents artifacts of interest to the Queens community. The society also hosts art shows, crafts fairs and seasonal activities on its grounds.

Directions: Bus: Q13, 16 to Fort Totten

Senior Discounts: Senior membership is \$30 (regular \$35).

Calpulli Mexican Dance Company

91-10 34th Avenue #5B
Jackson Heights, NY 11372

Tel: (718) 507-2617
www.calpullidance.org

Calpulli Mexican Dance Company performs dance, music and theater to promote the rich diversity of Mexico's cultural heritage. The company's season takes place at Queens Theatre in the Park. It also leads arts education programming and community events.

Programs for Seniors: Dance programs are presented at senior centers. Educational programming can be adapted for audiences with disabilities.

Senior Discounts: Seniors receive discounted tickets.

Central Queens YM & YWHA

67-09 108th Street
(between 67th Avenue and 67th Road)
Forest Hills, NY 11375

Tel: (718) 268-5011
www.centralqueensy.org

Mon, Wed 6:15 am–9:45 pm; Tues, Thurs 9 am–9:45 pm; Fri 6:15 am–4:45 pm; Sun 8 am–6:45 pm

This neighborhood Y offers a variety of programming, from culture to sports, designed to enrich the lives of its diverse community.

Programs for Seniors: The Y's senior center includes a food pantry, telephone reassurance program and bereavement group. Seniors (55 and older) can participate in monthly trips to theaters, museums, casinos and more. A comprehensive Senior Fitness program includes classes on balance training, yoga, tai chi, aerobics and exercises with light weights. Extensive cultural and intellectual arts programs are offered during the day. Programs include memory and poetry workshops, guest lecturers and professors, author events of Jewish interest, holiday parties and monthly klezmer, classical and jazz concerts.

Directions: Subway: E, M, R to 67th Avenue

Disability Access: Wheelchair accessible

Chinese Theatre Works

34-17 Steinway Street
(between 34th and 35th Avenues)
Long Island City, NY 11101

Tel: (718) 392-3493
www.chinesetheatreworks.org

Office: Tues–Fri 10 am–6 pm

Drawing on Chinese folk tales and literary classics as well as the contemporary Chinese experience, the company's productions include Chinese opera, shadow puppetry, modern dance, European folk tales and toy theater. It often performs for free in library branches throughout New York.

Programs for Seniors: Age-appropriate performing arts event are provided at senior centers. Special group prices and discounts for caretakers can be arranged.

Dr. M.T. Geoffrey Yeh Art Gallery—St. John’s University

Sun Yat Sen Hall, 8000 Utopia Parkway
(at Union Turnpike)
Jamaica, NY 11439

Tel: (718) 990-7476

www.stjohns.edu/academics/centers/gallery.sju

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Mon–Wed, Sat 10 am–5 pm; Thurs, Fri 10 am–3 pm

The gallery exhibits of all forms of contemporary art created by both well-known and emerging artists of regional, national and international backgrounds. It hosts seven exhibitions each academic year.

Godwin-Ternbach Museum at Queens College

Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Klapper Hall 405
Flushing, NY 11367

Tel: (718) 997-4747

qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/godwin_ternbach

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Mon–Thurs 11 am–7 pm; Sat 11 am–5 pm; museum’s schedule follows the Queens College academic calendar; closed during college recesses and holidays.

Each exhibition at the museum offers an array of lectures, gallery talks, films, family and children workshops, concerts and tours, often in collaboration with academic departments and centers at the college.

Senior Discounts: \$10 membership (regular \$100–\$499)

Disability Access: Fully accessible

King Manor Museum at King Park

150-03 Jamaica Avenue, King Park
(Jamaica Avenue between 150th and 153rd Streets)
Jamaica, NY 11432

Tel: (718) 206-0545
www.kingmanor.org

Free for Children under 16 and Members; \$5 Adults, \$3 Students, \$3 Seniors
Admission fees are suggested donations.

