$\circ SEPTEMBER CALENDAR \bullet$

SAT SEPT 7:

Anarchist Bookfair + workshops - 11 am - 7 pm @ Jud- Info Session: Incarcerated Workers Organizing Commitson Memorial (55 Washington Square S, MH)

Punk Rock Karaoke Benefit for People's Power House -8 pm @ Bushwick Public House (1288 Myrtle Ave, BK) SAT SEPT 21:

MON SEPT 9:

began and lasted 5 days. 42 staff were taken hostage. pm @ Starr Bar (214 Starr St, BK) The result was a massacre. Although American mass incarceration has exploded since 71, the legacy of Attica SUN SEPT 22: is undying.

WED SEPT 11:

Drawing and Writing POLITICAL comics with Seth MON SEPT 23: Tobocman - 6 pm @ Mayday Space (176 St Nicholas Self-Defense Workshop with POP Gym - 7 pm @ Blue-Ave, BK) Support through the Walls letter writing for stockings 172 Allen St, MH) Cecilia Hunt - 7 pm @ The Base (1302 Myrtle Ave, BK)

FRI SEPT 13:

Book talk on Queer Terror: Life, Death, and Desire in Rec (4200 7th Ave, BK) the Settler Colony - 7 pm @ Bluestockings 172 Allen St, STR8 to 3VD: MELT THE I.C.E. drag show + fundrais-MH)

Metropolitan Anarchist Coordinating Council general BK) assembly - 7 pm @ May Day Space (176 St Nicholas Ave, BK)

SUN SEPT 15:

Black + Pink letter writing - 3 pm @ Bluestockings

(172 Allen St, Manhattan)

tee NYC - 5 pm @ Bluestockings (172 Allen St, MH)

Brooklyn March against Gentrification, Racism & Police Violence - 12-6 pm @ location TBA (BK) Today in history: In 1971, the Attica Prison uprising Bad Art NYC 2019: All Art Is Propaganda - 5:30-9:30

securiTEA time: FeministCyberSelfDefense - 1 pm @ Bluestockings 172 Allen St, MH)

FRI SEPT 27:

Earth Strike General Strike: Communities Strike for Climate over Colonialism - 3 pm @ Sunset Park and

er for RAICES - @ Gold Sounds Bar (44 Wilson Ave,

Email thesparkplug@protonmail.com to submit events

WEEKLY EVENTS

MONDAYS

Peoples' Monday - taking to the streets to bring attention to the Black ives Matter movement and the struggle for Black liberation and an end to the police. Every Monday - check @nycshutitdown on social media for time and place. \Books through Bars - send books to incarcerated people. Every Mon (except Sept 16) at 7:30 pm @ Freebird books at 123 Columbia St. (BK)

TUESDA YS

NightCAP (Cycling Against Patriarchy) - Offering free group rides for Femme/NB folks. Every Tues at 7 PM at Maria Hernandez park (Knickerbocker Ave & Starr St, BK) \ NYC Anarchist Black Cross write letters to incarcerated people and enjoy a free vegan dinner. Every other Tues Sept 3rd &17th at 7 pm at The Base (1302 Myrtle Ave, BK) WEDNESDAYS

Times up - free bike repair open workshop. Every Wed. at 6:30-8:30 @ 99 South 6th St (MH) \Books through Bars - send books to incarcerated people. Wednesdays (except Sept 18) at 7 pm @ Freebird books at 123 Columbia St. (BK) SATURDA YS

Club A kitchen - food & harm reduction distro. Every Sat at 4 pm @ Myrtle Broadway (BK)

Food Not Bombs Brooklyn - sharing free vegan food with others. Every Sat at 3 p.m. at the northwest corner of Von King (Tompkins) park, at Lafayette and Marcy (BK)

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99 South 6th St (MH) SUNDAYS

Food Not Bombs Manhattan - sharing free vegan food with others. Every Sun, cook at the Catholic Worker at 36 E 1st St MH at 1pm, and serve at Tompkins Square Park at 4:15pm. (MH) \Books through Bars send books to incarcerated people. Every Sun (except Sept 15) at 2 pm @ Freebird books at 123 Columbia St. (BK)

WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF SPARK PLUG



Welcome to the first issue of Spark Plug, a monthly paper publication dedicated to radical resistance in NYC. This project came together when a group of friends met up to remember Willem Van Spronsen, the Anarchist who was killed while sabotaging an ICE facility in Tacoma. We dedicate the first issue to him. We aim to put out a publication that facilitates and spreads fertile ground for a culture of resistance. Through promoting a variety of events, we hope to get people interested in entering spaces and environments in which they could build trusting relations with folx on the basis of shared affinity. We seek to foster support and sustainability for the many wonderful, ongoing projects in NYC, while advocating for the creation of future initiatives. We hope for this project to appeal to many different people from a vast spectrum of tendencies and priorities. We hope Spark Plug and the air around it can be a platform geared towards shared conversations, debates and arguments, replacing the damaging corporate platforms we have come to rely on for organization on theoretical unity. We aim for this publication to be part of

