

# Turtle Bay News

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## Spring Event Calendar

**Wednesday, April 21**

**Earth Day/Going Green**

Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (2nd/47th)

Noon - 3:00 pm

212-826-8980

**Saturday, May 8**

**Katharine Hepburn Birthday Party**

Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (2nd/47th)

1:00 - 3:00 pm

212-751-5465

**Wednesday, May 12**

**How Does Your Garden Grow?**

Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (2nd/47th)

11:00 am - 5:00 pm

212-826-8980

**Saturday, May 29**

**17th Precinct Street Fair**

Lexington Avenue (42nd/57th)

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**Saturday, June 5**

**DAG Dogarama**

Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (2nd/47th)

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

212-826-8980

**Wednesday, June 9**

**Art in the Park**

Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (2nd/47th)

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

212-826-8980

**Sunday, June 20**

**TBA Spring Street Fair**

Lexington Avenue (42nd/57th)

10:00 am - 6:00 pm

212-751-5465

**Thursday, June 24**

**Dancing in the Park**

Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (2nd/47th)

5:00 - 8:00 pm

212-826-8980

## Bus Fuss

BY BRUCE A. SILBERBLATT, TBA VICE PRESIDENT, CHAIR LAND USE AND ZONING COMMITTEE



As New Yorkers we share complaints about city buses, from their snail-like speed, sudden lurches, and arrival in herds, followed by twenty minutes with nary a bus in sight. The Metropolitan Transit Authority and the City Department of Transportation (MTA/DOT) think something should be done about it. We agree, but we have concerns about some of their proposals.

### Cross-town 34th Street Bus

Having improved bus service along Fordham Road in the Bronx, the MTA/DOT turned its attention to 34th Street in Manhattan. Bus service there has improved; however, additional proposals are controversial. For example, a pedestrian plaza between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, coupled with a ban on all but buses in that area, would force traffic to nearby side streets, hopelessly clogging the route. Other lane changes elsewhere along the route would require a mid-street bus stop island. Thirty-fourth Street would no longer be a through route, and traffic would be choked from river-to-river. Worse, the scheme might also be applied on 42nd Street.

### Eastside Proposals

The MTA/DOT now turned to First and Second Avenues, between Houston and 125th Streets. It proposed the "Select Bus Service" (SBS): a fast lane offset one lane from the right hand curb. Express stops would be eight to ten blocks apart, accessed by "bulbs" extending from the curb to the SBS lane. Local buses would continue to stop at the curb, allowing fast buses to pass easily. There would be four, as compared to the present five, traffic lanes. This plan might have worked very well with modest modifications. It wasn't to be.

### Bike Lane Ruins the Plan

The MTA/DOT decided to add a protected bike lane, although absolutely unrelated to bus service. The bike lane, set along the left curb, would use up one whole lane, leaving only three for other vehicles – hopelessly inadequate for traffic along First and Second Avenues.

What to do? On 60% of the route designed so far, there would be no offset fast bus lane; SBS buses would run by the curb. In most neighborhoods, including Turtle Bay, the bike lane would vanish, leaving cyclists to share a traffic lane. Local and express service would both run in one lane.

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## Attempt to Name Street for Vonnegut Disappoints

The TBA regretfully reports that city policy has blocked our bid to name a street in memory of 30-year resident Kurt Vonnegut. Despite his fame as a celebrated author, Vonnegut was accessible and active in Turtle Bay affairs, and was often encountered in the street as a down-to-earth and beloved neighbor. He died in

April, 2007, at the age of 84.

A plaque in Mr. Vonnegut's memory is installed on a bench at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza, on 47th Street between First and Second Avenues. The TBA hopes to plant a tree in his memory, with approval from his wife.

## Support Our Local Merchants

The small businesses we see each day in Turtle Bay are more than good neighbors, they're a key element in our quality of life and the *je ne sais quoi* that makes Turtle Bay a great and unique place to live. When you're planning to eat out, make a purchase, please consider visiting our neighborhood stores and restaurants before shopping or dining at a big chain, or outside the area. The Great Seal of the United States says it: E pluribus unum. Its appearance on the dollar bill is especially apt.

We welcome and thank the following new members of the Turtle Bay Association.

