



Bayside Historical Society

## March 2026 Newsletter



2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and the Bayside Historical Society is preparing to celebrate our nation's founding with several special events. The celebration begins with the **American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit**, running at The Castle from March 17–24, 2026. Next is a unique historical presentation by Steve Eftimiades, Caretaker of the historic Adriance Farmhouse at the Queens County Farm Museum: A reproduction of General George Washington's Revolutionary War campaign cookbox. Rounding out our events will be two fascinating author talks: Bill Bleyer discusses his book, *George Washington's Long Island Spy Ring*, and Dr. Joanne Grasso speaks about her book, *The American Revolution on Long Island*. See the exciting event details below, along with other great events happening this month!

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## Happening This March



### Second Sunday Castle Tour

Sun, Mar 8th | 1 PM & 2 PM  
BHS Castle



### Open Sew at The Castle

Sun, Mar 8th | 1-3 PM  
BHS Castle

Reserve your spot for the March 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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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 Annual Membership Meeting** Wed, Mar 18th | 7-9 PM BHS Castle

Join us in celebrating Irish cultural heritage at Bayside Historical Society's Annual Membership Meeting, as we hold the Installation Ceremony of Bayside Historical Society Officers and Trustees and honor our dedicated volunteers.

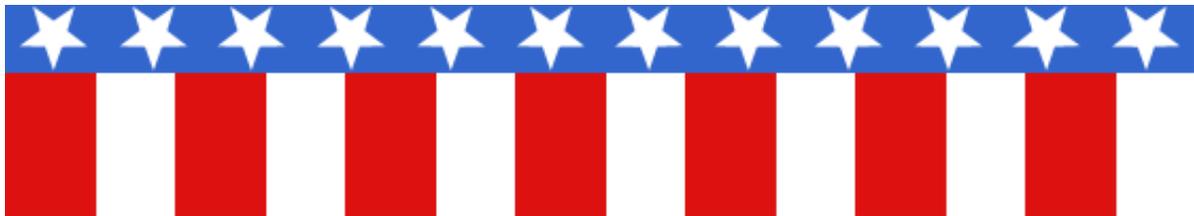
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### **An Afternoon of Classical Guitar with Nilko Andreas** Sun, Mar 29th | 3-4:30 PM BHS Castle

Enjoy a memorable afternoon at The Castle with Nilko Andreas, where the classical guitar becomes a bridge between continents, cultures, and centuries. This evocative recital traces the instrument's journey from Renaissance Spain to its vibrant transformation across Latin America.

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### **The American Revolution Experience Traveling Exhibit**



### **George Washington's Traveling Kitchen: A**

## on Tour at The Castle

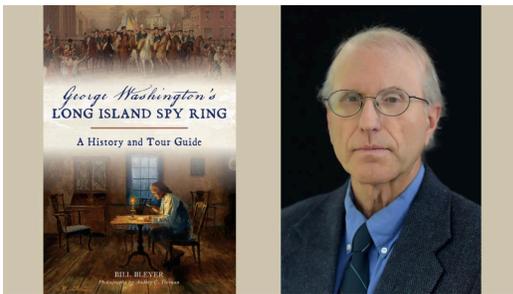
**One Week Only: March 17th-24th**

**View Exhibit Hours Online**

This innovative pop-up exhibition features display panels and interactive digital kiosks that use storytelling, illustration, technology and unique artifacts and primary accounts to connect modern audiences with the people and places that shaped the birth of our nation.

Presented by BHS and the Increase Carpenter Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in partnership with the American Battlefield Trust.

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### Author Talk with Bill Bleyer: George Washington's Long Island Spy Ring

Sat, Mar 21st | 1-2:30 PM

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Join author and historian Bill Bleyer for a presentation on his compelling book about George Washington's secret Revolutionary War spy network across Manhattan and Long Island.

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## on Tour at The Castle

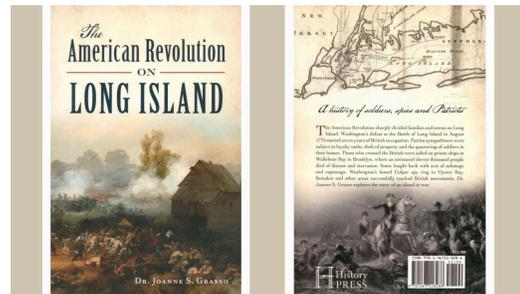
**Sat, Mar 21st | 11 AM-12 PM**

**BHS Castle**

Explore a reproduction of Washington's Revolutionary War cookbook and learn about the practical realities of life on campaign during the fight for American independence.

Presented by Steve Eftimiades, Caretaker of the historic Adriance Farmhouse at the Queens County Farm Museum.

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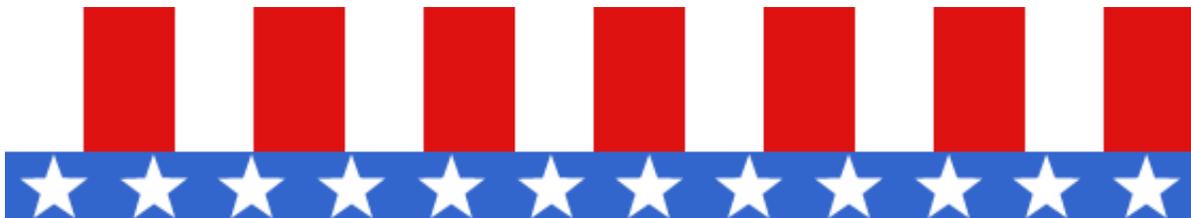
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Tues, Mar 24th | 7:30-9 PM

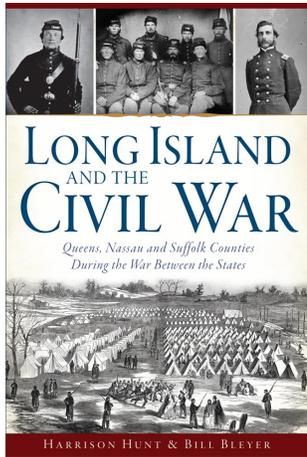
BHS Castle

The Bayside Historical Society welcomes Dr. Joanne Grasso to The Castle for a riveting exploration of Long Island's role in the struggle for independence.

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**Coming Up in April 2026**



## Author Talk with Bill Bleyer: Long Island and the Civil War

Thurs, Apr 23rd | 7:30-9 PM

The Bayside Historical Society welcomes back author, historian, and Long Island native Bill Bleyer for a presentation on his insightful book exploring how the American Civil War reshaped Long Island in surprising and profound ways.

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## Take a Look Back...

Francis Lewis Park in Whitestone, Queens, honors Francis Lewis (1713–1802), a Welsh-born merchant and patriot who became a wealthy New York trader and signer of the Declaration of Independence. He retired to and lived in Whitestone, where his home was destroyed by the British during the American Revolution. Lewis served in the Continental Congress, supported the Revolutionary cause, and endured personal loss when his wife was imprisoned during the war. This monument plaque, located in Francis Lewis Park, was dedicated in 1939.





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