



# BAY RIDGE

## THROUGH AN ECOLOGICAL LENS

April 15 - June 17, 2023

OPENING RECEPTION / APRIL 15, 3-6 PM

A Public Art Exhibition  
Curated by Jennifer McGregor

Rebecca Allan, Aaron Asis, Chris Costan, Kate Dodd,  
Peter Edlund, Kristin Reiber-Harris, Ellen Coleman-  
Izzo, Sergey Jivetin, Nathan Kensinger, Rita Leduc,  
Christopher Lin, Nikki Lindt, E.J. McAdams + Jimbo  
Blachly, Nancy Nowacek with Carla Kihlstedt +  
Carlos Alomar and Benjamin Swett

Image:  
Benjamin Swett  
American Elm on Ridge Boulevard at 72nd Street  
2010  
Photograph









# Kate Dodd – *Bay Ridge Tree Collection*

*A collaboration with Bay Ridge residents, the local library and participating artists*

The *Bay Ridge Tree Collection* had a number of components:

- 1) The sculptural element: a site-specific installation in the lobby of the Bay Ridge Public Library that consisted of two “trees” covered with text that unfurls from the trunks to branches that extend onto the windows.
- 2) The second element was a collection of miniature individual “books”, that represented the tree species in Bay Ridge (199 species!). The books were displayed on the “tree”, stairwell railings and window mullions.
- 3) The third element was a treatment of the existing light fixtures in the main reading room that consisted of lines of poetry by participating artists E.J. McAdams and Jimbo Blachly.
- 4) The fourth element was a collaboration with different community groups. These groups were asked to make a book for a favorite tree that was included in the final installation. Kate collaborated with a local environmental group, the local high school students, the library teen group and library community and a local senior group, and other community members.





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## Bay Ridge

### Neighborhood Statistics

9,579

Trees on Map

416

Activities  
Reported

125

Trees Favorited

211

Tree Species on  
Map

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Most Common Species

1,989 trees, 21% of Bay Ridge trees on  
the map

### Recent Tree Care Activities

Mar 3, 2023

The [Purple leaf plum near 278 73 Street](#) was weeded, had soil managed, was mulched, and was cleared of litter/waste.

Dec 4, 2022

The [Shingle oak near 6727 Colonial Road](#) had soil managed and was landscaped/had flowers planted around.

Dec 4, 2022

The [Sawtooth oak near 6739 Colonial Road](#) had soil managed and was landscaped/had flowers planted around.

### Ecological Benefits of Bay Ridge Trees

Stormwater intercepted each year

18,284,447 gallons

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# Street Trees!

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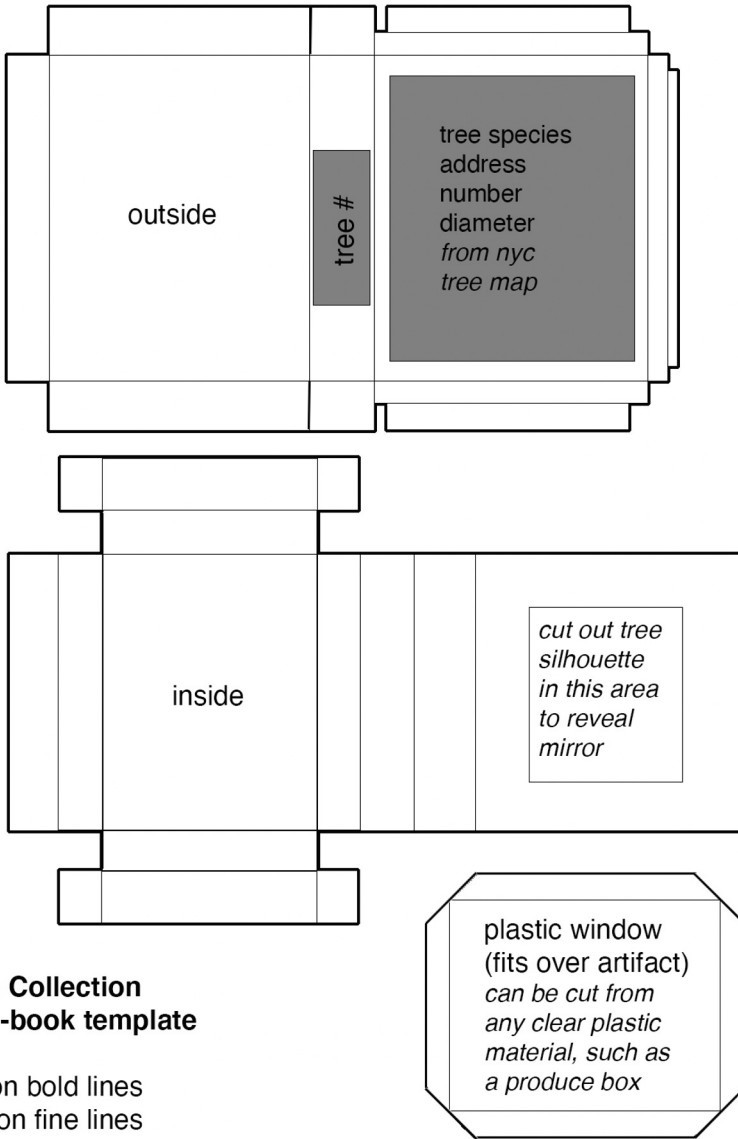
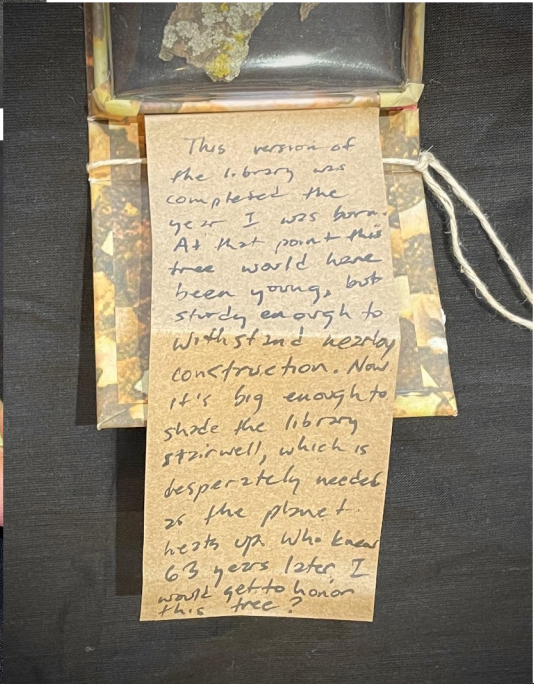
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# Community groups were invited to make a mini book that included an artifact and some writing