Feb–Dec: Thurs, Fri 12–2 pm; Sat, Sun 1–5 pm

Rufus King (1755–1827) was a prominent figure who served under the first four U.S. presidents. His Jamaica estate remained in his family until 1896. The museum introduces visitors to the family, estate, village and national life of the 19th century. The manor is the centerpiece of an 11-acre historic park.

Programs for Seniors: Group tours and programs are tailored to specific needs and interests and are available throughout the week; call (718) 206-0545, x811.

Directions: Subway: E, J, Z to Jamaica Center - Parsons/Archer

Disability Access: Partially accessible. First floor, including exhibitions and restrooms, accessible via a wheelchair ramp.

Kingsland Homestead at Queens Historical Society

143-35 37th Avenue
(between Parsons Boulevard and Bowne Street)
Flushing, NY 11354

Tel: (718) 939-0647
www.queenshistoricalsociety.org

Free for Members; \$3 Adults, \$2 Students, \$2 Seniors

Tues, Sat, Sun 2:30–4:30 pm; event times vary

This late-18th-century historic house stands in a small park in Flushing. It is the headquarters of the Queens Historical Society, which offers a regular series of lectures, programs and slide presentations on subjects relating to the borough and its history.

Programs for Seniors: Tours and other programs are modified to meet seniors' needs. Guides, teachers, aids and caretakers are always free with their groups. Slide lectures on community histories are delivered at senior centers.

Directions: Subway: 7 to Flushing - Main Street. Walk two blocks east on Roosevelt Avenue to Bowne Street. Turn left, continue walking until Margaret Carman Green Park. Walk through the park. The homestead is the first house on the left side.

Bus: Q13, 28 to Parsons and Northern Boulevards. Q12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 26, 27, 28, 44, 48, 65, 66 to Main Street, Flushing, and follow the above subway directions.

Car: From the Queens Midtown Tunnel, take the Long Island Expressway to the Van Wyck Expressway. Get on the Van Wyck going north. Exit at Northern Boulevard East. Travel along Northern Boulevard past Main Street for three traffic lights until Parsons Boulevard. Turn right on Parsons Boulevard and then right on 37th Avenue. The Kingsland Homestead is on the right at the end of the cul-de-sac.

Senior Discounts: Seniors (65 and older) can purchase \$10 memberships (regular \$15).

Disability Access: Wheelchair accessible

Kupferberg Center Performances

Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Boulevard
(corner Horace Harding and Kissena Boulevards)
Flushing, NY 11367

Tel: (718) 544-2996
www.kupferbergcenter.org

Office: Mon–Fri 9 am–5 pm

Located on the campus of Queens College in Flushing, Kupferberg Center Performances offers an annual season of events focusing on classical music, jazz, contemporary entertainment, family theater and arts education programming. Space rentals are available year-round to serve community needs. Venues include the 2,121-seat Colden Auditorium and the 489-seat LeFrak Concert Hall.

Directions: Car: Off the eastbound service road of the Long Island Expressway, between exits 23 and 24

Senior Discounts: A \$2 ticket discount applies to most performances.

Disability Access: Wheelchair accessible

Disability Assistance: Assistive listening devices

Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center

100-01 Northern Boulevard
(at 101st Street)
Corona, NY 11368

Tel: (718) 651-1100
www.queenslibrary.org/index.aspx?page_id=44&branch_id=Lh

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Mon 10 am–8 pm; Tues 1–6 pm; Wed, Fri 10 am–6 pm; Thurs 1–8 pm; Sat 10 am–5:30 pm

The Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center was founded in 1969 to serve the Corona/East Elmhurst area’s predominantly African-American population. The center’s cultural programs include theatrical presentations, music concerts, literary readings and exhibitions.

Disability Access: Wheelchair accessible

Louis Armstrong House & Archives

34-56 107th Street
(between 34th and 37th Avenues)
Corona, NY 11368

Tel: (718) 478-8274
www.louisarmstronghouse.org

Free for Members and Children under 4; \$8 Adults, \$6 Students, \$6 Seniors, \$6 Children

Tues–Fri 10 am–5 pm; Sat, Sun 12–5 pm; last tour at 4 pm

Louis Armstrong was one of the legendary forefathers of American jazz music. The house remains just as it was when the Armstrongs lived here. It is furnished with paintings, objets d’art and souvenirs from the couple’s world travels. Adjacent to the house is a Japanese-inspired garden. A 40-minute guided house tour starts every hour on the hour.

