



## Bayside Historical Society

**Correction:** With all the emphasis on history, it is true Murphy's Law to have an error in the historical **Take A Look Back...** feature. To commemorate all the cold weather, we had chosen two icy pictures from our archives to share with you. Unfortunately, only one was published with the mismatched caption. Please see below for both pictures with correct captions.

## January 2025 Newsletter

### Keep History Alive - Learn About It

American Industrialist, Henry Ford once famously said that he wasn't interested in history and that the only history to value was the history we make today. Here at Bayside Historical Society we would have to disagree. Envisioning the past sparks the imagination of artists and writers. Understanding the past teaches us not to repeat the mistakes that others have made. Comparing the past with the present points out accomplishments and advancements in many forums. Appreciating the past brings a deeper understanding of the present and our place in it.

In recognition of our love for history, BHS staff would like to showcase these quotes - two by great American writers and one by an American historian and writer - that succinctly sum up the significance of knowing history, be it local or world, family or specific to a beloved topic.

*"If you want to understand today you have to search yesterday."*

Pearl S. Buck, American novelist (1892-1973)

*"A generation which ignores history has no past and no future."*

Robert Heinlein, American author (1907-1988)

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*"History is instructive. What it suggests to people is that even if they do little things, if they walk on the picket line, if they join a vigil, if they write a letter to their local newspaper... Anything they do, however small, becomes part of a much larger sort of flow of energy. And when enough people do enough things, however small they are, then change takes place."*

Howard Zinn, American historian (1922-2010)

## January 2025 Events





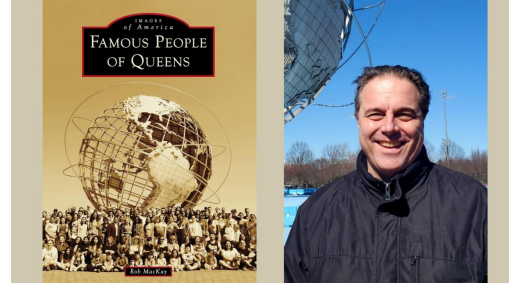
## Second Sunday Castle Tours

Sunday, Jan. 12th | 1pm & 2pm  
BHS Castle

Reserve your spot for our guided tours of The Castle and its exhibitions every second Sunday of the month, conducted by the Bayside Historical Society staff and volunteers.

This is the last chance until next year to see The Castle decked out in its holiday finery for tours at 1pm and 2pm.

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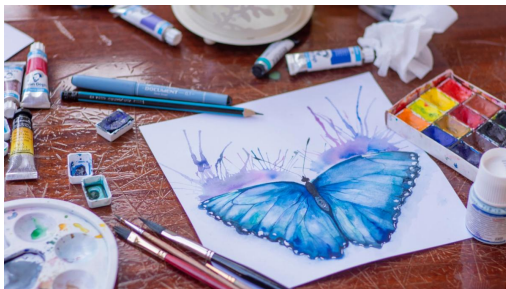
## Author Talk with Rob MacKay: Famous People of Queens

Tuesday, Jan. 21st | 7:30pm  
BHS Castle

BHS is excited to welcome back author Rob MacKay for another fascinating presentation exploring acclaimed actors, legendary athletes, visionary business people, inspiring religious leaders, pioneering scientists, talented singers, brave war heroes, and acclaimed writers who resided in Queens.

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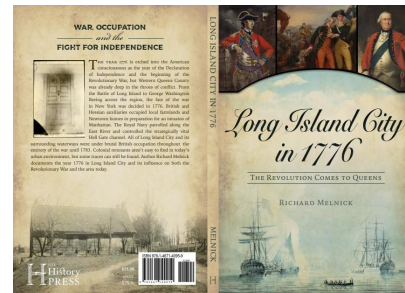
## February 2025 Upcoming Events



## 24th Annual Winter Art Show

Opens Wed Feb 5th | 1pm  
Bay Terrace Shopping Center  
and Online Gallery

Bayside Historical Society's annual Winter Art Show, showcasing contemporary Queens-based artists working in a variety of styles and mediums, features a combination of online galleries on our website and a



## Author Talk with Richard Melnick: Long Island City in 1776

Thurs Feb 13th | 7:30pm  
BHS Castle

In 1775, Boston was at the center of attention, but after April 1776, the Revolutionary War shifted its focus to New York City and Long Island,

live exhibit in The Bay Terrace Shopping Center. **The show will run from Wednesday, February 5 to Sunday, March 2, 2025.**

**Interested in entering the show? Registration deadline is Jan. 8, 2025.**

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stretching from Brooklyn's terminal moraine high ground to Queens's Hell Gate.

Join author Richard Melnick at The Castle as he explores the military, political, and cultural history of 1776 in Long Island City.

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## Latin Jazz Brunch: A Valentine Passport Concert

Sunday, Feb. 16th | 12pm

BHS is still celebrating Valentine's Day at The Castle as we turn up the heat with our Latin Jazz Brunch, featuring the live music of NYC-based Tres Gatos.

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## Take a Look Back...

### Ice Skating in Bayside

The frozen over pond in Crocheron Park gives residents the opportunity to ice skate during the winter months in Bayside (1914). Through the years, the pond has changed names, including Mickle, Crocheron, John Golden and Golden Pond.



### **Ice Hockey at Crocheron Park**

Although forbidden by the parks department in more recent decades, informal ice hockey games were always a popular winter sport on Golden Pond in Crocheron Park as seen in this photograph from 1967. Since the pond sits low, skating was usually pleasant as cold winds were blocked by the surrounding steep hills.



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