Fort Hamilton High School students collaborated with artist Kate Dodd



# Walking into the library lobby

Street view

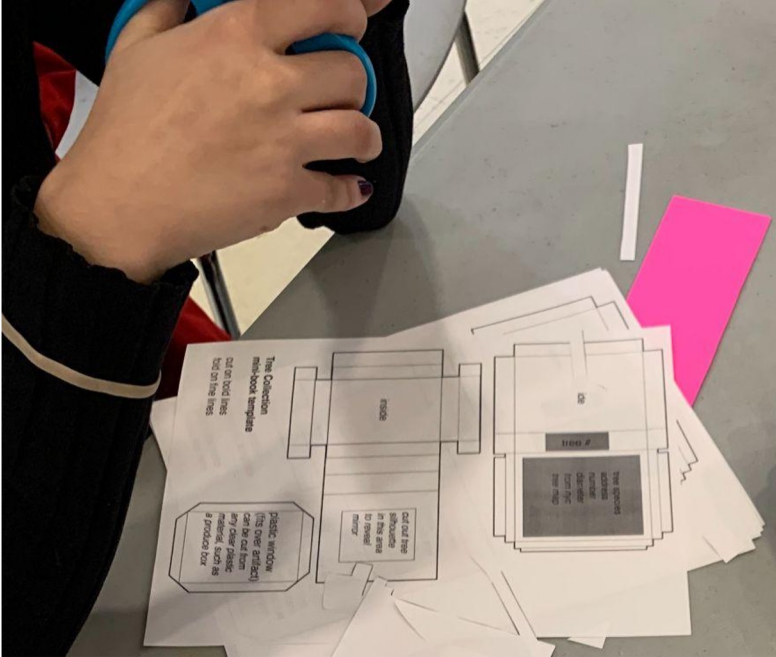


Interior/ Upstairs lobby view





# The Bay Ridge 73rd St. Public Library was an enthusiastic partner



(Left) Teen Group at library working on Tree Books  
(Right) Teens presenting at the opening event in lobby