Directions: Subway: 7 to 103 Street - Corona Plaza. Use the exit on the north side of Roosevelt Avenue, then take the stairs on the left. Make a right (north) onto 103rd Street. Walk two blocks and turn right onto 37th Avenue. Walk four short blocks and turn left onto 107th Street. The museum is on the left, 1/2 block north of 37th Avenue.

Senior Discounts: Seniors (65 and older) can purchase \$25 memberships (regular \$45).

Disability Access: Partially accessible; first floor only. Visitors who cannot climb two sets of steep stairs may instead take a virtual house tour.

Disability Assistance:

Hearing: Graphical depictions available

Vision: Blind and low-vision accessible

MoMA PS1

22-25 Jackson Avenue
(at 46th Avenue)
Long Island City, NY 11101

Tel: (718) 784-2084
www.ps1.org

Free for Members, MoMA members and MoMA admission ticket holders, Long Island City residents and NYC public school students; \$10 Adults, \$5 Students, \$5 Seniors
Admission fees are suggested donations.

Mon, Thurs–Sun 12–6 pm

Founded in 1976, MoMA PS1 is one of the oldest and largest nonprofit contemporary art institutions in the United States. It presents more than 50 exhibitions each year, including artists' retrospectives, site-specific installations, historical surveys, arts from across the United States and the world and a full schedule of music and performance programming.

Directions: Subway: 7 to 45th Road - Court House Square

Disability Access: Front entrance accessible by ramp. Wheelchairs available free of charge in the coat check on a first come, first served basis. The three main floors, including the bookstore and café, are accessible by elevator. For elevator access to the basement, ask for assistance at the front desk. Wheelchair accessible bathrooms are on 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors. Call for more information.

Disability Assistance: Guided tours available in American Sign Language upon request

Museum for African Art

(718) 784-7700
www.africanart.org

Since 1984, the Museum for African Art has presented exhibitions that bring the art of Africa to the attention of a growing public. The museum is currently holding its exhibitions and events in other New York City locations while its future home at 1280 Fifth Avenue (at 110th Street) is under construction.

Programs for Seniors: The museum's Active Bodies, Active Minds program works with senior centers on physical exercise and art-making workshops. For more information, contact Dana Elmquist, Manager of Education Programs, at education@africanarts.org or (718) 784-7700, x101.

Museum of the Moving Image

36-01 35th Avenue
(at 37th Street)
Astoria, NY 11106

Tel: (718) 777-6888
www.movingimage.us

Free for Members, Children under 3 and educators (with valid ID); \$10 Adults, \$7.50 Students, \$7.50 Seniors, \$5 Children. Paid admission includes tickets to regular film screenings and access to all exhibitions. For workshops, an additional materials fee applies.

Tues–Thurs 10:30 am–5 pm; Fri 10:30 am–8 pm; Sat, Sun 10:30 am–7 pm

Museum of the Moving Image is the only institution in the United States that deals comprehensively with the art, technology and social impact of film, television and digital media. It presents exhibitions, screenings and education programs. Its core exhibit spans two floors and includes historical artifacts, commissioned artworks, video clips and interactive stations to show how moving images are made.

Directions: Subway: M, R to Steinway Street; N, Q to 36th Avenue

Disability Access: Wheelchair accessible. A wheelchair is available on a first come, first served basis.

Disability Assistance: Assistive listening devices—FM and infrared receivers with headsets or neckloops—are available.

