

Bayside Historical Society

# **December 2024 Newsletter**

Reflections on 2024

This year marked the 60th anniversary of Bayside Historical Society, and we kept the celebration going all year long with special events like the launch of our monthly Castle tours, Swing Dancing at the Castle, an evening with celebrity chef Lidia Bastianich, the 110th anniversary celebration of Bayside Day, a 19th Century Base Ball Game, Passport Concerts, and the long-awaited return of our guided tours of the historic Lawrence Cemetery.

As we look ahead to next year, we wanted to take the time to thank all of you — our dear community — for your ongoing support of Bayside Historical Society's mission. We look forward to enjoying many more wonderful events, exhibits, and celebrations with you in 2025! Wishing all our members and friends a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year!













## **Upcoming December 2024 Events**

### Community Singers of Queens Winter Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 11th | 7:30-9:00pm



This seasonal musical event will showcase a variety of musical genres, including classical, standards, spirituals, popular styles, and holiday favorites.

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# Family Holiday Celebration at the Castle

Sunday, Dec. 15th | 2:00-5:00pm



BHS is ringing in the holidays with a festive day of seasonal crafts for kids, music, games, snacks, storytelling, and of course, a visit from Santa!





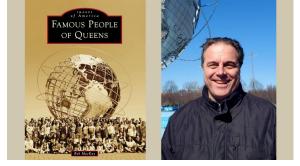
#### Second Sunday Castle Tours December and January

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. The Castle will be decked out in its holiday finery for tours at 1pm and 2pm.

RSVP December 8th, 2024

RSVP January 12th, 2025

# January 2025 Event – Save the Date!



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

Tuesday, Jan. 21st | 7:30-9:00pm

BHS is excited to welcome back author Rob MacKay foranother fascinating presentation that explores the rich tapestry of Queens!

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# Take a Look Back...

Melissa Chambers Bell (right) and her children are seen in front of the house that was originally built by her grandfather-in-law Abraham Bell I. The home was situated on the northwest corner of Bell and Warburton Avenues.





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