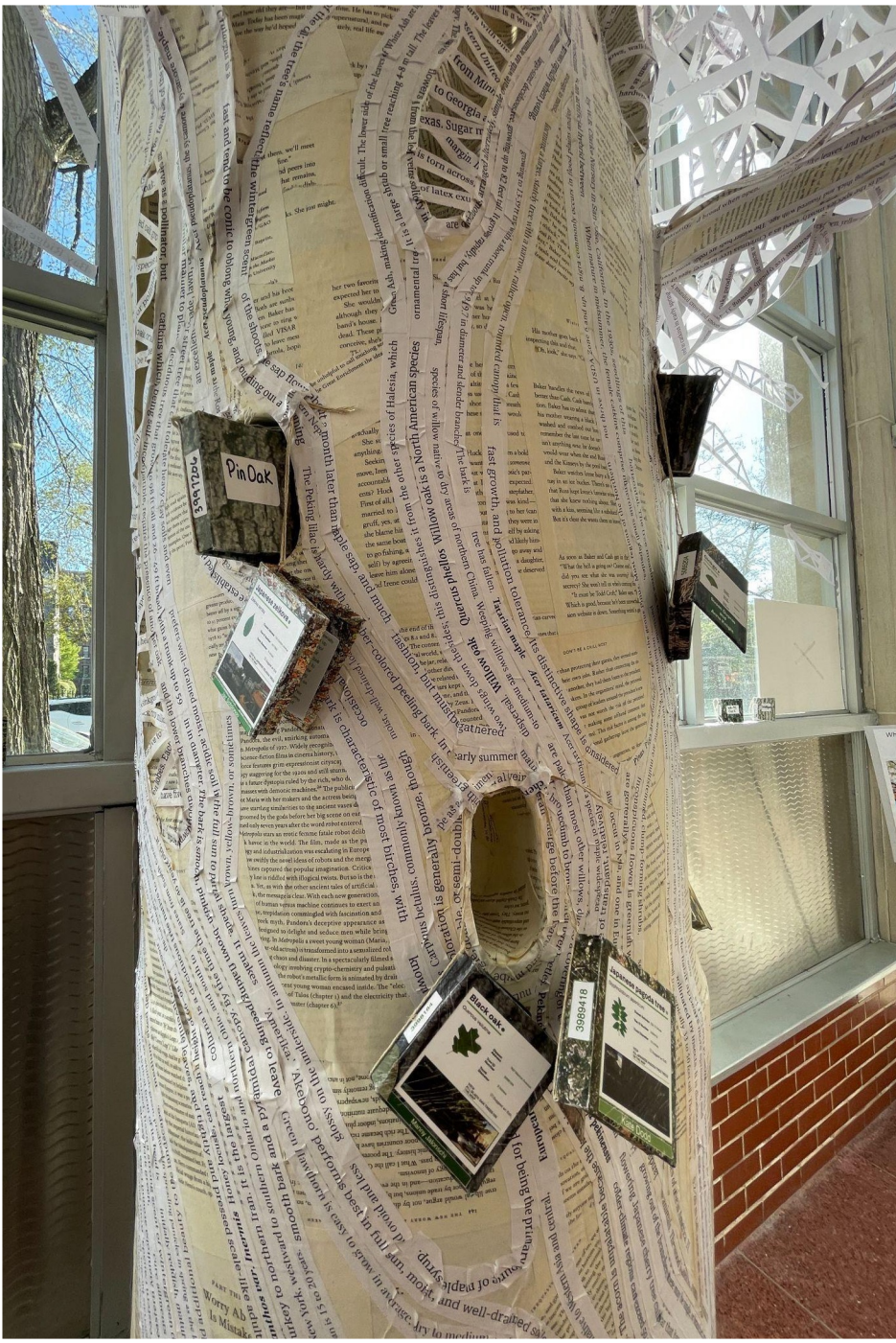


We created 100 + books!















# Sergey Jiviten – *Furrow*

*A collaboration with Bay Ridge Residents and the Narrows Botanical Garden*

*Furrow* for Bay Ridge was a workshop that asked people to bring a seed to the event along with the story of their connection to the seed. Sergey etched images onto the seeds based on his conversations with each person and created a personal symbolic portrait. Sergey's performance gave each participant a voice and helped Sergey make a connection with his collaborators. The event took place at the Narrows Botanical Garden.

















