



Bayside Historical Society

May 2026 Newsletter

Beautifying the Castle Gardens

We're inviting community volunteers to join Bayside Historical Society's fun and rewarding gardening sessions — everyone from beginners to experts is welcome! Opportunities are available year-round, from clearing old plants and refreshing beds in the spring, to maintaining a healthy garden in the summer, raking leaves and dividing perennials in the fall, and protecting plants through the winter. Special seasonal projects, such as creating pollinator gardens and vegetable patches and planting bulbs, help our gardens thrive throughout the year. Gardening sessions are always free, and all tools and supplies are provided. It's a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the beauty of The Castle while connecting with fellow community members who share a love for nature and gardening.



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Happening This May



A Conversation with Donna Gentle Spirit Barron

Thurs., May 14th | 7:30–9 PM
BHS Castle

Donna Gentle Spirit Barron joins BHS Vice President of Buildings Paul DiBenedetto for an engaging conversation about her family's nine generations living in Little Neck and the Matinecock settlements in Bayside and northeast Queens.

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Gravestone Preservation Workshop

Sat., May 16th | 10 AM–12 PM
Lawrence Cemetery

Bayside Historical Society welcomes John Griffin of Griffin Gravestone Conservation for a hands-on workshop at the Lawrence Cemetery dedicated to the safe and respectful cleaning of historic gravestones.

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Captain Dermody Triangle Memorial Day Ceremony

Wed., May 27th | 7:30–8 PM
Dermody Triangle

Join the Bayside Historical Society and the Bayside Hills Civic Association, along with community leaders and distinguished guests, as we honor Memorial Day at the historic Captain Dermody Triangle.

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Family Workshop: Springtime Butterflies & Pollinators

Sat., May 30th | 2–4 PM
BHS Castle

Join Wing (Ms. Butterfly), a nature educator and creator, in the BHS gardens as we explore the amazing species that call our area home, gaining a deeper understanding of their shapes, patterns, and life cycles.

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Coming Up in June 2026



Heirloom Tea at The Castle Sat., Jun 6th | 2-4 PM

You're invited to an elegant afternoon tea hosted by the Bayside Historical Society. Experience this charming British tradition in the beautiful setting of the Castle ballroom. Savor a selection of delicate tea sandwiches, delectable sweets, and a variety of aromatic teas while enjoying a leisurely afternoon of engaging conversation with friends.

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Take a Look Back...

May 16, 1935: Coverage from the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* newspaper about the Memorial Day pageant at Dermody Square [now known as Dermody Triangle] in Bayside. Part of the pageant involved re-enacting the planting of two trees in 1865 to represent the North and the South, as a mark of everlasting peace. Two new trees were dedicated for the 1935 ceremony.

Bayside to Plant Memorial Trees

Civil War veterans have been invited to participate in the Memorial Day pageant to be held in Dermody Square, 218th St. and Rocky Hill Road, Bayside.

The committee on arrangements, under the direction of Maj. Daniel Kennedy of William A. Leonard Post, American Legion, has a dress rehearsal of the pageant early next week. As planned the pageant will re-enact scenes of the Civil War, when two trees were planted, one for the South and one for the North, as a mark of everlasting peace among the States.

Mrs. Charles B. Williams, director of Borough President Harvey's landscape division, has set aside two trees in the Borough Nursery, one a maple and the other an Oriental pine. These two plants will take the place of the trees originally planted in 1865, both of which are said to

be decaying.



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