New York Hall of Science

47-01 111th Street, Flushing Meadows–Corona Park
(at 48th Avenue)
Corona, NY 11368

Tel: (718) 699-0005
www.nyscience.org

Free for Members; \$11 Adults, \$8 Students, \$8 Seniors, \$8 Children
Science playground (March–Dec): \$4 per person, \$3 groups

April–June: Mon–Thurs 9:30 am–2 pm; Fri 9:30 am–5 pm; Sat, Sun 10 am–6 pm

July–Aug: Mon–Fri 9:30 am–5 pm; Sat, Sun 10 am–6 pm.

Sept–March: Tues–Thurs 9:30 am–2 pm; Fri 9:30 am–5 pm; Sat, Sun 10 am–6 pm

Closed Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

New York City’s only hands-on science and technology center features more than 400 exhibits on color, light, heat, the atom, biology and optical illusions that not only explain but actively engage the visitor in the phenomena. Guides are available to lead children and adults through exhibits.

Senior Discounts: \$15 off one-year and \$30 off two-year memberships

Disability Access: Fully accessible

Disability Assistance:

Hearing: American Sign language interpretation available

Vision: Audio guide and Braille materials available

Noguchi Museum

9-01 33rd Road
(at Vernon Boulevard)
Long Island City, NY 11106

Tel: (718) 204-7088

www.noguchi.org

Free for Members, New York City Public School Students and Children under 12; \$10 Adults, \$5 Students, \$5 Seniors

Wed–Fri 10 am–5 pm; Sat, Sun 11 am–6 pm

This museum, situated in a quiet industrial neighborhood of Long Island City, is dedicated to the life and work of the Japanese-American sculptor Isamu Noguchi (1904–1988). The museum is housed in 13 galleries within a converted factory building and encircles a garden containing major granite and basalt sculptures. One gallery is devoted to Noguchi’s celebrated work in interior design.

Directions: Subway: N, Q to Broadway

Disability Access: Main floor and parts of garden are accessible; second floor is not

Disability Assistance:

Hearing: Assistive listening devices. American Sign Language interpretation for programs is available with four weeks advance notice.

Vision: Touch tours

Oratorio Society of Queens

33-19 210th Street
Bayside, NY 11361

Tel: (718) 279-3006

www.queensoratorio.org

The Oratorio Society of Queens, founded in 1927, is the oldest ongoing performing arts institution in the borough. Artistic Director David Close leads approximately 125 chorus members in performing the great choral masterpieces at semiannual performances, many of which are held at the Queensborough Performing Arts Center.

Senior Discounts: Seniors (62 and older) receive 20 percent off regular ticket price.

Queensborough Community College Art Gallery

Queensborough Community College, 222-05 56th Avenue
(between Springfield Boulevard and 223rd Street)
Bayside, NY 11364

Tel: (718) 631-6396
www.qccartgallery.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Tues, Fri 10 am–5 pm; Wed, Thurs 10 am–7 pm; Sat, Sun 12–5 pm

Within the historic Oakland Building on campus, the gallery holds changing exhibitions of contemporary art as well as a permanent collection of African art.

Programs for Seniors: Senior groups may call to arrange gallery tours and programs tailored to participants' interests and needs.

Disability Access: Fully accessible

Queens Botanical Garden

43-50 Main Street
(between Dahlia and Peck Avenues)
Flushing, NY 11355

Tel: (718) 886-3800
www.queensbotanical.org

Nov–March: Free; April–Oct: Adults \$4, Seniors \$3, Students and Children over 3 \$2

Nov–March: Tues–Sun 8 am–4:30 pm; April–Oct: Tues–Sun 8 am–6 pm

Queens Botanical Garden features 39 acres of beautiful landscapes including a Fragrance Walk, Green Roof, and the Bee, Herb, Wedding, Woodland and Wetland Gardens.

Programs for Seniors: Tours of the grounds are available for groups. A quarter-acre garden provides seniors with individual areas to grow their own vegetables and flowers, April–October. Members take home the produce they grow for their own consumption.

Directions: Subway: 7 to Main Street - Flushing; Long Island Railroad to Flushing. Walk south on Main Street.

Senior Discounts: Seniors (62 and older) receive a \$5 discount on individual membership.