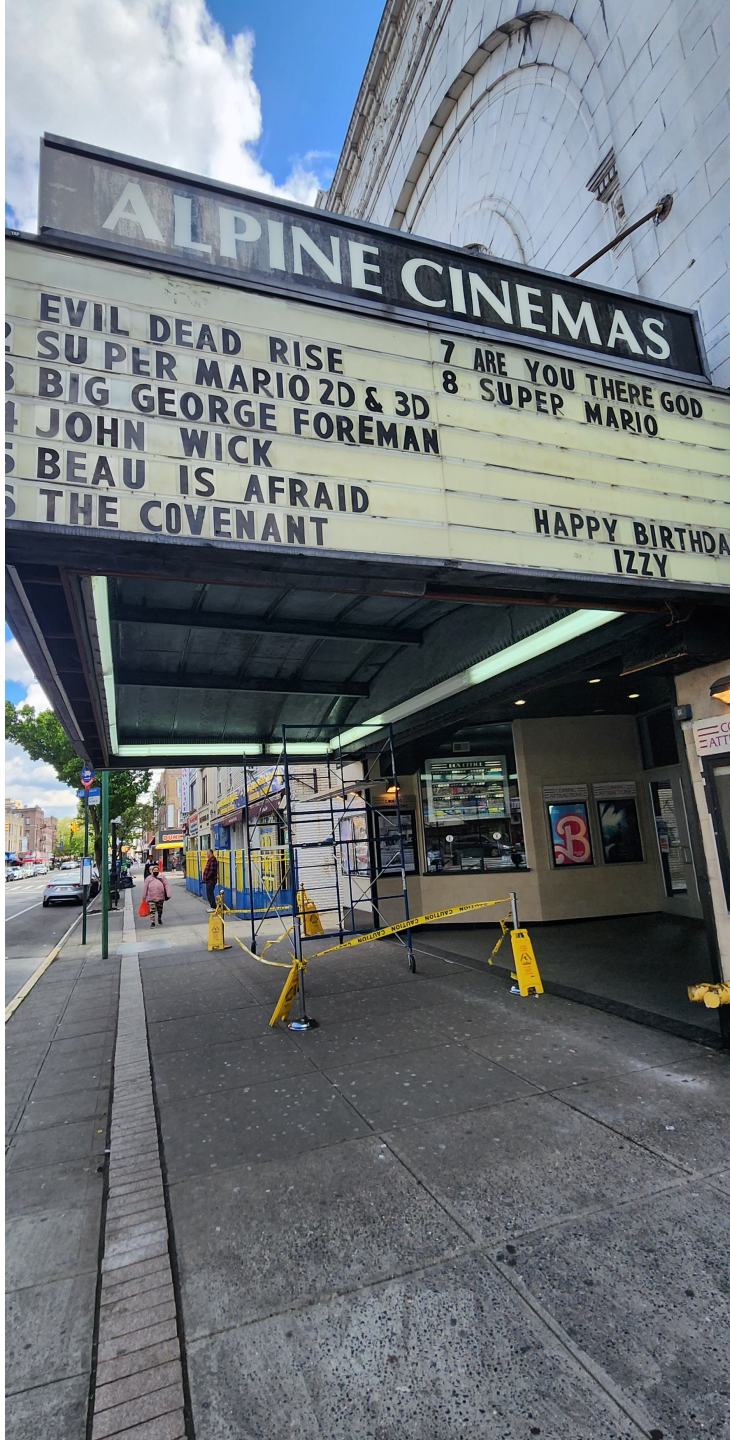


## Aaron Asis – *Alpine Under the Marque*

*Art in unexpected places: A collaboration with the local movie theater*

Aaron worked with the owners and workers of the Alpine movie theater in Bay Ridge to help share art experiences with the community and theater goers. Meant to inspire new ideas and appreciation for the theater, Aaron installed a mural of the theater taken from an archival photo of the marque from the 1940's under the current marque. Aaron's work focuses on sharing the visible and invisible details of spaces and stories to demonstrate the power of art in helping to improve our relationship with our cities and with each other.











E.J McAdams and Jimbo Blachly –

*PLAIN/AIR/ECOLOGIES/COLLECTIVE/LINK/BAG*

A collaboration with community members and Tea Arts and Culture

A silent walk and collective poetry exercise to appreciate the natural urban environment. Members of the public joined together with E.J. and Jimbo for a silent walk through Owl's Head Park that was interrupted at chosen spots for each person to write their own line of poetry. All the lines were collected in a bag and randomly put together for the final collaborative poem that was recited at the tea ceremony in the Narrow's Botanical Garden. The tea ceremony was hosted by BAC grantee Tea, Arts and Culture and music was performed by The Sound, The Sound.















## Chris Costan – *Interventions*

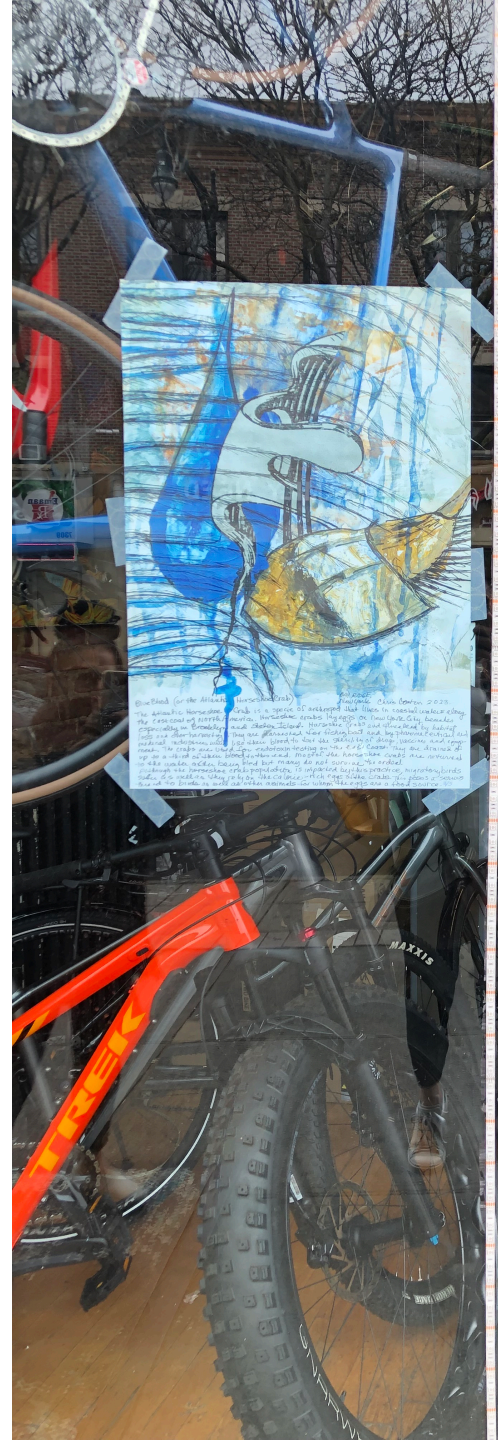
A public work and collaboration with the Bay Ridge 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue merchants

Chris Costan created a series of paintings and collages that dealt with environmental issues specific to the plant and animal life of Bay Ridge and the surrounding areas. A series of high quality prints were made and distributed to store owners to display in their storefronts. Chris and Stand4 Director, Jeannine Bardo took the time to introduce the project and get to know the merchants. The merchants were very receptive and we gave the businesses shout outs on our social media pages.





