



Bayside Historical Society

May 2024 Newsletter



Memorial Day: Reflections from Two Wars

Each year in May, Bayside Historical Society places a wreath on the memorial stone at **Dermody Triangle** (216th St and 48 Ave) to recognize the supreme sacrifice of Captain William C. Dermody, an outspoken abolitionist who was mortally wounded during the Civil War on May 12, 1864 at the Battle of Spotsylvania in Virginia. **Join us along with Boy Scout Troop 49 on Thursday, May 16th at 7pm for the Wreath Laying Ceremony.**



The medal (pictured on the left) was delivered to Bayside Historical Society with a simple and anonymous note – "...thought it should be back in Bayside." At one time, an organization in Bayside bestowed this medal to members of the community returning from World War I. The insignia reads:

PRESENTED
BY THE
PEOPLE OF
BAYSIDE, N.Y.
IN GRATEFUL
RECOGNITION OF
PATRIOTIC SERVICES
IN THE
WORLD WAR
1917-1919



On this Memorial Day, Bayside Historical Society remembers and honors those who have died in service to our nation. Their courage and sacrifice will not be forgotten.

Upcoming May 2024 Events



Serenity in Sound: Traditional Chinese Music

Sun, May 19th | 3-4:30 PM

Bayside Historical Society welcomes guzheng artist Wei Sun, along with pianist Katelyn Weng, to The Castle ballroom for a serenely beautiful performance of traditional Chinese instrumental music. The guzheng is a traditional Chinese multi-stringed instrument with 2500 years of history.

Cost: \$10.00 for BHS members;
\$15.00 for non-members

[Tickets](#)



Gardening Days at The Castle

Sat, May 4th and 25th
10 AM-12 PM

Come join us for another rewarding morning of gardening — all levels of expertise are welcome! This event is **free** to all — tools and supplies will be provided. In addition to garden maintenance, we'll be working on several exciting enhancements to The Castle grounds, including a pollinator garden and a pumpkin patch.

[RSVP](#)

What's happening in June...



Argentine Guitar Recital with Carlos Pavan

Sun, June 2nd, 2024 | 3-4:30 PM

Join BHS at The Castle for a unique afternoon of classical guitar by Argentina born/Brooklyn based chamber music composer Carlos Pavan. Described by Classical Guitar Magazine as performing



Second Sunday Castle Tours

Sun, June 9th, 2024
1 PM & 2PM

Come tour The Castle on the Second Sunday of each month. Tours are **free** and last 45 minutes. The Castle at Fort Totten is one of the finest surviving examples in New York City of the Gothic Revival castellated style

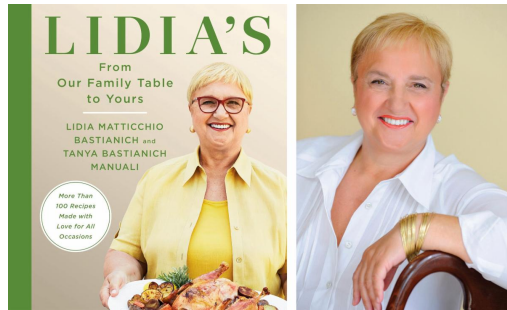
"Striking music – great originality," Carlos Pavan masterfully blends Argentine tango/folklore rhythms with jazz and classical concepts.

Cost: \$10.00 for BHS members;
\$15.00 for non-members

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architecture. Completed in 1887, the building served as the base Officers' Club and Library for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers School of Application. Come in and find out more about this architectural treasure in Bayside, Queens.

[RSVP](#)



Author Talk with Lidia Bastianich

Fri, June 21st, 2024 | 7-9 PM

BHS is welcoming back celebrity chef Lidia Matticchio Bastianich to The Castle! Lidia will be presenting a lecture, conducting an audience Q&A, and signing copies of her latest book, *Lidia's From Our Family Table to Yours*. Lidia has shared her love of food, cooking, and family on public television for over two decades — don't miss this opportunity to meet Lidia up close and in person!

Cost: \$20.00 for BHS members;
\$25.00 for non-members

[Get Tickets](#)



BHS Independence Day Celebration

Wed, June 26th, 2024 | 5-10 PM

Bayside Historical Society is hosting the 7th Annual Independence Day Celebration with a free concert and fireworks display by Grucci in Fort Totten Park. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for an evening of community fun! Vending trucks will be on site with a wide variety of delicious foods, snacks, and beverages. Limited parking will be available outside of Fort Totten in designated lots and streets, and off-site parking with shuttle bus access will be available at the Clearview Golf Course.

[Learn More](#)

Take a Look Back...

Sponsored by American Legion Post 510, the 1957 Memorial Day services took place at the train station, followed by a parade down Bell Boulevard. The obelisk seen here at the station plaza was dedicated in 1928 as a memorial to the men of Bayside who served during World War I.



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