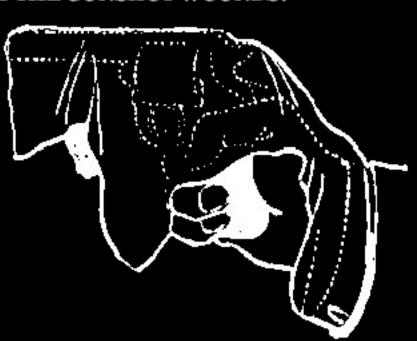
building a more trusting, resilient and powerful community of people committed to fighting all forms of domination.

EXCERPT FROM THE ZINE 2020 WILL NOT SAVE US: ELECTORALISM, NYC, AND THE BORDER"

[...] how do we deal with stagnation and inaction? How do we move beyond our trauma and our fear of failure or greater repression? How can we connect the lessons we've learned through our shared history of struggle? Folx who have been involved in actions must find more ways to discuss with newcomers what they've learned and thru that knowledge develop new tactics. We could also benefit greatly from regularly debriefing after every action; discussing what worked and what didn't, and trying to understand why. Creating a safe space to criticize ourselves is important. We do not do so out of anger, but out of a desire to improve our methods and our relationships. Holding ourselves and our comrades accountable for harmful behavior is not an easy task, but it is a vital one, and with practice can be done with support to facilitate growth and strength. Within the struggle is the struggle to not get hurt, incarcerated, or worse. But never is it to remain completely safe - because that is impossible - because there is no safety under the state, and we can only work within the circumstances we find ourselves, or be banished to the suburbs. We do not suggest that people take risks they are not prepared for. But we do suggest that we move together and do it now!

We are deep within the electoral push for 2020 right now and we are in a position of extreme vulnerability to the recuperation that it entails. Those of us who have been around for a while have seen this cycle time and time again, but even folks who have been involved for less time will remember Bernie Sanders last run. Plenty of radicals and even anarchists fell for the electoral trap of the Sanders campaign. The overton window of American politics has shifted so far to the right that even a welfare state capitalist like Bernie can seem radical by comparison. But we cannot keep falling for the same trap over and over and we need to be actively working to combat it. We know electoral methods will never yield liberation. Electoral recuperation saps energy and resources from potentially liberatory social movements while reinforcing the power and legitimacy of the state. When we are in a state of demobilization and low visibility we leave the field wide open for liberal co-option or far-right recruitment. More people are becoming disillusioned with the state as its brutality is laid bare through the despicable figure of Trump and his border enforcement policies. People are looking for an alternative. People are looking for a way to combat these horrors. When the only option visible to people is the democratic party and the fucking FBI, they are going to double down on the power of the state. The only way to counter this is to push critiques of the state and to connect those critiques with visible concrete and replicatable action that illustrates alternate methods of gaining ground.

ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1901, WILLIAM MCKINLEY, THE 25TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WAS SHOT IN BUFFALO, NEW YORK. HE WAS SHAKING HANDS WITH THE PUBLIC WHEN LEON CZOLGOSZ, AN ANARCHIST, SHOT HIM TWICE IN THE ABDOMEN. MCKINLEY EIGHT DAYS LATER SEPTEMBER 14 OF GANGRENE CAUSED BY THE GUNSHOT WOUNDS.



CZOLGOSZ'S CUNNING. How the assessing concealed the revolver in his handketchief.

EMMA GOLDMAN WROTE OF CZOLGOSZ; "I FEEL THAT HE WAS A SOUL IN PAIN, A SOUL THAT COULD FIND NO ABODE IN THIS CRUEL WORLD OF OURS, A SOUL "IMPRACTICAL," INEXPEDIENT, LACKING IN CAUTION (ACCORDING TO THE DICTUM OF THE WISE); BUT DARING JUST THE SAME, AND I CANNOT HELP BUT BOW IN REVERENT SILENCE BEFORE THE POWER OF SUCH A SOUL, THAT HAS BROKEN THE NARROW WALLS OF ITS PRISON, AND HAS TAKEN A DARING LEAP INTO THE UNKNOWN."

HOW DO WE DEAL **WITH STAGNATION** AND INACTION? HOW DO WE MOVE BEYOND OUR TRAUMA AND OUR FEAR OF FAILURE OR GREATER RE-PRESSION? PLEASE RESPOND TO THOSE QUESTIONS OR POSE YOUR **OWN EMAIL** THESPARKPLUG @PROTONMAIL.COM

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AVENGE ANNA CHAMBERS!

