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## City Building, VAF (New York, 14-17 Jun 06)

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#### **CONFERENCE:**

2006 Vernacular Architecture Forum Conference

New York City, June 14-17, 2006

The Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF) will hold its twenty-sixth annual meeting in New York City in June 2006. The conference theme is "City Building" in New York, home to the largest concentration of vernacular buildings in the United States. With tours of the Lower East Side, downtown commercial architecture, Harlem, and Queens, conference participants will explore the speculative built landscape of New York City and, in particular, examine the rich and varied ethnic overlays of New York City's ever-changing neighborhoods. We will walk through neighborhoods of nineteenth-century row houses and twentieth-century garden apartments; explore African-American and immigrant tenements and the vibrant neighborhoods that their residents created; and we will examine the profitable commercial lofts and skyscrapers that have housed the businesses that created New York City's economic and financial preeminence. A full roster of panels, roundtable discussions, and keynote speakers will complement the guided and self-guided tours (for which VAF conferences are renowned). Over 75 participants will present their research and fieldwork.

For the full conference program, as well as information about registration, accommodations, and venues, visit the VAF website at <a href="http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/">http://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/</a> www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org. For further questions, please contact Dana Saal, <a href="mailto:rdsaal@sbcglobal.net">mailto:rdsaal@sbcglobal.net</a> rdsaal@sbcglobal.net or Barbara Morris, bkmorris27@yahoo.com.

Plan to register early, as space on tours is limited.

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