Disability Access: Fully accessible

Disability Assistance: Graphical depictions

Queens County Farm Museum

73-50 Little Neck Parkway
(near Union Turnpike)
Floral Park, NY 11004

Tel: (718) 347-3276
www.queensfarm.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Mon–Fri 9 am–5 pm; Sat, Sun 10 am–5 pm

Amid the houses and apartment buildings of Floral Park, Queens, sits the Queens County Farm Museum, a 17th-century farm with ducks, geese, sheep and apple and pear orchards. The only working historic farm in New York City, this 47-acre spread has been the site of continuous cultivation for more than 200 years and is also a museum chronicling the agricultural history of New York City.

Programs for Seniors: Groups of 25 or more can call to schedule farm and house tours and other programs. Prices vary.

Senior Discounts: Seniors (65 and older) receive \$5 off individual membership.

Disability Access: Partially accessible

Queens Library

89-11 Merrick Boulevard
(at 89th Avenue)
Jamaica, NY 11432

Tel: (718) 990-0700
www.queenslibrary.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Mon, Wed, Thurs 10 am–9 pm; Tues 1–9 pm; Fri 10 am–6 pm; Sat 10 am–5:30 pm; Sun 12–5 pm

The Queens Library has the highest circulation of any public library system in the United States and serves the city's most diverse borough at Central—the reference library on Merrick Boulevard in Jamaica—and at 62 branches.

Programs for Seniors: Outreach services help people with disabilities and older adults use the library's collections and resources. Special Services presents programs on issues related to aging and physical disabilities and provides materials on these topics systemwide. The Mail-A-Book service and live programs are free to anyone who lives, works, goes to school or owns property anywhere in New York State. To register, call (718) 776-6800. The Stay Well program introduces participants (60 and older) to special exercises, relaxation techniques and the benefits of good nutrition. This program is held on a regular basis at the Central Library, Flushing and East Elmhurst branches. For more information on any of these programs, contact Special Services at (718) 990-0746.

Disability Access: Fully accessible

Disability Assistance: The Queens Library Web site lists resources for older adults under *Your Community > Special Needs*. Special Services staff is available by appointment to introduce people with special communication needs to the library's staff, collections and services. For more information, call Special Services at (718) 990-0746.

Hearing: TTY Loan Program; assistive listening devices; closed captioned and deaf interest videos; American Sign Language instruction, interpretation, classes, videos, books and dictionaries available

Vision: Closed Circuit Televisions (CCTVs); large-print books; books on tape and talking books; descriptive videos; and Volunteer Readers' Service available

Queens Museum of Art

New York City Building
Flushing Meadows–Corona Park
Queens, NY 11368

Tel: (718) 592-9700
www.queensmuseum.org

Free for Members and Children under 5; \$5 General, \$2.50 Seniors, \$2.50 Children
Admission fees are suggested donations.

Wed–Sun 12–6 pm

The museum focuses on 20th-century works, both from the museum's own collection and on loan. The collection includes New York City memorabilia and works about New York City. The museum's Panorama of the City of New York, a 9,335-square-foot model of the five boroughs, features detailed replicas of every single building.

Programs for Seniors: The museum provides opportunities for seniors to talk about and make art as well as to view and discuss films. In Spring 2011, six-week senior programs include a "Looking" lecture series and a film viewing and discussion series, both inspired by current exhibitions. For more information about Senior Programs at the QMA, call (718) 592-9700, x131 or e-mail seniors@queensmuseum.org. Off-site slide presentations, tactile objects and art workshops make art available to groups that cannot otherwise visit the museum. Fees vary; call (718) 592-9700, x132 for more information. Adults with special needs can explore art in an open studio atmosphere. For registration or information contact Michelle López at (718) 592-9700, x138 or mlopez@queensmuseum.org.

Disability Access: Fully accessible; parking available

Disability Assistance: ArtAccess programs are available for people with varying physical, emotional and cognitive abilities. For more information, call (718) 592-9700, x136 or x138, or e-mail access@queensmuseum.org.

