

# QUEENS MEMORY

NEWS FROM QUEENS MEMORY PROJECT

## Queens Memory Offers Full Calendar of Springtime Virtual Events!

**May 17** – Join What Will the Neighbors Say? and the Cambria Heights branch for a special edition of [Cambria Heights Memoir Writing Intensive Public Performance](#). This public event will feature writing performed by both Cambria Heights residents and professional actors. Watch live at 6:30 pm EDT on the [Queens Memory Facebook page](#).

**May 18** – Come along with Queens native and Licensed Tour Guide Adrienne Onofri on the second of three virtual walking tours, "[Jackson Heights & COVID-19: Diverse Experiences in a Diverse Community](#)," as she explores how the pandemic is affecting the community. Ms. Onofri will escort us virtually through the neighborhood to show us how the community is adjusting. Watch live at 4 pm EDT on the [Queens Memory Facebook page](#).

**May 20** – At our [Oral History Interviewing Workshop](#), you will learn how you can contribute to Queens Memory and help us record interviews with fellow Queens residents. Together we will review tips for conducting oral history interviews. Register here: <http://bit.ly/3tniJHm> (6:30 pm EDT)

**May 24** – Join KathaSatha and Queens Memory for [Home: Past, Present & Future Memoir Writing Workshop](#), where you will write and share personal stories that will explore ideas of home in different and distinct phases of your lives. Participants are encouraged to bring personal photos that may help in telling and sharing their stories. Facilitator Muna Gurung will lead the workshop with a series of writing exercises. No prior writing experience required. Register here: <http://bit.ly/3uEaE2E> (10 am EDT)

Queens Memory is pleased to offer an ongoing series of facilitated [Expressive Arts Workshops](#). Community members will gather in a virtual circle twice a month to tell stories. We will celebrate our stories of resilience and challenges during this historic year by engaging our creativity and drawing from our intuition, for our own self-care and joy. Please bring pencil and paper and, if you can, some art supplies. Facilitated by visual artist and Bardo voyager Noah Phillips and librarian and poet Vijay R. Nathan.

Register for upcoming dates (all at 1 pm EDT):

Thursday, **May 27**: <https://bit.ly/ExpArtsMay27>

Thursday, **June 10**: <https://bit.ly/ExpArtsJun10>

Thursday, **June 24**: <https://bit.ly/ExpArtsJun24>

**May 27 and June 11** – During these two separate [Virtual Walking Tours of Long Island City and Hunters Point](#), Mitch Waxman will highlight interesting and factual historical information about these areas. He will also describe the way the neighborhoods have changed in relation to industrialization and environmental efforts in Queens. Viewers will learn how Long Island City has changed over the decades. Watch live on the [Queens Memory Facebook page](#). (both at 4 pm EDT)

## Save the Date for Workshops With QPL's Job and Business Academy

On July 13, Queens Memory and the Queens Public Library's [Job and Business Academy](#) (JBA) will begin our summer series of "Reinvigorating Wise Lives" workshops, aimed at adults age 60 and up.

Participants in the six-week series of virtual workshops will be split into two tracks, depending on their objectives: the Creative Aging track focuses on personal finance and volunteering and mentoring opportunities, while the Encore Career track offers preparation for a next stage of paid employment. Attendees meet twice a week as a group and also have sessions with a JBA career coach for individualized assistance.

Queens Memory will help participants in both tracks engage in a thoughtful exploration of their professional work history and a vision for their future goals. This will culminate in oral history interviews that will be preserved in our collection and made available to the public. The program is being funded by the Fan Fox and Leslie R. Samuels Foundation.

[Registration](#) for the summer series, which runs from July 13 through August 19, is now open. For more information, view our promotional video below!

