Queens Memory Celebrates 10th Anniversary With New Website, Special Events

This year, Queens Memory turns 10 years old! To mark this special milestone, we are proud to debut a new logo (see above!) and a completely redesigned, user-friendly website.

Over the past decade, the Queens Memory team has involved hundreds of volunteers in the work of enriching the historic record of Queens, collecting more than 600 oral history interviews with Queens residents from 30-plus countries of origin. In addition, we’ve partnered with dozens of community organizations, educators and cultural institutions, creating exhibitions and special documentation projects and hosting more than 300 events at various locations across the borough as well as virtually on our Facebook Live page.

To celebrate our achievements, we’ll be hosting several special events, beginning with “A Decade of Stories: The Queens Memory Project Celebrates 10 Years,” on Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 7 pm. Queens Memory Project Director Natalie Milbrodt will share highlights from the collections and welcome some special guests who have contributed their talents to Queens Memory over the years, making it the successful program it is today.

“We are so proud to be a trusted keeper of Queens stories,” Milbrodt said. “We can only do it with the help of Queens residents, who are incredible partners in this work, recording interviews with neighbors, family members and friends for the collections. We are grateful to them for making history with us.”

In April, Queens Memory launched the COVID-19 Project, which has been documenting first-person accounts from the communities affected in the most acute ways this past spring, when New York City was the center of the coronavirus pandemic in the United States. Stories collected as part of this initiative are featured in a new 10-episode season of the Queens Memory Podcast, “The Borough We Became: Queens Residents on Life During COVID-19,” with installments released weekly on the Queens Memory Aviary platform and available anywhere you listen to podcasts. Each episode covers different aspects of life in Queens during the pandemic, including stories from healthcare workers battling the coronavirus, essential workers on the front lines, people who contracted the virus, and the new challenges facing teachers and students.

Hear the new Queens Memory podcast, “The Borough We Became,” and see our growing roster of video compilations and audio interviews on our Aviary page.