

MAS NYC JANE'S WALK

200+ free guided walks celebrating New York

May 1-3

Jane's Walk NYC Celebrating Jane Jacobs and New York City

Join us May 1-3 for Jane's Walk 2020! This annual event held the first weekend in May is a global festival of free, citizen-led walking tours inspired by urban activist Jane Jacobs. During Jane's Walk weekend, the simple act of exploring the city is enhanced with personal observations, local history, and civic engagement. Jane's Walk encourages people to share stories about their neighborhoods, discover unseen aspects of their communities, and connect with visitors and neighbors alike.

Looking for inspiration? Check out the below book titles to get started!

Jane's Walk Reading List

- *The Battle for Gotham: New York in the Shadow of Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs* by Roberta Brandes Gratz
- *Block by Block: Jane Jacobs and the Future of New York* by Timothy Mennel
- *Creating Walkable Places* by Adrienne Schmitz and Jason Scully
- *Dark Age Ahead* by Jane Jacobs
- *The Death and Life of Great American Cities* by Jane Jacobs
- *Genius of Common Sense: Jane Jacobs and the Story of the Death and Life of Great American Cities* by Glenna Lang
- *Hidden New York: A Guide to Places that Matter* by Marci Reaven and Stevie Zeitlin
- *Ideas that Matter: The Worlds of Jane Jacobs* by Max Allen
- *Jane Jacobs: Urban Visionary* by Alice Sparburg Alexiou
- *Jane Jacobs' Legacy: Science of and Love for the Creative City* by Dany Jacobs
- *My City, My New York: Famous New Yorkers Share Their Favorite Places* by Jeryl Brunner
- *Oasis y Vitrinas Transformacion Espacio Publico en Nueva York* by Ana Morcillo Pallares
- *Oddball New York: From Avenue A to Z* by Lindley Farley
- *Reconsidering Jane Jacobs* by Max Page
- *Secret New York* by T.M. Rives
- *Subwayland* by Randy Kennedy
- *The Walkable City: From Haussman's Boulevards to Jane Jacobs' Streets and Beyond* by Mary Soderstrom
- *What We See: Advancing the Observations of Jane Jacobs* by Stephen A. Goldsmith
- *Who the Hell is Jane Jacobs...and What Are Her Theories All About?* by Deborah Talbot
- *Wrestling with Moses: How Jane Jacobs Took on New York's Master Builder and Transformed the American City* by Anthony Flint

ABOUT MAS

For over 125 years, the Municipal Art Society of New York (MAS) has worked to educate and inspire New Yorkers to engage in the betterment of our city. As a non-profit advocacy organization, MAS mobilizes diverse allies to focus on issues that affect our city from sidewalk to skyline. Through three core campaign areas, MAS protects New York's legacy spaces, encourages thoughtful planning and urban design, and fosters inclusive neighborhoods across the five boroughs.

ABOUT JANE'S WALK NYC

MAS is proud to be the local organizer of Jane's Walk NYC, the biggest Jane's Walk festival anywhere in the world. What started with a handful of NYC walks in 2011 has since grown into a three-day celebration featuring hundreds of walks across the five boroughs.

ABOUT JANE JACOBS

Jane Jacobs was a famous urban activist and writer who lived from 1916-2006. She is best known for galvanizing New Yorkers to stop Robert Moses' plans for an expressway through Lower Manhattan. She believed in the power of individuals to influence their city. Today, her principles are represented in participatory planning approaches that have been embraced in communities around the world.