**Blue Blood (or the Atlantic Horseshoe Crab)**  
Emily Coyle, Chris Gordon 2023  
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## Artist Talks

A series of artist talks were given through out the exhibition and included conversations with artists, Rita LeDuc, Aaron Asis, Peter Edlund, Christopher Lin, Nany Nowacek, and Chris Costan. These took place inside and outside the gallery space.

## Online events

A series of on-line events opened up the conversation to a wider audience and included collaborations with ecoartspace and Brooklyn Waterfront Coalition





## Artist Walks / Talks

A meet and greet with the artists of *Bay Ridge*  
*Through an Ecological Lens*

**May 20 @ 3:30** - Aaron Asis, Peter Edlund, Rita Leduc,  
Christopher Lin



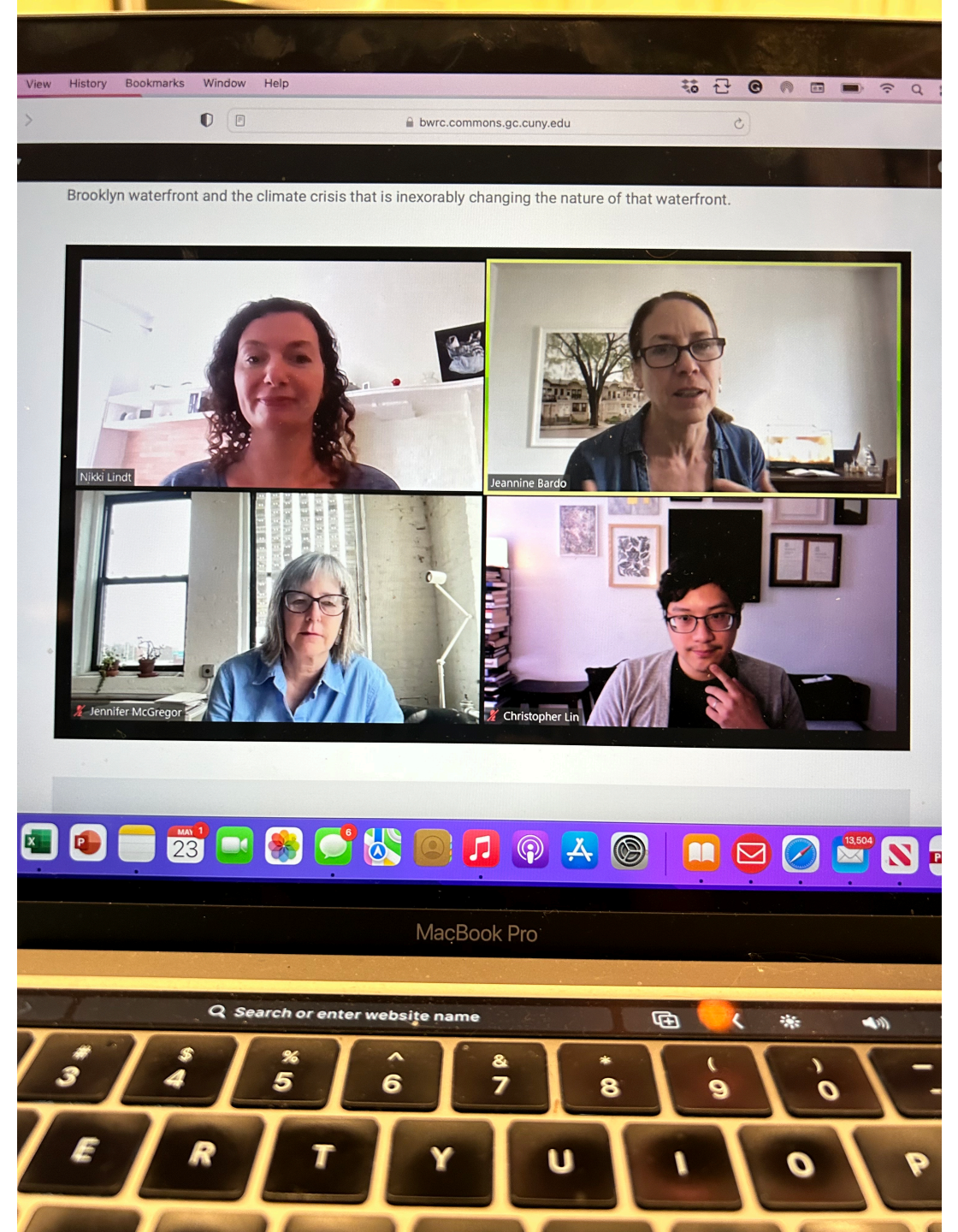






# Bay Ridge Through an Ecological Lens

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH  
@ 10AM ON ZOOM





# Art in the Parks

Stand4 partnered with the Parks Department to facilitate public art works throughout the park spaces in Bay Ridge. Stand4 Gallery was responsible for the installation, upkeep and deinstall of all works and Parks provided Stand4 with signage and approval at all sites. The Parks Department included the works as part of their Art in the Parks Series on their website.

