



Bayside Historical Society

December 2025 Newsletter

♪ Haul Out the Holly ♪

Holiday magic is on its way to the Castle! The Bayside Historical Society is excited to once again welcome the Bayside High School Key Club and their awesome moderator, Steve Jacoby, to help decorate the Christmas tree, light the menorah, and deck the halls for the winter festivities. Their holiday spirit and dedication never go unnoticed! A huge thank you in advance to our amazing board members, volunteers and staff for bringing their decorating flair. We can't wait to unveil our winter wonderland to visitors at our upcoming seasonal events!

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Happening This December



Family Holiday Celebration at The Castle

Sun, Dec 7th | 3-5 PM
BHS Castle



Second Sunday Castle Tour

Sun, Dec 14th | 1 PM & 2 PM
BHS Castle

Reserve your spot for the December

Celebrate the holiday season with BHS at a fun-filled afternoon of festive crafts for kids, music, games, snacks, storytelling, and a special visit from Mr. Claus! Our holiday-decorated Castle provides the perfect backdrop for memorable family photos with Santa.

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guided tour of The Castle and its exhibitions, conducted by the Bayside Historical Society staff and volunteers. There will be two tours offered; each tour lasts 45 minutes, with the first starting at 1pm and the second at 2pm. Cost is free; reservations are required.

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Open Sew at The Castle

Sun, Dec 14th | 1-3 PM
BHS Castle

Do you sew, quilt, or enjoy handwork like embroidery or knitting? Join us for a lively, ongoing gathering of sewing and stitching enthusiasts in the sunny upstairs Castle hall. Whether you're stitching by hand or working on a machine, it's the perfect spot to relax, create, and connect.

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Gentle Yoga at The Castle

Every Monday | 12-1 PM
BHS Castle

The holidays always bring their fair share of dieting challenges. Stay one step ahead of the endless parade of sweet treats with our weekly yoga sessions! Each class combines exercises for balance, flexibility, strength, and endurance, along with light weight training to keep you feeling strong and centered all season long.

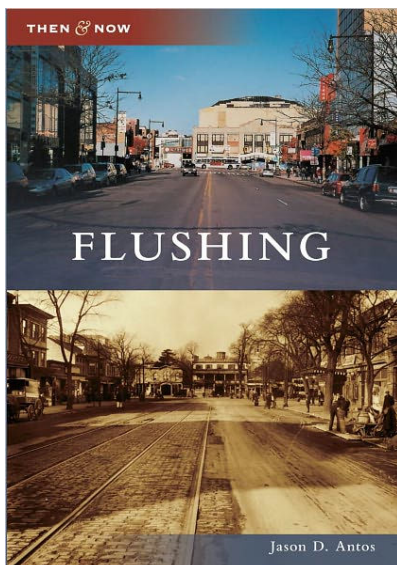
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The Winter Art Show is Coming!

FEBRUARY 4TH - MARCH 1ST
2026

Stay tuned for details about the Open Call for Artists,
to be announced this December!

Coming Up in January 2026



Author Talk with Queens Borough Historian Jason Antos: Flushing (Then and Now)

The Bayside Historical Society is excited to welcome back Jason Antos to The Castle on January 29th. He will give a fascinating presentation on his latest book, which traces the dramatic evolution of Flushing, Queens, from a rural village of farms and estates into one of Queens' busiest neighborhoods.

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Take a Look Back...

Silent screen legend Gloria Swanson (March 27, 1899 – April 4, 1983) appeared in more than 70 films over her career, though she's probably best remembered by modern audiences for her award-winning performance in 1950's "Sunset Boulevard." Swanson's portrayal of a faded silent-film star named Norma Desmond was famously parodied by

Carol Burnett on her 1970s variety show, and the film was later reinvented as a Broadway musical in 1994, with Glenn Close in the title role. Swanson once resided in Bayside, Queens, and was among the stars featured in the Bayside Historical Society's 2016 exhibit, *Bayside: The Actors' Enclave*.



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