### NEW MEMBERS

#### BENEFACTORS

Michele and Stephen Bracci, MD

#### BUSINESSES

##### **Bangkok Grand Palace Restaurant**

882 First Avenue (49th/50th)  
212-980-8834

##### **Cohen's Optical**

500 Lexington Avenue (at 47th)  
212-697-9299  
and  
130 West 57th Street  
212-581-4961  
20% member discount

##### **Country Bank**

902 Second Avenue (48th)  
212-829-9998  
Contact: Maribel Aviles  
Member free checking

##### **Fabio Piccolo Fiore**

230 East 44th Street  
212-922-0581  
10% member discount

##### **Juliet Heeg**

Psychologist  
410 East 57th Street  
212-688-9295  
20% member discount

##### **The Local Store**

(Café)  
316 East 49th Street  
212-935-4266  
10% member discount

##### **Matisse Restaurant and Bar a Vin**

924 Second Avenue (at 49th)  
212-546-9300  
10% member discount, lunch-5:00 pm

##### **Muriel Siebert & Co. Inc.**

(Investment Services)  
885 Third Avenue  
212-644-2414  
[www.siebertnet.com/siebert.html](http://www.siebertnet.com/siebert.html)

##### **Taksim Restaurant**

1030 Second Avenue (54th/55th)  
212-421-3004  
10% member discount

##### **Verve Medical Cosmetics**

Stephen P. Bracci, MD  
216 East 50th Street (Second/Third)  
212-888-3003  
[www.vervelaser.com](http://www.vervelaser.com)

## Community Calendar

- **Last Tuesday every month**  
17th Precinct Community Council  
Open Meeting, 6 p.m.  
Sutton Place Synagogue  
225 East 51st Street  
212-826-3228  
(No meetings July, August, December)
- **Second Wednesday every month**  
Community Board 6  
Full Board Meeting, 7 p.m.  
NYU Medical Center  
550 First Avenue  
212-319-3750

### **Turtle Bay Association**

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East side of Second Avenue,  
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on outside wall of the supermarket.

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### **Briefly in Business**

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### **Submit Pictures and Video to the City to Report Conditions**

The City of New York has launched a pilot program that allows the public to submit still images and/or audio/video files about select conditions that occur in the city. To learn the details, call 311 or visit NYC.gov.

### **Seeking New Members for TBA Board of Directors**

Kindly send your resume and  
a cover letter telling us why  
you would like to join our  
board

### **Turtle Bay Association**

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# The Crane Collapse Two Years Later

By BRUCE A. SILBERBLATT, TBA VICE PRESIDENT, CHAIR LAND USE AND ZONING COMMITTEE

**T**he scars from the March 15, 2008, crane disaster remain virtually unchanged despite the fact that two years have elapsed. We seem to exist in a time warp where days, months and years stand still.

The 18-story skeleton at 303 East 51st Street, gaunt and haunted, casts a long, somber shadow across the neighborhood. True, it has been cleaned up and the Department of Buildings (DOB) keeps watch. Any talk of rebuilding is just talk. A cloud of lawsuits looms large, complicated by a legal struggle over control of the corner lot, 964 Second Avenue. Two men, the crane rigging contractor and a DOB inspector, face criminal charges. The DOB has done much to clean house, but much remains to be done. The agency, in general, is aloof to complaints emanating from the public it purports to serve. It takes repeated calls plus intervention from our elected officials to get action.

A dangerous case in point is 301 East 50th Street. Weary with age, its back sheared off, its elevator penthouse demolished, with

cracks in its façade and a gaping hole in the roof, it clings to life. Repeated TBA pleas have received, at best, inadequate responses. In one instance a DOB inspector found nothing wrong, then, a day later, another admitted to “roof issues.” Nobody – not the owner, not its insurance carrier, not the DOB, does anything about it, either to fix or demolish it. Best to let it fall rather than to take action now. In the meantime, the TBA is carefully monitoring the cracks. Should they worsen, it will spell big trouble.

In other related news: the crushed Fubar house, 305 East 50th Street, has not yet been rebuilt. Plans have yet to be approved. Most shops on the east side of Second Avenue, from 50th up almost to 52nd Street, are closed; dreary sidewalk sheds attest to the paralysis.