The Parks Proposal included the work of three artists:

***The Underground Sound: Within the Upper Bay*** -by Nikki Lindt

***Ecology of Bay Ridge***- by Rita LeDuc

***Those who Transplant, will Sustain: Brooklyn's Botanical Newcomers*** -Peter Edlund









Rita Leduc at Narrows Botanical Garden





Rita Leduc at  
Veterans Memorial Pier



Signage for Rita Leduc with Nikki Lindt's  
sound work at Veterans Memorial Pier





Peter Edlund at Shore Road Park

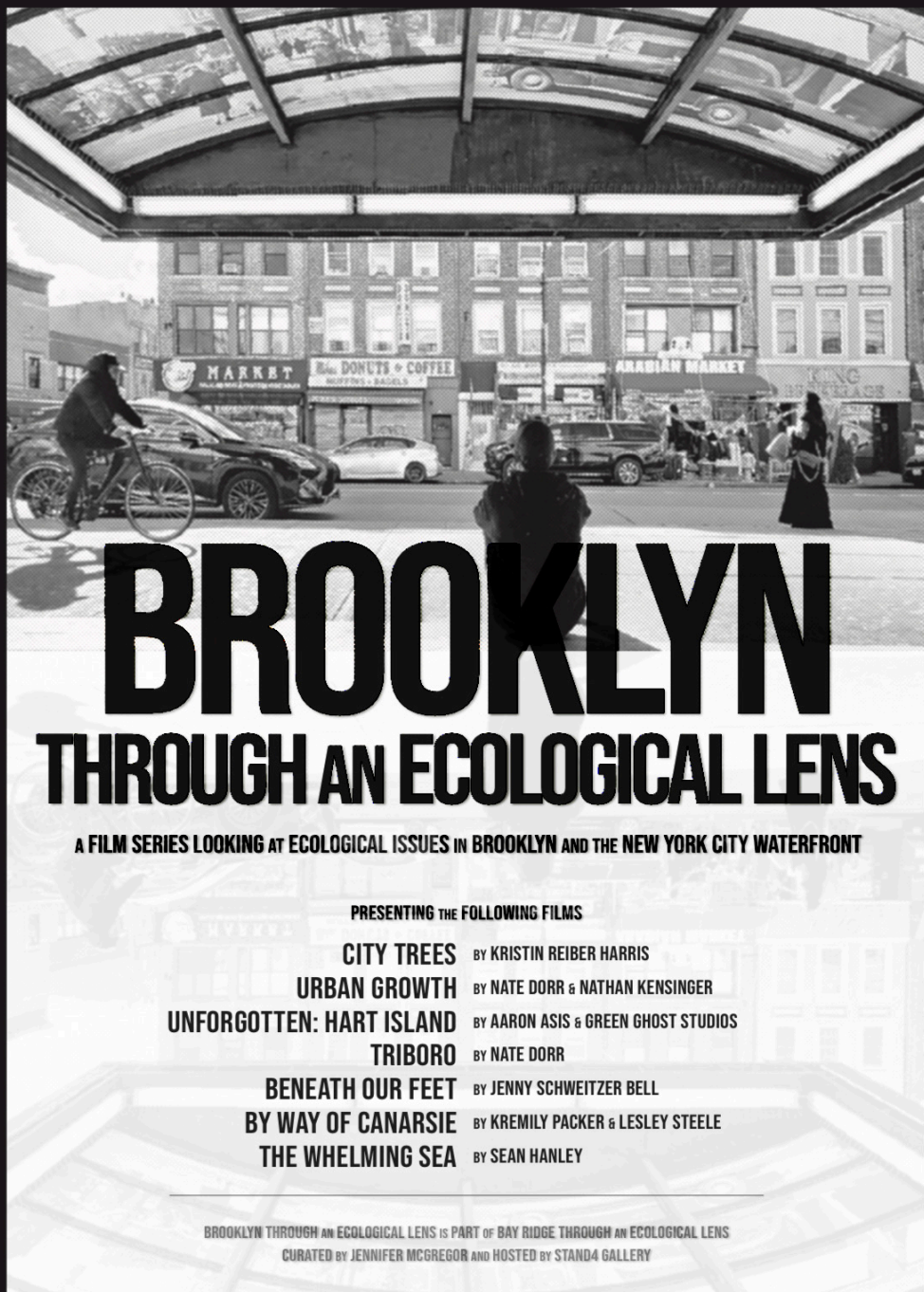


# Film Screening at Alpine Cinema

*Brooklyn Through An Ecological Lens*: a film series screened on June 8 at Alpine Cinema with a focus on ecological issues in Brooklyn and the New York City waterfront: including the following films: *By Way of Canarsie* by Emily Packer and Lesley Steele, *City TREES* by Kristin Reiber Harris, *Triboro* by Nate Dorr, *Urban Growth* by Nate Dorr and Nathan Kensinger, *The Whelming Sea* by Sean Hanley, *Unforgotten Films: Hart Island* by Aaron Assis, and *Underground Sound Project* by Jenny Schweitzer Bell.

