



THE GREENWICH VILLAGE SOCIETY FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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Doors open **15 minutes**
before the start
of all programs.

When a Woman Gets the Blues A Book Reading & Presentation by Rory Block

Tuesday, February 7; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Hudson Park Branch Library
66 Leroy Street off 7th Ave. South
Free; reservations required.

Considered one of the greatest acoustic blues artists, Rory Block grew up in a bohemian Greenwich Village family. Her father owned the famous Allan Block Sandal Shop, where folk musicians like Bob Dylan, Maria Muldaur, and John Sebastian stopped in to play music, talk poetry, or just hang out. By her early teens, Rory was sitting in on Sunday jam sessions in Washington Square Park. During these years, her life was touched—and profoundly changed—by personal encounters with some of the most influential Delta blues masters of the 20th century. Join Rory and GVSHP as we celebrate her new autobiography, *When a Woman Gets the Blues*, which will be available for sale and signing. Ms. Block will also present original historic photos and artwork. If we're lucky she may even break out her guitar!

Talking Carriage House A Restoration Case Study Presented by Architects

Anne Fairfax & Richard Sammons
Thursday, February 9; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Salmagundi Club, 47 5th Ave.
between 11th & 12th Streets
Free; reservations required.

Carriage houses were once commonplace in the Village, but few survive today. Join architects and husband and wife team Anne Fairfax and Richard Sammons as they discuss the restoration process of their West 4th Street carriage house. They will review their personal design approach, born of their experiences renovating many Village townhouses for clients. They will explore how their personal and private relationship affected the final design. In addition, Anne and Richard will speak about the previous owner's stamp on the house.



Westbeth—Home of the Arts A Film Screening

Thursday, February 16; 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Westbeth Community Room,
155 Bank Street
between Washington & West Streets
Free; reservations required.

Join filmmaker George Cominskie at a screening of *Westbeth—Home to the Arts*, a documentary selected for the 2011 Manhattan Film Festival. The film explores the unique history of the recently landmarked Westbeth Artists Residence in the Far West Village. Westbeth was created in 1970 as affordable housing for artists by the J.M. Kaplan Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. This intimate film shows how Westbeth revitalized the arts in a changing Greenwich Village and demonstrates why every large city around the world should have its own Westbeth.

Markets of Greenwich Village A Lecture by Karen Seiger

Thursday, February 23
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Hudson Park Branch Library
66 Leroy Street off 7th Avenue South
Free; reservations required.

Karen Seiger, market enthusiast and author of *Markets of New York City: A Guide to the Best Artisan, Farmer, Food and Flea Markets*, which will be available for sale and signing, has documented and promoted the recent resurgence of traditional markets in her book and blog. In this talk, she will discuss the treasures she has found in the Village and throughout the boroughs, the impact of these markets on the local economy, and some of the reasons why they are so wildly popular right now. A select group of local food companies who launched their ventures in local markets will also be on hand to answer questions and sell their tasty treats!

These programs are made possible by the generous support of: The NYC Department of Cultural Affairs; City Council Speaker Christine Quinn; the New York State Council on the Arts; and GVSHP members.