The recession hasn’t helped either. Besides 303 East 51st Street, there are four big projects at a standstill: holes in the ground or, in the case of 315 East 46th Street, only five stories are up. Eventually, the builders will return, but in the meantime, the wounds remain, slow to heal.

# First Avenue Water Tunnel Repairs Underway

An extensive project to repair the First Avenue water tunnel began in January and includes repairs on the roadway, sidewalks, tunnel walls and ceiling. Completion is anticipated by October 2010. To learn how traffic between 41st and 48th Streets will be affected, contact Project Manager Margie Banka at 212-839-4870, call 311, or visit [www.nyc.dot/gov](http://www.nyc.dot/gov).

## Report Construction Concerns

Call 311;

17th Precinct weekdays: 212-826-3228, and 212-826-3211 on weekends and evenings;

Community Board 6: 212-319-3750;

Turtle Bay Association: 212-751-5465, [tbaoffice@mindspring.com](mailto:tbaoffice@mindspring.com).

Or contact your local official (information provided on Page 7).

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# Unfriendly Development: The Beat Goes On

**W**ith Con Ed gone from its site along First Avenue the question of what will replace it remains open. The scale and situation of the property, running from 35th to 41st Streets between First Avenue and the East River, present a rare occasion for responsible, mixed-use development that would meet housing needs, expand public facilities, and continue to serve historic neighbors, including the U.N.

As part of a comprehensive 197-a Plan, Community Board 6 (CB6) evaluated land use, zoning, urban design and historic resources, transportation, and space and waterfront access, and proposed a plan that would cap the height of new construction, and provides affordable housing, schools

and public spaces (including waterfront access). Not so owner and developer Sheldon Solow (East Side Development Corp.), whose plans contain none of these, but call for seven towers – some between 65 and 70 stories – that would dwarf the U.N. Secretariat, cast long shadows on neighboring buildings, and undermine the beauty of landmarked sites. The City Council approved Solow’s plans during the 2008 fiscal year.

Council Member Dan Garodnick has been active in rallying other local elected officials and community groups in support of CB6’s plan. The fight continues for the kind of development that will assure that, as the neighborhood grows, it serves the community’s needs and preserves its character.

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## Bus Fuss *continued from page 1*

Impossible! Fast buses creeping behind the slow locals, or worse, bypassing them by invading the nearest traffic lane. By adding a bike lane, MTA/DOT wrecked its own concept.

Furthermore, the existing limited bus stop at 49th/50th Street would be eliminated. Next, completing its Turtle Bay whammy, the MTA, as part of its city-wide cutbacks, plans to close the M27 route on 49th and 50th Streets, and curtail the M50 – no weekend or late night service!

The overall SBS plan is incomplete, notwithstanding handsome online drawings. Since it may yet be modified, the TBA cannot now approve or reject the plan. We will not accept anything that includes the bike lane (there is just no room for it) and omits the 49th/50th Street limited bus stop.

All MTA/DOT designs may be viewed on-line: [www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov) under Department of Transportation.





## TBA Valentine Party A Smash Hit

BY RON PALAU, TBA BOARD MEMBER

It may have been a cold February night, but that didn't keep warm-hearted neighbors and friends from attending the 26th Annual "Love Thy Neighbor" Valentine Party. This year, we filled the room at Fabio Piccolo Fiore Restaurant, a new business member of the TBA.

Known for classic northern and southern Italian cuisine, Fabio Piccolo served a wonderful three-course dinner with choices that included Lobster Bisque, Veal Scaloppini and Tiramisu. All was beautifully prepared and presented by Chef Fabio.

City Council Member Dan Garodnick,

and Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer joined the gathering, and thanked the association for its commitment to the neighborhood.

There was much excitement as door prize winners' names were drawn. This year's very desirable prizes were donated by the generous Turtle Bay Association business members, listed at right.

We thank the volunteers of the TBA Special Events Committee who worked hard to make the evening a grand success.

**Note:** Fabio Piccolo is located at 230 East 44th Street (Second/Third), and is offering TBA members a 10% discount with their 2010 membership cards.

