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**PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWS AND DISCUSSIONS IN THE PARKS** (Friday, Wednesday and continuing) More than fresh air can be found these days at some city parks, with free displays on city history and ecology at two locations. The Arsenal Gallery in Central Park (at Fifth Avenue and East 64th Street) gives visitors a look at the city's growing park system in "Parkcentric: Photographs From the Museum of the City of New York, 1890-1940," sponsored by the city's Department of Parks and Recreation and the museum.



On view through Aug. 30, the show features over 65 historical photographs by Jacob Riis, Berenice Abbott and others, including images of model-boat sailing in Central Park around 1920, top, and an Arbor Day celebration in Tompkins



MARY MATTINGLY

Square Park in 1904, above. On Wednesday at 6 p.m., a discussion is planned with the show's curator, Jonathan Kuhn, director of arts and antiquities for the Parks Department, and Sean Corcoran, curator of prints and photographs at the Museum of the City of New York; the exhibition can be viewed weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On display through Aug. 15 at the Poe Park Visitor Center in the Bronx are photographs and other items from "The Flock House Project," a traveling installation of sustainable and environmentally friendly structures conceived by the artist Mary Mattingly that have been popping up around the city since last month. Right now

there are structures in Lower Manhattan (at 125 Maiden Lane); the Bronx (at the Bronx Museum of the Arts); and the Dumbo section of Brooklyn, at Pearl Street and Anchorage Place, shown above left. On Friday at 2 p.m. at the visitor center, there's a discussion with Ms. Mattingly and Lonny Grafman, a project adviser and an instructor at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif.; the show can be viewed Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The talks are free, but reservations are requested by e-mailing [artandantiquities@park.nyc.gov](mailto:artandantiquities@park.nyc.gov). The Poe Visitor Center is reachable from the Grand Concourse and 192nd Street, in the Fordham Manor section of the Bronx; [nycgovparks.org](http://nycgovparks.org); [flockhouse.org](http://flockhouse.org). Every picture does tell a story. (Anne Mancuso)