



Bayside Historical Society

September 2025 Newsletter



From Backyard to Boulevard: The Bell Family Legacy

The Bayside Historical Society's new exhibit, which explores the significance of Bayside's evolution alongside the enduring legacy of the Bell family, opened to the public on 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.

WEEKLY VIEWING HOURS:

Closed Labor Day

September 2–October 3, 2025, Monday to Friday, 11 AM to 2 PM.

EXTENDED VIEWING HOURS:

Thursdays, 9/4, 9/11, and 9/18 — 5 PM to 8 PM

Saturdays, 9/6 and 9/20 — 10 AM to 12 PM
Sunday, 9/14 — 12 PM to 3 PM
Thursday, 10/ 2 — 10 AM to 3 PM

The final viewing opportunity will be on Sunday, October 19 from 12 PM–4 PM, during the Open House New York event.

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Happening This September



Beekeeping Workshop in the BHS Gardens

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

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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Second Sunday Castle Tours

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

Reserve your spot for this month's 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 Members Night: Geology of



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

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. Friends & family are welcome! Enjoy a special 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.

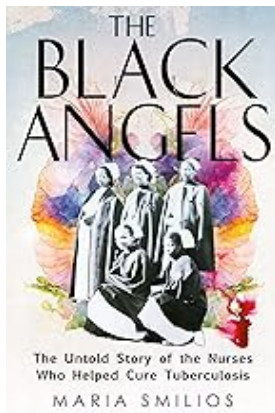
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Thurs, Sep 25th | 7:30 PM-9 PM
BHS Castle

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

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Coming Up in October



October Spotlight

A Conversation with Maria Smilios,
Author of *The Black Angels*

Wed, Oct 22nd | 7:30 PM-9 PM
BHS Castle

Bayside Historical Society is excited to collaborate with the Greek Elder Care Network Book Club and the Hellenic American Project to present an author interview with Maria Smilios, as she discusses her award winning book with Dr. Nicholas Alexiou, Founder and Director of the Hellenic American Project and Professor of Sociology at Queens College. *The Black Angels: The Untold Story of the Nurses who Helped Cure Tuberculosis* reveals the extraordinary history of the dedicated Black nurses who were instrumental in combating the deadly tuberculosis epidemic in New York City during the 1900s.

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Lawrence Cemetery Tour

Sat, Oct 4th
11 AM
Lawrence Cemetery

Bayside Historical Society is conducting a free guided tour of the historic Lawrence Cemetery, the burial ground of one of Bayside's founding families. History will come alive as our staff recounts the stories of different members of the Lawrence family and the notable individuals who are interred here.

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19th Century Base Ball Game

Sat, Oct 11th
11 AM
Fort Totten Soccer Fields

BHS welcomes back the New York Mutuals for a historical re-creation of a baseball game the way it was played back in the 1860s. This year, they'll face off against the Bayside Little League coaches and parents, with some support from BHS Board Members!

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Open House New York 2025

Sun, Oct 19th
12 PM-4 PM
BHS Castle

BHS will participate in this year's Open House New York Weekend by offering free guided tours of the landmarked Castle at Fort Totten Park. Along with exploring our beautiful building, guests will also have the opportunity to view our current exhibit about the Bell Family Legacy.

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We're On The Run!

Bayside Historical Society's annual Halloween tradition is happening on October 26th! Dust off your costumes and get your sneakers ready for Bayside's favorite fun run! Early registration is now open — [sign up early & save money on entry fees!](#)





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