Queens Symphony Orchestra

70-31 84th Street, Building 38
Glendale, NY 11385

Tel: (718) 326-4455
www.queenssymphony.org

Founded in 1953 and currently led by Music Director Constantine Kitsopoulos, Queens Symphony Orchestra is the borough's only professional orchestra and the oldest and largest professional arts organization in Queens. QSO often performs at the Queensborough Performing Arts Center in Bayside.

Programs for Seniors: The orchestra offers instrumental quartets, trios, duos and solo performances as well as workshops for senior centers.

Senior Discounts: Free tickets and transportation are provided to seniors for the Seniors at the Symphony program. Seniors (65 and older) can purchase \$40 subscriptions (regular \$60) and \$20 tickets (regular \$30).

Disability Access: Queensborough Performing Arts Center is fully accessible.

Queens Theatre in the Park

Flushing Meadows–Corona Park
(exit 9E off Grand Central Parkway)
Corona, NY 11368

Tel: (718) 760-0064
www.queentheatre.org

A broad range of performing arts disciplines—drama, dance, music, performance art, comedy and children’s events—from a host of multicultural companies are presented in either the 476-seat Main Stage Theatre or the 100-seat cabaret/black box studio. Architect Philip Johnson designed the theater as part of the 1964 New York World’s Fair.

Programs for Seniors: Tickets are offered to senior centers.

Disability Access: Fully accessible

Disability Assistance:

Hearing: Assistive listening devices and American Sign Language available

Vision: Braille materials available

Queens Zoo

53-51 111th Street
Flushing Meadows–Corona Park
Flushing, NY 11368

Tel: (718) 271-1500
www.queenszoo.org

Free for Members and Children under 3; \$8 Adults, \$6 Seniors, \$5 Children

April–Oct: Mon–Fri 10 am–5 pm; Sat, Sun 10 am–5:30 pm; Nov–March: daily 10 am–4:30 pm

This 11-acre zoo in Flushing Meadows–Corona Park is home to some 300 animals of 45 different species. Devoted primarily to North American animals and designed to feel like a national park, the circular grounds are divided into wild and domestic areas.

Directions: Subway: 7 to 111th Street

Disability Access: Fully accessible; wheelchairs available on a first come, first served basis

Socrates Sculpture Park

32-01 Vernon Boulevard
(Broadway at Vernon Boulevard)
Long Island City, NY 11106

Tel: (718) 956-1819
www.socratessculpturepark.org

Free Admission (all visitors, all hours)

Mon–Sun 10 am–sunset

Set on a small cove off the East River, the 4.5-acre park for contemporary sculpture consists of a large open space encircled by rock gardens, specially built walls, walkways and areas of wild grasses and boulders lining the waterfront. The sculptures have the dramatic Manhattan skyline as a backdrop.

Programs for Seniors: Weekly adult education program

Directions: Subway: N, Q to Broadway

Disability Access: Pathway available for disability access; remainder of park is grassy terrain

Thalia Spanish Theatre

41-17 Greenpoint Avenue
(two blocks South of Queens Boulevard, between 41st and 42nd Streets)
Sunnyside, NY 11104

Tel: (718) 729-3880
www.thaliatheatre.org

All performances are Fri & Sat 8 pm and Sun 4 pm. Bilingual plays are performed in English Fri 8 pm and Sat 3 pm; in Spanish Sat 8 pm & Sun 4 pm.

Thalia Spanish Theatre, the only Hispanic theater in the borough of Queens, produces American and world premieres of bilingual plays by Spanish, Latin-American and Hispanic-American authors performed alternately in English and Spanish, and presents both traditional and new music and dance.

Programs for Seniors: Pending funding, hour-long music and dance performances are available for senior centers.

Directions: Subway: 7 to 40th Street. Walk south two blocks to Greenpoint Avenue and turn left.

Senior Discounts: Seniors (65 and older) receive 10 percent off individual and subscription tickets.

Disability Access: Wheelchair accessible

Disability Assistance: Assistive-listening devices available upon request

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