We are extremely grateful to these kind 2010 Valentine donors:

### ■ Salon Amici

1 cut and blow dry package  
255 East 50th Street  
212-486-3623

### ■ Smart Workout

Several packages of personal training sessions.  
124 East 40th Street  
212-661-1660

### ■ Georgette Braha

Several packages of French lessons  
136 East 55th Street  
212-755-7119

### ■ Ristorante deGrazia

\$150 gift certificate  
230 East 50th Street  
212-750-5353

## Art & Culture

### JAPAN SOCIETY

333 East 47th Street  
Box Office: 212-715-1258

#### STEIM Mobile Touch Exhibition.

Please touch! Amsterdam-based experimental music group STEIM offers an opportunity to make your own music on their wild collection of invented electronic instruments, including the Finger Web, Cracklebox, Voice Scratcher and Headbanger. Friday, May 7, 12-9:30 pm, Saturday, May 8, 12-5 pm and 6-10 pm. Free.

#### Graphic Heroes, Magic Monsters: Japanese Prints by Utagawa Kuniyoshi.

Utagawa Kuniyoshi's vivid scenes from history and legend, wildly popular 150 years ago, are a major influence on the work of today's manga and anime artists. This exhibition features over 130 dramatic depictions of giant spiders, skeletons and toads; Chinese ruffians; women warriors; haggard ghosts; and desperate samurai combat. Through Sunday, June 13. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 11 am-6 pm; Friday, 11 am-9 pm; Saturday and Sunday 11 am- 5 pm; closed on Mondays. Members/Children under 16 free. Students/Seniors \$10; Free to all on Friday nights, 6-9 pm.

### TRYGVE LIE GALLERY

317 East 52nd Street, (The Norwegian Church in New York), 212-319-0370

**"Lines Among Lines," Drawings by Inger Johanne Grytting.** Artist's work



is in many public collections and museums in the U.S. and Norway, and she has received two grants from the New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA). Hours: Monday-Thursday, 12-6 pm, Friday-Sunday, 1-5 pm. Through May 21.

### GRAND CENTRAL PARTNERSHIP

*Vanderbilt Hall at Grand Central Terminal, East 42nd Street at Park Avenue*

**Grand Gourmet – The Flavor of Midtown®.** The 10th annual neighborhood restaurant showcase to benefit the Grand Central Neighborhood Social Services Corporation, the largest not-for-profit homeless services provider in New York City. Sample delicious dishes and beverages from more than 30 of Midtown Manhattan's finest restaurants. Thursday, April 29, 7 -9:30 pm. Ticket information at [www.grandcentralpartnership.org](http://www.grandcentralpartnership.org).

### ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

619 Lexington Avenue, 212-935-2200

**Classical Concert Series,** Tuesdays at 8 pm

#### April

- 6 Kathryn Forbes, voice
- 13 Stephen Dietz
- 20 Works by Douglas Townsend and Friends
- 27 Composers Circle

#### May

- 4 Tabor Woodwind Quintet
- 18 New York Treble Singers, Virginia Davidson, director
- 25 Composer's Circle

#### June

- 1 Iktus Percussion Quartet
- 8 Early Music at Saint Peter's, Angela Yeung, director
- 15 Cystic Fibrosis Benefit Concert: Janine Ulleyette, presenter

### TURTLE BAY MUSIC SCHOOL

244 East 52nd Street, 212-753-8811  
All concerts are free of charge and open to the public, with no tickets required, unless otherwise noted. First-come, first-served

general seating is available. Programs and schedule are subject to change without notice.

#### April

- 5 6:30 pm Adult Performance Workshop
- 16 5 & 6:15 pm Young People's Recitals
- 24 2:30 pm Suzuki Solo Recitals
- 29 7 pm Grace Browning, harp, Faculty Recital
- 30 5:30 pm Suzuki Group Class Concert

#### May

- 8 4 pm Jackie Pinsky, violin, Faculty Recital
- 14-16 Sixth Annual Perform-A-Thon (see box below)
- 22 2:30 pm Carol O'Hara Annual Voice Competition
- 26 7 pm TBMS Community Chorus Year-End Concert

#### June

- 6 6 pm Bruce Potterton, piano, Faculty Recital
- 12 11 am Saturday Music Project Final Concert

### Turtle Bay Music School Annual Perform-A-Thon

Come enjoy three days of music and merriment.

