



Bayside Historical Society

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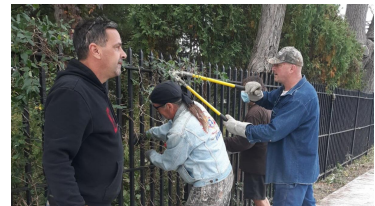
Bayside Historical Society Gives Thanks!

When we reflect on what we're thankful for at BHS, the answer comes easily: we're grateful for you — our volunteers. To all those who selflessly give their time to help at BHS, whether it's tending our gardens, staffing membership tables, managing event sign-ins, assisting students during education classes, preparing refreshments at events or contributing in countless other ways — Thank You.

Last Sunday, we proudly held our 24th Annual Totten Trot 5K Race—made possible by our incredible volunteers. Many runners shared kind words about the event's organization and the welcoming spirit of everyone involved. We're deeply grateful for the support that makes this tradition such a success year after year.

If you are interested in joining this inspirational group, visit our Volunteer Page linked below.

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Happening This November





Civil War Living History at Fort Totten

Sun, Nov 2nd | 10 AM-2 PM
BHS Castle Grounds

Bayside Historical Society welcomes back the Civil War re-enactors of the 67th New York Infantry, First Long Island Volunteers, for a fascinating day of Living History. Experience the life of Union soldiers and explore all facets of 1860s life.

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Second Sunday Castle Tour

Sun, Nov 9th | 1 PM & 2 PM
BHS Castle

Reserve your spot for the November 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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BHS's Annual Vintage Car Show

Sat, Nov 16th | 9 AM-2 PM
BHS Castle Grounds

A variety of vintage and antique automobiles will be showcased on the lawn of The Castle at Fort Totten at BHS's classic car show. Engage with enthusiastic car owners and restorers about the challenges and triumphs of restoring classic cars.

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Songs of Immigrants: A Cultural Journey Through Music

Sun, Nov 23rd | 3-4:30 PM
BHS Castle

Join BHS for an inspiring Passport Concert featuring the Ensemble Yeon, as they explore immigrant stories through music — from early American settlers to contemporary migration, with works by Copland, Dvořák, and Lecuona, to name a few.

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Family Holiday Celebration at The Castle

Sun, Dec 7th | 3-5:00 PM
BHS Castle

Celebrate the holiday season with the Bayside Historical Society at a fun-filled day of festive crafts for kids, music, games, snacks, storytelling, and a special visit from Santa Claus himself! Our beautiful, holiday-decorated Castle provides the perfect backdrop for memorable family photos with Santa. Come join the festivities!

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Did You Know?

Jennie Augusta Brownscombe (December 10, 1850 – August 5, 1936) was an American painter, illustrator, designer, etcher, and commercial artist. She studied art in the United States (including at the Cooper Institute School of Design for Women, the National Academy of Design, and the Art Students League of New York) and also studied in Europe (including Paris and Rome). In 1875 she became a founding member of the Art Students League of New York and later served on its faculty. Known for genre scenes and historical paintings — most notably *The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth* (1914) — her works are held in many public collections. In 1899, the *New York World* called her “one of America’s best artists.”

From about 1908 until his death in 1913, she shared a summer studio in the Catskill Mountains with her mentor George Henry Hall. After his death she continued to spend summers in the Catskills, and spent winters in Bayside, Queens and New York City. She died August 5, 1936, at age 85 in Bayside, New York.



Happy Thanksgiving to you & yours from BHS!



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