The Alpine Cinema was a generous sponsor for this project. Artist Aaron Assis installed a mural under the theater's marquee and allowed us to host our sold-out film screening.





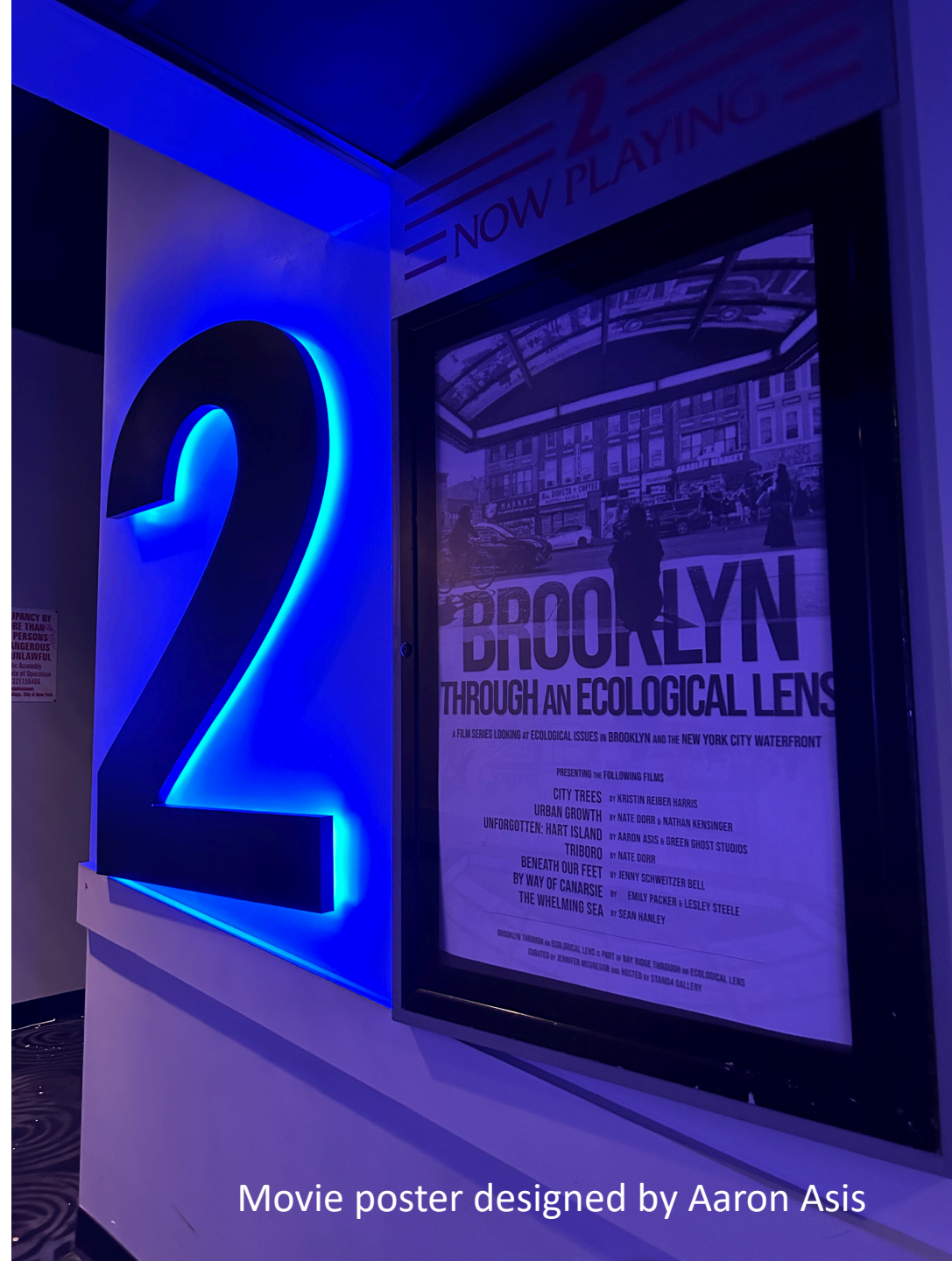
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A FILM SERIES LOOKING AT ECOLOGICAL ISSUES IN BROOKLYN AND THE NEW YORK CITY WATERFRONT

