



Bayside Historical Society

September 2026 Newsletter

Back to School at BHS!

We're excited to welcome local students back to The Castle this fall! Our educational programs bring history to life by giving students the chance to become historians themselves. Through hands-on exploration of authentic artifacts and primary sources, students can ask questions, make discoveries, and connect with the past in meaningful ways. Programs are tailored to students' ages, interests, and individual needs.

We're also looking for teachers and volunteers to join us in making these experiences possible. Interested in getting involved? Learn more about [our educational programs](#) or email us at education@baysidehistorical.org.



Happening This September



Second Sunday Castle Tours

Sun., Sept. 13th | 1 PM & 2 PM
BHS Castle



Open Sew at The Castle

Sun, Sept. 13th | 1–3 PM
BHS Castle

Reserve your spot for this month's free guided tour of The Castle and its exhibitions, conducted by the BHS staff and volunteers. There will be two tours offered; each tour lasts 45 minutes, with the first starting at 1 PM and the second at 2 PM.

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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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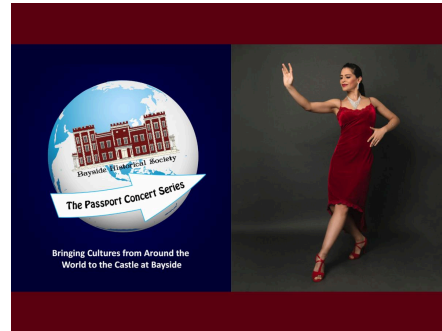


Oktoberfest at The Castle

**Sun., Sept. 20th | 1–4 PM
BHS Castle Grounds**

Oktoberfest is back! After more than 10 years, the Bayside Historical Society is bringing back this fun-filled outdoor celebration for the whole family. Enjoy traditional German fare, beer, and live music while spending an afternoon with friends, family, and neighbors. Prost!

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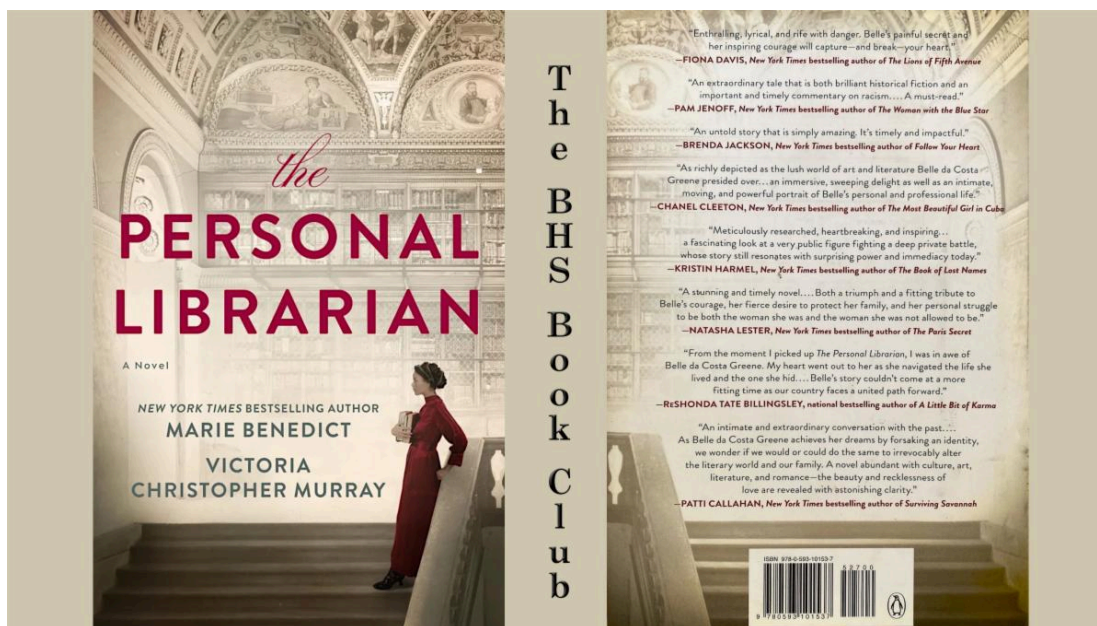
Argentine Tango Class and Performance

**Sun, Sept 27th | 3–4:30 PM
BHS Castle**

Dance instructors Silvana Brizuela-Weigel and Juan Alessandrini will showcase the passion and grace of the tango, teach guests a few beginner steps, and invite them to take the dance floor.

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Introducing the BHS Book Club



BHS Book Club: "The Personal Librarian"

Our very first book club selection!

Join the Bayside Historical Society for our first-ever book club! We'll explore history through historical fiction and biographies, from classics to contemporary works. Meetings will take place on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm and will be facilitated by BHS staff or members. After our first meeting, members will help choose future selections from a curated list and can suggest additional titles.

Our inaugural selection is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, which tells the remarkable story of Belle da Costa Greene, J. P. Morgan's personal librarian and one of the most influential art and book collectors of her time. Greene built an extraordinary collection of rare books and manuscripts while concealing her identity as a Black American woman in a deeply segregated society. Join us Thursday, September 24, from 7:30–9pm at the BHS Castle for our first discussion!

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Coming Up in October



This year marks the Silver Anniversary of the **Totten Trot 5K Foot Race** — an event that has grown from those original 12 runners to more than 300 participants, joined by their families and teams, and become a beloved neighborhood Halloween tradition.

Early registration for the 2026 Totten Trot 5K is open now through midnight on October 11. Join us for this special Silver Anniversary race and register early to save on entry fees!

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Take a Look Back...

Pupils of P.S. 31 in Bayside, Queens, circa 1912–1913.

Read about the history of Public School 31 in Bayside Historical Society's [vintage postcard collection](#).



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