Bayside Historical Society

November 2026 Newsletter

Giving Thanks

The programs and events at BHS have been plentiful this year and the positive response from the public has been rewarding. Thank you for attending an Author Talk, Passport Concert, Second Sunday Tour, Jazz Brunch, or Afternoon Tea. Thanks for bringing your students to the Castle to experience hands on history and checking out our history exhibitions. Thank you for making the BHS community so vibrant!

Our commitment to you, the audience and program participants, is made possible by the tireless efforts of our volunteers. To all those who generously give their time to help at BHS, we say **Thank You**. Whether it's guiding the public through the Castle or an exhibit, tending our gardens, staffing membership tables, managing event sign-ins, assisting students during education classes, decorating the Castle, preparing refreshments at events, cleaning up afterwards or contributing in countless other ways, this organization cannot do what it does without you.

Last Sunday, we celebrated our 25th Annual Totten Trot 5K Race. We were proud to honor, Carol Marian, the volunteer and board member who started the race and has kept it going as Race Director for 25 years. Just over a dozen ran the first 5K, while well over 200 runners participated last Sunday, with many of them making it a tradition year after year. What an incredible impact one volunteer has made over the years (with a little help from 40 additional volunteers on race day!) Check out pics of the event on our **Facebook page**.

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

Visit our Website

Happening This November



Civil War Living History at Fort Totten

Sun, Nov 1st | 9 AM–2 PM
BHS Castle Grounds

BHS welcomes back the Civil War re-enactors of the 67th New York Infantry, First Long Island Volunteers, for a fascinating day of Living History on the grounds of The Castle.

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Second Sunday Castle Tours

Sun, Nov 8th | 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's staff and volunteers.

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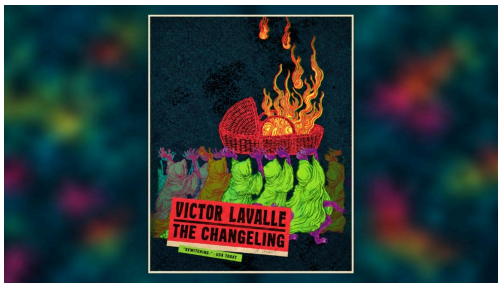


Open Sew at the Castle

Sun, Nov 8th | 1 PM–3 PM
BHS Castle

Do you sew, quilt, or enjoy handwork like embroidery or knitting? Join fellow sewing enthusiasts for an afternoon of creativity and conversation. Bring a project you're currently working on and enjoy a relaxed, creative environment with others who share your interest.

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BHS Book Club: "The Changeling"

Thurs, Nov 12th | 7:30 PM–9 PM
BHS Castle

Join us as we discuss the BHS Book Club's next selection, The Changeling, by NYC writer, Victor LaValle. This dark fantasy novel blends mystery, folklore, and suspense, with NYC, and especially Queens, as a backdrop.

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The Music of Croatia: A Passport Concert

Sun, Nov 15th | 3 PM–4:30 PM
BHS Castle

The Bayside Historical Society welcomes Croatian-American musician and performer Damir Radov to The Castle for a delightful afternoon concert in our ballroom.

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My Vietnam: An Author Talk with Joan Furey RN, MA

Thurs, Nov 19th | 7:30 PM–9 PM
BHS Castle

This November, BHS honors our veterans by welcoming Joan Furey, RN, MA, to The Castle for a special presentation about her experiences in Vietnam and beyond.

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Coming Up in December



Saving Radio City Music Hall: An Author Talk with Rosemary Novellino-Mearns

Thurs, Dec 3rd | 7:30 PM–9 PM

Unbelievable as it sounds, in 1978, Radio City Music Hall — an Art Deco masterpiece and one of New York City's iconic tourist attractions and cultural landmarks — was slated for demolition. Nearly forty years later, Rosemary Novellino-Mearns, Dance Captain of the Radio City Music Hall Ballet Company during the 1970s, recounts the remarkable true story of how she rallied colleagues, friends, members of the media, and political

allies to challenge the Rockefeller establishment and, against all odds, save “The Showplace of the Nation.” Join Rosemary at the BHS Castle for this special presentation. A Q&A and book signing will follow.

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Take a Look Back...

November 12, 1948: The exterior of White Castle at 213-17 Northern Boulevard in Bayside, Queens.





From all of us at the Bayside Historical Society!

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