PRESENTING THE FOLLOWING FILMS

**CITY TREES** BY KRISTIN REIBER HARRIS  
**URBAN GROWTH** BY NATE DORR & NATHAN KENSINGER  
**UNFORGOTTEN: HART ISLAND** BY AARON ASIS & GREEN GHOST STUDIOS  
**TRIBORO** BY NATE DORR  
**BENEATH OUR FEET** BY JENNY SCHWEITZER BELL  
**BY WAY OF CANARSIE** BY KREMILY PACKER & LESLEY STEELE  
**THE WHELMING SEA** BY SEAN HANLEY

BROOKLYN THROUGH AN ECOLOGICAL LENS IS PART OF BAY RIDGE THROUGH AN ECOLOGICAL LENS  
CURATED BY JENNIFER MCGREGOR AND HOSTED BY STAND4 GALLERY



Movie poster designed by Aaron Asis





Test screening of Triboro by Nate Dorr



Still image from *Underground Sound Project*  
by Jenny Schweitzer Bell's



# Sponsorship and Press

Stand4 Gallery worked tirelessly to build relationships with our local businesses and were happy to receive so much support from members of our community.

The exhibition was covered by a number of local news organizations and the art magazine Art Spiel ran a series of interviews that included artists, Rita Leduc, Christopher Lin, Peter Edlund, Nancy Nowacek and curator Jennifer McGregor.

Right: A list of sponsors that was shown on our website and social media, at our film screening and on posters in and out of the gallery.

Stand4 Gallery received a Brooklyn Arts Fund grant for the exhibition, *Bay Ridge Through an Ecological Lens* and we would like to thank all of our generous local sponsors and supporters for making this exhibition soar!



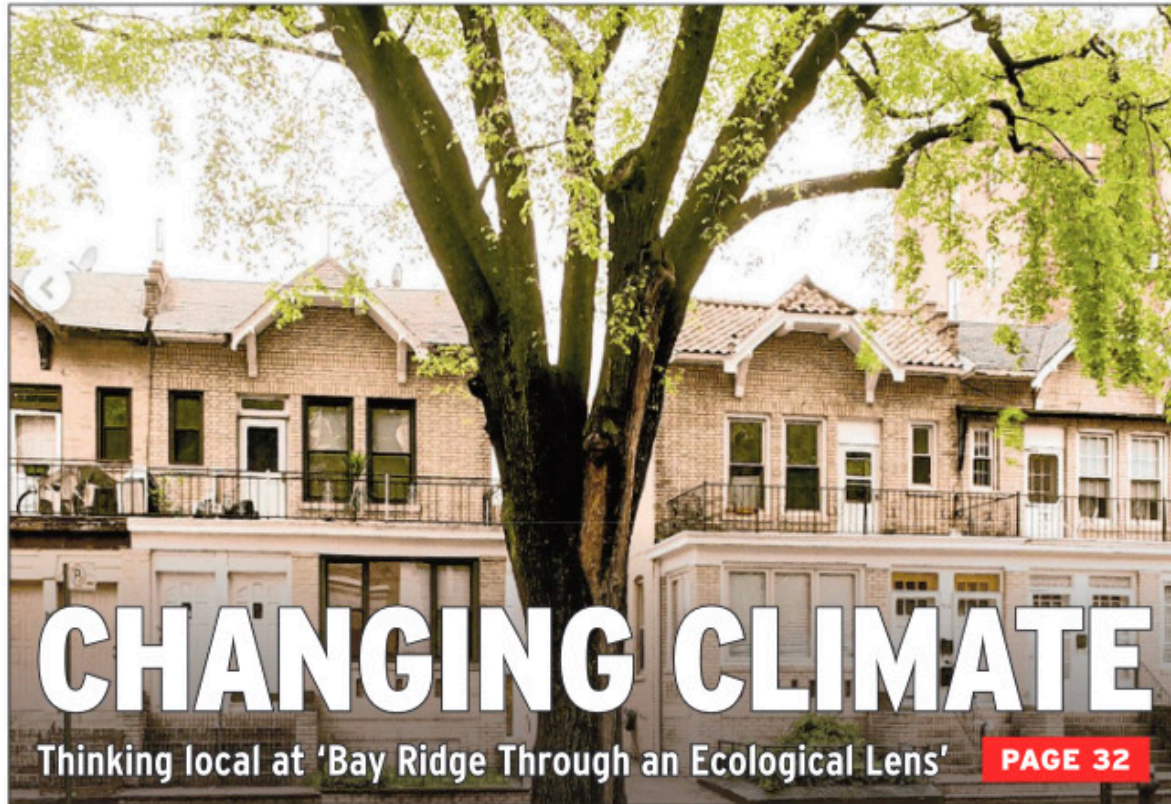


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Kate Dodd's "Bay Ridge Tree Collection" was created to bring awareness to the local impact of climate change.

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### Bay Ridge Through an Ecological Lens: Rita Leduc

#### HOT AIR



Leduc installing Field Mark (Narrows Botanical Garden). Photo courtesy of the artist.



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