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**The Bronx Council on the Arts and the Huntington Free Library present
Halloween Arts & Crafts with Fran Marino on Saturday, October 22nd, 12:30-3:00pm
A Free Family-Friendly Craft Workshop at Huntington Free Library**

(Bronx, NY – October 7, 2011) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and the Huntington Free Library (HFL) present kick off their 2011-2012 family-friendly craft workshop series on Saturday, October 22 at Westchester Square's Huntington Free Library with a fun and spooky afternoon of ***Halloween Arts & Crafts with Fran Marino***.

Mad Scientists of all ages are invited to create their own stuffed ghosts, ghouls, or creatures (fairies, kitties, pumpkins, candy corn, etc.). Spend the day drawing, gluing, coloring, cutting, and stuffing! The workshop runs from 12:30-3:00pm. Admission is free and all are welcome. The Huntington Free Library is located at 9 Westchester Square (next to the Apple Savings Bank). This workshop is free and open to the public. All are welcome.



Halloween Arts & Crafts with Fran Marino is part of the free series of Third Saturday Family Craft Workshops presented by BCA and HFL through April 21, 2012 at the Huntington Free Library. Note: This workshop does fall on the 4th Saturday due to a scheduling conflict at the library.



Fran Marino is a Bronx-raised artist and Fashion Institute of Technology graduate with a background in the Textile Design industry and as an Art teacher in the Catholic and Public school systems. Fran has worked with a number of Bronx community organizations, coordinating outdoor art and music exhibitions, including Bronx Week events at the Bronx County Court House. She has exhibited in group exhibitions in New York and in Connecticut where she received an "Honorable Mention" for one of her more current pencil drawings. Locally, Fran has exhibited her work at City Island's Focal Point Gallery, had a one-woman exhibition at Westchester Square's Huntington Free Library, and has been an active member of the Bronx Council on the Arts of BCA's Artisans Initiative.

The family craft workshop series continues on November 19th as BCA presents ***Holiday Ornaments with Gail Sharbaan***. Create your own holiday ornaments! Plenty of glitter, glue and cheer available. Please bring family, friends and the desire to be creative. See you then!

Admission to all workshops is free, but space is limited. For information, call 718-931-9500 x33 or 718-829-7770, or visit www.bronxarts.org.

Directions: The Huntington Free Library is located at 9 Westchester Square (next to the Apple Savings Bank) in the Bronx and can be reached by the #6 subway and BX 4, 21, 31, 40 and 42 buses. All destinations are to Westchester Square. For additional directions or information, call 718-829-7770.

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