News from Queens Memory Project

Queens Memory Podcast Debut First Season

Queens Memory is proud to announce the launch of the first season of our podcast, "Memories of Migration!" Each episode of the podcast is centered on a theme related to stories of migration and driven from many oral history interviews we have conducted with Queens residents. A new episode is published each week on our website and available for download wherever you get your podcasts. Full transcripts and show notes are available on the Queens Memory website.

The first three episodes, which focus on the topics of "Origins," "Migration," and "That Sounds Just Like Me!", respectively, were premiers at public listening parties featuring talk-back sessions with editors and storytellers from the episodes. New episodes will be posted each week starting July 1st, with two more yet to come to round out the 10-episode season.

Enjoy listening! Be sure to subscribe, and let us know what you think!

(Left) Attendees gathered at the Jackson Heights Library on June 17 to listen to the Queens Memory Podcast episode 1. (Right) Mary Twomey (on left), whose interview was featured in episode 3, speaks at the listening party on June 20 at Middle Village Library; also in attendance was her daughter, Elizabeth Lenihan (on right).

Stay True Story Exhibit Attracts Crowds at Queens Museum

Our Common Thread Community Story Quilt just ended a successful three-week exhibition at the Queens Museum's Community Partnership Gallery. The quilt, measuring 30 x 50 feet, created in 30 sessions coordinated by textile artist Naomi Kuo, contains embroidered narratives that play audio clips recorded by the quilt-makers themselves. The exhibit also featured several oral history projects co-created by "Memories of Migration" Family Story Quilt workshops in 2017.

Another featured item — our extraordinary map of Queens — proved very popular among attendees, and it therapeutically marked the grand opening spots in Queens with colorful stitches.

At the "Ridgewood Through the Years" gathering on June 8, attendees at the exhibit's opening heard town hall speakers share their stories and artifacts with each other and the many people who contributed to them.

New Oral History Project Celebrates QC Faculty

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Upcoming Events

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Queens Memory in the Professional Community

GiF staff were frequently invited to discuss our innovative programs with our colleagues in the library, and in a recent conference. This month, Queens Memory Director Deborah Jiminian will appear at the Society of American Archivists annual conference in Austin, Texas, as part of a panel session, "From Research to Data: The Library Uses Linked Open Data to Enhance Access to Local History Web Content:" (August 19, 10:30 - 11:45 am).