

The Municipal Art Society of New York



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## **MAS ANNOUNCES NEW FALL PROGRAMS**

### **Panel Discussions On City's Past, Present and Future and New York City Trivia Night Among Highlights**

The Municipal Art Society of New York, a non-profit membership organization that fights for intelligent urban planning, design and preservation, has announced its fall schedule of events, including several expert panel discussions on newsworthy topics connected to the city's past, present and future, and a spirited evening of New York City-related trivia.

Highlights include "Solutions for Preserving New York's Neighborhood Businesses," a panel discussion on October 6 that will offer tools and strategies to safeguard small scale retail, and New York City Trivia Night on October 14, hosted by Greg Young and Tom Meyers from the popular New York history weekly podcast "The Bowery Boys." The program line-up also features expert panel discussions on topics ranging from rehabilitating the city's historic industrial space to the varied "green" issues related to the city's transit systems and urban agriculture.

MAS panel discussions are led by accomplished architects, architectural historians, designers, geographers, urban and art historians, teachers and writers who are singularly qualified to address city-related issues. The discussions generally last two hours.

The programs will be held at The Municipal Art Society of New York at 457 Madison Avenue, unless otherwise noted. Due to limited seating, reservations are strongly recommended. More information and a complete list of upcoming events in September and October is below.

*Monday, September 22, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.*

#### **Inside View: MAS Work in Progress**

Learn about recent developments in projects and programs at MAS from MAS staff.

**East Side River Park: Jasper Goldman**, senior policy analyst

**Tools for Grassroots Planning: MAS Planning Center: Eve Baron**, director; **Juan Camilo Osorio**, GIS planner/analyst; **Sideya Sherman**, senior planning analyst. Discussion includes the Livable Neighborhoods program, use of technology to increase public participation and CITI Youth training and resources.

**FREE.** Reservations are strongly recommended due to limited capacity of seating: Reserve online at MAS.org or call 212 935 2075.

*Monday, October 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.*

#### **Solutions for Preserving New York's Neighborhood Businesses**

*West Side Institutional Synagogue, 120 West 76th St. at Columbus Ave.*

The proliferation of chain stores and bank branches is an increasing threat to the character of diverse neighborhoods throughout New York City. By highlighting successful innovations that have been adopted in other cities and exploring the distinct pressures faced by business owners, this program aims to provide local merchants, community members, and municipal

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representatives with tools and strategies to safeguard small scale retail, drive economic development, and establish a constituency pushing for policy reform.

**Moderator: Adam Friedman**, executive director, New York Industrial Retention Network

**Vicki Weiner**, director of planning and preservation, Pratt Center for Community Development

**John Shapiro**, partner, Phillips Preiss Shapiro Associates

**Walter Edwards**, chairperson, Harlem Business Alliance

**Makale Faber Cullen**, associate director, Special Projects, Center for the Urban Environment

**Tom Cowell**, economic development policy analyst, Office of the Manhattan Borough President.

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*Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m.*

**New York City Trivia Night**

**Common Ground Bar & Restaurant, 206 Avenue A, between 12th and 13th streets**

Greg Young and Tom Meyers, hosts of the popular New York history weekly podcast “The Bowery Boys” (recently mentioned in the NYTimes.com “City Room”) will play host to a spirited evening of New York City trivia: history, architecture, geography, culture, and more. Come test your knowledge of the city you call home, meet new people, and lift a glass to New York. A bonus speed round will determine the champions. Put together your team of experts (no more than four per team) and join us.

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*Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. Reception to follow.*

**Recycling New York’s Industrial Past: Inspiration From Home and Abroad**

New York’s historic industrial buildings are one of the city’s greatest resources. Manufacturing spaces and factories with their open floor plans and sturdy construction, are highly adaptable to varied uses. This program will focus on industrial retention and adaptive reuse as means of preserving industrial buildings, illustrated with imaginative projects from near and far. Among the projects is the Austin, Nichols & Co. Warehouse, currently undergoing a tax-certified rehabilitation.

Moderator: **Mary Habstritt**, Roebling Chapter Society for Industrial Archaeology

**Norma Barbacci**, program director for Latin America, Spain and Portugal, World Monuments Fund

**Andrew Kimball**, president and chief operating officer, Brooklyn Navy Yard

**Lisa Kersavage**, director of advocacy and policy, Municipal Art Society

**Robert Powers**, president, Powers & Co., Inc.

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*Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m. Reception to follow.*

**Growing Greener Cities: Urban Sustainability in the Twenty-First Century**

The editors of this collection of essays on urban sustainability and environmental issues explore case studies in effective policy implementation, and offer tools for measuring and managing success. The speakers will discuss concrete methods that address some of the most challenging issues cities face today, ranging from public transit to urban agriculture. Presented in conjunction with MAS Urban Center Books.

**Alexander Garvin**, president & CEO of Alexander Garvin & Associates

**Eugenie L. Birch** and **Susan Wachter**, editors

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