

# African Burial Ground

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## Pinkster Celebration

Saturday June 10, 2017 at 12PM

Pinkster is a religious holiday associated with the change of season to spring. Today, Pinkster is recognized as the oldest African-American holiday of the United States, celebrated since the colonial period. The African influence on Pinkster dates from the fifteenth century in the Bantu regions of Congo and Angola.

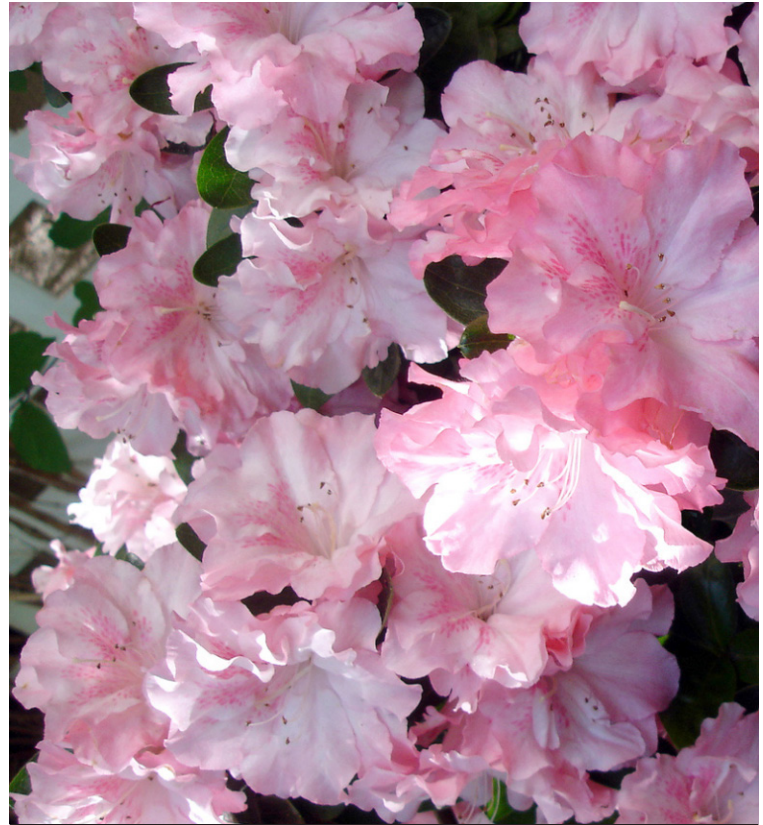
Pinkster is derived from the Dutch word “Pinksteren” which means Pentecost or the Seventh Sunday after Easter.

Since the 1970s, New Yorkers have resurrected Pinkster festivals in New York and throughout the surrounding areas. Celebrate New York’s vibrant African American history and culture at one of New York City’s most sacred sites.

The African Burial Ground National Monument and the African American Pinkster Committee of New York (AAPCNY) invite the general public to a commemorative celebration featuring the pouring of libations, lectures, songs, performances, reading of proclamations, and the laying of flowers on the burial mounds.

For more information on the African American Pinkster Committee of New York, Inc. contact [AAPCNY@gmail.com](mailto:AAPCNY@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook

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Pink Azaleas, the flower traditionally associated with Pinkster

## Plan Your Visit

All activities will take place at African Burial Ground National Monument. The visitor center is located on the first floor of 290 Broadway in Lower Manhattan, two blocks north of City Hall.

African Burial Ground National Monument visitor center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm. The memorial is currently closed for preventative maintenance. The visitor center and memorial are closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

All events and activities are free and open to the public, however space is limited. Schedule is subject to change.

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