Friday, May 14, 5-9 pm  
Saturday, May 15, 10 am-7 pm  
Sunday, May 16, 12-5 pm

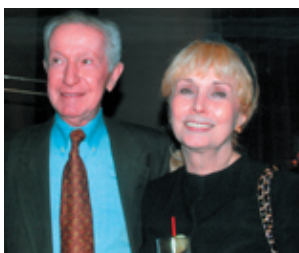
#### RSVP

Call 212-753-8811 x17  
Write to [info@tbms.org](mailto:info@tbms.org)  
More info at [www.tbms.org](http://www.tbms.org), or call 212-753-8811

Want to perform? Raise \$25 and join the concert.

Contact information above.





## TBA Volunteer Party Draws A Happy Crowd

BY PATRICIA McDOUGALD, TBA BOARD MEMBER

**T**BA volunteers deserve the best – and that’s what we aimed to deliver in our salute to them held at the World Tower Bar. Indeed, from the leaners on the alabaster bar to the speakers on the floor, everybody had a good time.

The drinks and hors d’oeuvres were delicious, and the WT Bar staff, went the extra distance, to see to it that everybody had all they wanted to eat and drink. If it sounds good, it was.

Early on, a slew of people began arriving who must have thought they’d hit the jackpot! With a crowd that size, we soon realized that no sign had been posted indicating a private party. Alas, we had to send the unsuspecting interlopers on their way.

The place was brimming with TBA volunteers, board members and other invited guests from all over the East Side. Among them were City Council Member Dan Garodnick; Manhattan Deputy Inspector

Ted Berntsen; Detective Frank Bogucki of the 17th Precinct; Sherrill Kazan and Anne Saxon-Hersh of Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza; Carol Schacter of CB6; and Shirley MacCleod, board member of the Murray Hill Association. Our always-supportive council member Dan Garodnick spoke briefly following short introductory remarks by TBA President Bill Curtis.

The evening brought together a large contingent of friends from within and beyond the bounds of Turtle Bay. The shared festivities were a reminder that, regardless of neighborhood, we’re all New Yorkers – a special breed.

Again, we thank our volunteers for their hard work, which has helped the TBA succeed on many fronts throughout the community. We couldn’t do it without you!

## Elected Officials at Work

### Tenant Fair Chance Act Passed

The law brings transparency to negative, but false, tenant information that might appear in screening reports used against them if they were previously in housing court. Tenants usually know nothing about the reports or that their names may be listed. Council Members Dan Garodnick, Leroy Comrie and Karen Koslowitz sponsored the law.

### State Expands Foreclosure Prevention Laws

In December, legislation was enacted to extend foreclosure protection for New York homeowners. Among the provisions are: increased foreclosure notification time; a greater homeowner voice in settlements; and protection for rent regulated tenants.

### State Senate Passes Family Health Care Decisions Act (FHCDA)

This act creates a legal mechanism for the appointment of a health care surrogate, from among family members and other close individuals, who can make health care decisions for an incapacitated patient in the absence of a health care proxy. Only 20 percent of individuals sign a health care proxy.

### State Grant Will Help Fund East River Blueway

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, State Assembly Member Brian Kavanaugh, Community Boards 3 and 6, and the Lower East Side Ecology Center have secured a \$650,000 state grant to help reconnect Midtown and Lower Manhattan along a three-mile stretch of East River waterfront.

### Law Simplifies Green Building Approvals

The City Council has passed a law that speeds up approvals for environmentally beneficial technologies, design and construction techniques, materials and products, by promoting cooperation among the many city agencies involved in approvals. Council Members Dan Garodnick and Jim Gennaro co-sponsored the bill.

### Lappin Chairs City Council's Aging Committee

Council Member Jessica Lappin is leading efforts to meet the needs of residents over

65, the fastest growing population in the city. Nearly 20% percent of the city's elderly live in poverty – double the national average – and their number is expected to increase by nearly 50% over the next 25 years.

### Stringer Announces FoodNYC

In February, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer released FoodNYC: A Blueprint for a Sustainable Food System. It is the most comprehensive effort to date to unify and reform the city's policies regarding the production, distribution, consumption and disposal of food.

