



# THE HOUSEWATCH

## NEW ADDITIONS TO OUR COLLECTION

By Amanda Pietrzykowski

Our newest acquisition is a large collection of silk-screen prints by Allen Russell Saalburg. We previously had two prints in our collection and on display in our second floor permanent exhibit, "Romance of Firefighting." These prints depict volunteer era firefighting equipment and apparatus.

Allen Russell Saalburg (1899-1987) was an artist, mural painter and printmaker for much of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. He was born in Illinois and moved to New York City shortly after WWII to study at Pratt Institute, then at The Art Students League of New York. He began his career as a freelance artist creating covers for Fortune, Saturday Evening Post, and Vanity Fair. From 1934-36, Parks Commissioner Robert Moses put him in charge of the WPA mural program in New York City. He supervised and helped create murals at the Arsenal and the Tavern on the Green in Central Park, and the Old Stone House of Gowanus in Brooklyn.

After the WPA project, he formed a partnership with Louis Bouché and Everett Henry to execute large scale mural projects for the Pennsylvania Railroad, Bloomingdale's and the 1939 and 1964 World's Fairs. In 1947, he moved to Bucks County Pennsylvania and worked in the Mercer Museum and Bucks County Historical Society on a large project drawing and painting objects from their collection. The silk-screen prints pictured here were part of a series that were developed from those paintings.

Saalburg's work is in the collections of the Whitney Museum of American Art, The New York Public Library, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Bucks County Historical Society.



"The Vigilant"



"Volunteer Fireman"



"United States Fire Company"

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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Museum Member,

We recently concluded another successful spring lecture series and I'd like to thank all our members who attended. I'd especially like to thank long-time museum member and FDNY Honorary Deputy Chief, Gary Urbanowicz, for his instrumental role in organizing the terrific line-up of presenters we hosted.

This year the Museum is celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) joining FDNY. In celebration, we are mounting a special exhibit to commemorate this historic merger and to better present a comprehensive history of the agency. The exhibit will be mounted on the first floor of the Museum and is slated for completion at the end of summer.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, our focus this year is on raising money to fund a renovation to our fire safety mock apartment that our fire safety officers use as a classroom to teach children how to *get-low-and-go* and safely escape a fire should one occur in their home. If you would like to support this important project, you can do so by writing to me directly at [director@nycfiremuseum.org](mailto:director@nycfiremuseum.org) or donating at [www.nycfiremuseum.org](http://www.nycfiremuseum.org).

I wish everyone a safe, happy summer!

Sincerely,

Sarah Strickland  
Executive Director



Picture Above: Our celebrity judges for this year's cook-off: Chef and Actress Debi Mazar, Chef Gabriele Corcos and Chef Daisy Martinez.



James Leonard, Chief of Department,; Robert Turner, First Deputy Commissioner and members of the FDNY Ceremonial Unit gather for singing of the National Anthem at the 2015 NYCFM 9/11 Ceremony

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN  
SEP  
11<sup>TH</sup>

### Annual 9/11 Wreath Laying Ceremony

This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center that occurred on 9/11/2001 when 343 FDNY Members made the Supreme Sacrifice. We invite all of our members to help us commemorate their lives in a wreath laying ceremony taking place at the Museum on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m.

THU  
NOV  
3<sup>RD</sup>

### 2016 FIRE MUSEUM COOK-OFF FUNDRAISER

It is never too early to mark your calendar for the Fire Museum's biggest fundraiser of the year, the FDNY Cook-Off, scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd, at 6 p.m. The proceeds for the event will help fund a renovation to our fire safety education apartment.

We have an exciting line-up of judges for this year's competition! They include Chef Daisy Martinez, Chef Gabriele Corcos, and Chef and Actress Debi Mazar!

Tickets can be purchased at [www.fdnymuseumshop.org](http://www.fdnymuseumshop.org) next month.

If you are an FDNY Chef or would like to nominate a chef for our 2016 cook-off please contact Noemi at 212-691-1303 ext. 11 or email [events@nycfiremuseum.org](mailto:events@nycfiremuseum.org)



## CONSERVATION NEWS

Visitors to the Museum will be able to watch conservator Lauren Paige Isaacs of Flying Pig Art Conservation work to restore the hand pulled hose reel, used by Steinway Hose Company No. 7, to its original glory during the month of August. The hose reel was used by volunteer firefighters in Steinway Village, the factory town set up by the piano-makers, Steinway and Sons, when they moved their manufacturing operations to Long Island City.



Steinway Hose Co. 7 hand pulled hose reel, Object ID 10.197



Exempt Firemen's Association of Long Island City, Object ID 2012.0834

## ONLINE CATALOG

Remember, if you are unable to visit the Museum in person, you can still view the majority of our collection through our online database. We are continually adding to our database with new artifacts which includes photographs that have been scanned and uploaded by our Collections Intern Program. All are searchable by going to [www.nycfiremuseum.org](http://www.nycfiremuseum.org), selecting "exhibitions" and then clicking on "online catalog."

Offsite, Ms. Isaacs will also be restoring a mounted silk banner from the Exempt Firemen's Association of Long Island City. Organized in 1885, this association was formed to provide for the welfare of the members of the Volunteer Fire Department of Long Island City, as well as the widows and orphans of its deceased members.

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## FUNDRAISING FOR FIRE SAFETY

Thank you to the following organizations for your generous donations that will help fund an upgrade to our fire safety education apartment!

Metropolitan New York Chapter of  
The Society of Fire Prevention - \$500.00

Fire Safety Directors Association - \$500.00

New York Fire Alarm Association - \$2,500

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### Hours

Monday through Sunday  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Admission

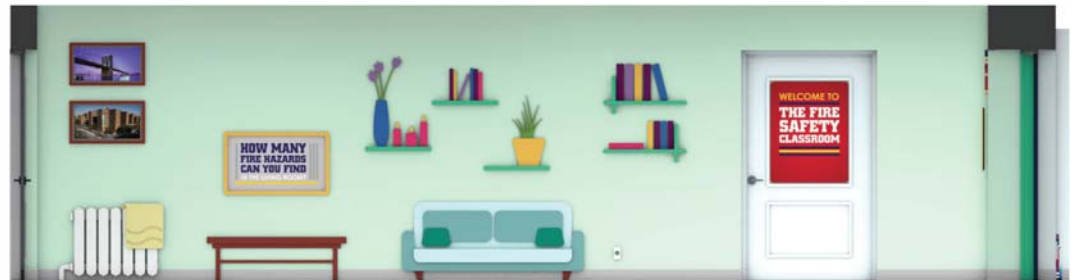
\$8 for adults, \$5 for children, students and senior citizens

Free for children under 2, active FDNY and NYPD members

### Subway

#1 Train to Houston Street –  
Walk south on Varick Street –  
Turn right on Spring Street.

C or E train to Spring Street and walk west



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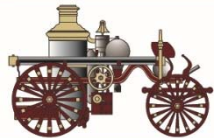
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