



**Bayside Historical Society**

## August 2025 Newsletter



### From Backyard to Boulevard: The Bell Family Legacy

The Bayside Historical Society is thrilled to announce that our new exhibit exploring the significance of Bayside's evolution alongside the enduring legacy of the Bell family will be opening to the public starting Monday, August 25th. This exhibit explores the neighborhood's intriguing development from its origins as "Bay Side," situated east of Flushing through maps, family trees, and artifacts.

Visitors will have the chance to view the Bell family's personal artifacts, to discover daily life and expression at the dawn of the 20th century, investigate rare photos and maps for insights into Bayside's early layout and community development, and explore documents highlighting the Bell family's influence on Bayside's Quaker community and their commitment to social justice.

Join BHS as we delve into the lasting impact of the Bell family's contributions to Bayside and the history that has shaped the architecture, culture, and identity of our community. From August 25th through August 29th, the exhibit will be available to visitors Mon-Fri from 11am-2pm, with additional hours coming in September.

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## Happening This August



### Second Sunday Castle Tours

Sun, Aug 10th  
1 PM & 2 PM  
BHS Castle

Reserve your spot for the August 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, Aug 10th  
1 PM-3 PM  
BHS Castle

Do you quilt, sew or embroider? Join fellow sewing enthusiasts for an afternoon of creativity and socializing. Bring a project you're currently working on and enjoy the camaraderie of community sewing! Seamstresses and quilters of all levels are welcome.

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### Gardening Day at The Castle: Evening Session

Mon, Aug 18th  
7 PM-8 PM  
BHS Castle

We're inviting community volunteers to join our Monday night gardening activities. Enjoy more comfortable temperatures during sessions that might be easier to fit into your schedule. Everyone from beginners to experts is welcome! Gardening tools and supplies will be provided.

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## Coming Up in September



### Beekeeping Workshop in the BHS Gardens

Sat, Sep 13th | 1 PM-2:30 PM

Join NYC Beekeeper Walter Blohm for a fascinating workshop, as he discusses the benefits of beekeeping as well as the important role that honey bees play in our food supply. Space is limited, so make sure to reserve your spot early.

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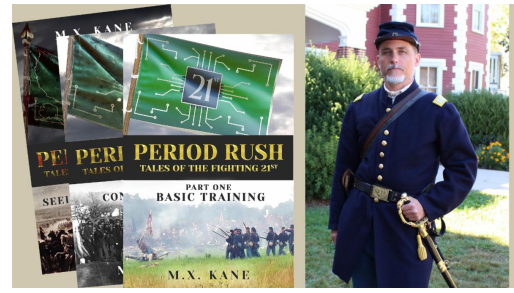


## BHS Members Night: Geology of Long Island/Queens

Thurs, Sep 18th | 7:30 PM-9 PM  
BHS Castle

Connect with members and explore our community's work at BHS's meet & greet event. Enjoy a presentation on local soil ecosystems and their impact on agriculture, along with exclusive access to The Castle's Archaeology Room featuring artifacts up to 6,500 years old.

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## Author Talk with M.X. Kane: Period Rush: Tales of the Fighting 21st

Thurs, Sep 25th | 7:30 PM-9 PM  
BHS Castle

As part of our events commemorating the 160th anniversary of the end of the American Civil War, Bayside Historical Society welcomes Civil War reenactor and author M.X. Kane for a presentation on his captivating historical fiction trilogy.

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## BHS remembers...

Bayside Historical Society has lost beloved Former Interim Director and Trustee, Eileen Cotoggio, who passed away July 30th. Eileen's exuberance and leadership extended to many projects and events at BHS, including chairing the Annual Art Show committee and producing the Society's own version of Dancing with The Stars. Eileen's creativity shone in her comedic portrayal as Marilyn "Merlot" at the Society's Murder Mystery event. Perhaps her most beloved role was as Minnie Mouse at many Totten Trot fundraising events.

We extend our sincere condolences to her family and will always be grateful for her devotion, tenacity, and sense of humor.



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