### Bing Authors Op-Ed in Crain's New York Business

Assembly Member Jonathan Bing authored an op-ed in the January 25, 2010 issue of Crain's suggesting that New York State can create jobs and improve the economy without direct government subsidies by updating antiquated laws governing business. To read the article, visit [www.jonathanbing.com](http://www.jonathanbing.com).

### Krueger Committee Pushes Budget Reform

The State Senate Select Committee on Budget and Tax Reform, chaired by Senator Liz Krueger, has released a report on the state's fiscal planning process. The proposals would promote greater accountability, more accurate forecasting and increased transparency. "We are the only state with a budget enacted prior to knowing actual revenue on April 15, and are in a constant political battle over different forecasts all of which are guesstimates," notes Krueger. Read the full report at <http://www.nysenate.gov>.

### Maloney Protests Anti-Gay Uganda Bill

On February 8, U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney joined leading human rights advocates to protest the draconian Anti-Homosexuality Law proposed in the Uganda parliament. Maloney said, "The officially sanctioned bigotry in this bill...constitutes a gross violation of the universal values of individual liberty and human rights." The protest took place in front of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda in New York City.

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U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney at Uganda gay-rights protest



## Newsorthy Notes

**Doe Fund Offers Many Services.** The Ready, Willing & Able (RWA) program offers work opportunities in addition to street cleaning. Other programs include the **Food Preparation Project** that provides men and women with food handling and preparation skills, basic nutrition education and job training for the food services industry. Participants prepare nearly 900 meals each day for residents of the Brooklyn, Harlem and Jersey City Doe Fund facilities. Another program is **Apartment Repair**, originally a city-contracted construction and apartment repair project where trainees rehabilitated low-income, city-owned apartment buildings. Today, RWA construction crews bid competitively for city contracts, serve as a revenue generating source for the program, and provide an opportunity for trainees to become experienced construction workers.

**Grand Central Library a Boon.** Turtle Bay is lucky to have a library within its borders that serves the neighborhood as well as commuters and area workers. The branch boasts 45 computers, 32 of which are laptops, as well as outlets and data ports located at seats looking out on 46th Street. The

library has large collections of DVDs, CDs, periodicals, large print, paperbacks and popular fiction and nonfiction for adults. The branch is the new home of Teen Central, hosting their collections and programs, and also holds a monthly book club for adults. 135 East 46th Street (Third/Lexington). Monday to Thursday, 8 am-7 pm; Friday, 11 am-6 pm; Saturday, 12-5 pm. Closed Sundays.

**P.S. 59 to Hold May Benefit.** Beekman Hill International School, P.S. 59, will host an auction to benefit the school. Local businesses who donate will be helping the children and the school, and will receive notice on a special dedication page in the auction journal. Ads can also be purchased for a very small fee. Thursday, May 13, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm. The Prince George Ballroom, 15 East 27th Street (Madison/Fifth). For information, or to donate, email Braccimichele@hotmail.com. Donation forms are also available at [www.ps59pta.com](http://www.ps59pta.com).

**H.S. of Art & Design Presents Art In The Park.** The yearly Art In The Park exhibit is supported by volunteers, not parents, proud of their contribution to the school for the past 15 years.

Friends of Art & Design (FAD) have tutored many students and raised \$1 million to fund computers, awards, art exhibits, concerts, college entrance fees, team uniforms and the school's website. FAD would like to see this program replicated elsewhere in the city, and will be available to share their knowledge with visitors at the exhibition in Dag Hammarskjold Park on Wednesday, June 9, from 10 am-3 pm. For info, contact Dennis Paget at [dennispaget@gmail.com](mailto:dennispaget@gmail.com).

### Language Books Needed by Senior Center

If you have any language books, French, Spanish or Italian, the Senior Center at Saint Peter's Church will gratefully receive them for use in its free programs.

As part of Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, the center serves adults age 60 and over.

To arrange a donation, please call 212-308-1959.



### TBA MEMBERSHIP COUPON

Yes, I want to join the Turtle Bay Association to help support our community's quality of life.

#### Annual Membership Dues

- |  |   |   |
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