



REDUCE, REUSE AND REMAKE WITH THE NEW YORK HALL OF SCIENCE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Queens, NY – From December 27 – 30, the New York Hall of Science (NYSCI) presents its annual holiday event, [ReMake the Holidays](#). From Thanksgiving to New Year’s Day, household waste increases by more than 25 percent, an additional 1 million tons per week¹. ReMake the Holidays is a response to this increased consumption and waste, and encourages individuals to reuse and repurpose materials to create unique items such as stuffed toys, festive paper garland, gift tags and more.

“This year, all of our ReMake activities will include descriptions of where and how the supplies have been sourced,” said Elizabeth Slagus, director of public programs at NYSCI. “Our goal is not just sharing creative and fun ideas for projects, but also demonstrating how you can source reusable materials if you don’t want to buy and consume new items.”

Activities happening during ReMake the Holidays will run from noon – 4 pm, and include workshops, demos and artist installations. Free with NYSCI admission, activities include:

Ice Sculpting Demonstration with Sculptor Bill Bywater

Daily; 2 pm

Ice sculptor Bill Bywater inspires visitors about endangered species with his beautiful ice sculptures. Each day, Bill will carve a different endangered or threatened species that has made some progress through conservation and legislation. This year’s ice sculptures will feature a Canadian lynx, bald eagle, loggerhead turtle and a southern sea otter.

Tinkering Shop

December 27, 28 & 29; noon to 3 pm

Kids transform fabrics, old toys and everyday materials into amazing new creations.

Fabric Arts Scrap Shop

Daily; noon – 4 pm

Participants explore a variety of fabric art activities, from hand-cut heat press vinyl pattern-making, to stuffed buddy-making, to giant pegboard weaving. Visitors can create fabric creations or bring their own toys to customize.

Winter Wonderland Gallery

Daily; noon – 4 pm

Museum visitors can reuse and repurpose materials collected from staff donations and Materials for the Arts to design, create and build a Winter Wonderland. Three of the *Design Lab* pods will be focused on paper, textiles and cardboard, where visitors can make winter and holiday-themed items that they can take with them, or add to the museum’s display of visitor creations.

**Green Garland with Guest ReMaker Angela Catherine Carlucci***Daily; noon – 4 pm*

Families can learn the art of paper-cutting while reusing holiday wrapping paper, catalogues and a variety of other recycled paper to make their own festive paper garland.

Marvelous Mushrooms with Designer-in-Residence Jan Mun*Daily; noon – 4 pm*

Visitors learn how fungi can be used to remove toxins from our environment, and how to cultivate mushrooms at home. They can also build a dwelling to take home, so that they can grow their own mushrooms at home.

ReGift Tags*Daily; noon – 4 pm*

Kids can use stamps, stencils and different recycled papers to create gift tags.

Press Visits: Please contact Lauren Parikhal at lparikhal@nysci.org to schedule a visit or interview.

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¹<https://blog.epa.gov/2016/12/21/creative-ways-to-cut-your-holiday-waste>

