




Cookbook Series Enters its Final Month with a Festival Celebration and Delicious Story Sharing!

Our inaugural [Stories and Snacks: A Festival of Home Cooking History](#) is this Sunday, 5/21, and we have officially reached capacity! Thank you for all your RSVPs. We're excited for this partner event in collaboration with the Voelker Orth Museum and WNYC.

For those with RSVPs - In addition to Backyard Picnic, featuring Queens-based artisanal food vendors, we will have our scanning station set up indoors. So dust off those old photographs and family recipes and bring them to be digitally preserved. Prepare for an afternoon full of delicious food sampling, story sharing, scavenger hunts, and educational workshops!



HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN STORIES & SNACKS: A FESTIVAL OF HOME COOKING HISTORY
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1-4PM

1
BRING A PHOTO
related to a food memory:
feasts, cookouts, rituals, holidays, family kitchens, etc.

2
SCAN YOUR RECIPES
with experts from Queens Memory,
and add your recipe to the digital archive

3
LISTEN WITH NEIGHBORS
to a workshop led by food journalist, Caroline Shin,
and story shares moderated by Queens Memory

4
SHARE YOUR STORY
with George Bodarky of WNYC
and be part of the Food Memoirs series

Can't make it on Sunday but still want to participate? Our [community cookbooks series](#) continues with in-person and online story shares in May and June:

Add Your Recipe to the Queens Memory Cookbook:
May 18, 4-6pm, Ridgewood Library
May 22 & June 12, 11-1pm, St. Albans Branch Library

Queens Memory Cookbook with Life Story Club:
May 25 & June 22, 3-4pm, [Online](#) - St. Albans & Addisleigh Park
June 8, 3-4pm, [Online](#) - Ridgewood

Featured Oral History of: Mandingo Osceola Tshaka and Robbie Garrison

Robbie Garrison and Mandingo Tshaka describe the city's takeover of the Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground site in the 1930s, turning it into a park and playground.

In the mid-1800s, somewhere between 500 to 1,000 victims of cholera and smallpox epidemics were buried there. Certificates later showed that the majority of these individuals were African American or Native American/Indigenous.

Listen to the full interview [here](#).



FEATURED ORAL HISTORY

QUEENS MEMORY

Curious to learn more about the history of the Burial Ground? Queens Memory Outreach Coordinator, Lori Wallach, is one of the panelists in an upcoming Zoom webinar, titled "Black Historic Sites in Conversation: The Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground," held in partnership with the [Lewis Latimer House Museum](#). Registrations are open [here](#).



Our Four-Part Genealogy Series Continues with NYPL Librarian, Jo-Ann Wong



PART IV: MAPPING YOUR ANCESTORS' TRAVELS

June 6, 7-8pm, [Facebook Live](#)

When researching your family's history, you may find your ancestors traveled far from home or relocated to new neighborhoods or across the world. To visualize these historical routes, you can use maps, passenger lists, newspapers, and travel guides to recreate their journeys.


Join librarian Jo-Ann Wong from The Lionel Pincus and Princess Firyal Map Division of the New York Public Library, to learn how to use these types of materials when researching historical travels and how to search for these materials within NYPL's collections. Watch this program live at [facebook.com/queensmemory](#)

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Lionel Pincus and Princess Firyal Map Division, The New York Public Library. (1858). *Map of the rail-roads of the State of New York*. Retrieved from <https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/51e9a1a0-79cf-0133-32c7-00505686d14e>

In case you missed it, [here](#) is a recording to the first talk of this series - "Building Your Family Tree Without Breaking the Bank" - with Lori Wallach.

Start with what you know

- Begin by writing down everything you know about your family history, along with the questions and mysteries you want to investigate
- Talk to other family members, especially older generations, and go through photo albums, scrapbooks, etc.
- Record all information carefully – no locations, any other details – and no conflicting accounts or gaps in knowledge. is where your research will start!
- Choose the organizational method you are most comfortable with. Options include hand-written family charts and binders for documents/photos; family tree software; and online family tree sites that allow you to connect with other researchers.



JOB ALERT: SEEKING PHOTOGRAPHER

A series of pop-up events are being organized by [Melting Metropolis](#), a UK-based environmental history research project looking at experiences of urban heat islands in London, New York and Paris. The events are a pilot for Melting Metropolis researchers to engage local communities in exploring lived experiences of rising temperatures in Queens.

From Melting Metropolis:


The photographer will be documenting workshops and conversations between researchers and the general public. We are anticipating 25-30 images per event. We would also like 5-10 images of artworks that the public produce during the events. The photographer will be responsible for securing model release forms for image usage online and in research publications.

We are seeking quotes from professional photographers specializing in portrait photography to attend pop-up public events on the following days:

Queens Library, July 14, indoors event, 11am - 1pm*
Rockaway, July 15, outdoors event, 11am - 1pm*
Jackson Heights, July 16, outdoors event, 11am - 1pm*
*exact timings are negotiable

If interested and available, please email – b.benge-abbott@liverpool.ac.uk - directly with the subject line "Queens Memory Newsletter / Urban Heat."

Congratulations to "Seeing Signs" Producer, Rosalind Tordesillas!



OUR MAJOR MINORITY VOICES

Episode 6: Seeing Signs

QUEENS MEMORY

Our podcast team has forged a new partnership with [Making Contact](#)!

In celebration of AANHPI Heritage Month, they will rebroadcast "[Seeing Signs](#)" (Season 3 Episode 6) in English to their 150+ radio broadcast partners on May 24. The Tagalog episode will also be available on their website.



MAKING CONTACT
radio stories and voices to take action

Making Contact produces media that analyses critical social and environmental issues and showcases grassroots solutions in order to inform and inspire audiences to action.

QUEENS MEMORY Presents

SPOTLIGHT ON: JEWISH AMERICAN LEADERS

IN HONOR OF JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



Share Your Stories and Photographs of Places Named After our Diverse Jewish Community

Join us in paying tribute to the generations of Jewish Americans who helped form the fabric of our borough's history, culture, and landscapes, in ways big and small. Sample entries listed on the [Name Explorer](#) map:

[MAX WERNIK TRIANGLE](#) • [RABBI ISRAEL MOWSHOWITZ WAY](#) • [RABBI DR. ASHER MURCIANO WAY](#) • [RABBI RAPHAEL "RALPH" FELCOVITZ WAY](#) • [BENJAMIN S. ROSENTHAL LIBRARY](#) • [BERNARD L. SHAPIRO BOULEVARD](#) •

You can add information to an existing entry by clicking the blue **"Add/Edit"** button in the top right corner. Don't see that person in the search results? Create a new entry with the "Add/Edit" button. See a sign that needs maintenance and restoration? Add/Edit to let us know!

Upcoming Events

May 25 – As part of its "Black Historic Sites in Conversation" series, the [Lewis Latimer House](#) is sponsoring a panel on the **Olde Towne of Flushing Burial Ground**. **Robbie Garrison** and **Sally Mehreteab** of the Burial Ground Conservancy will give an overview of the site's history, and Queens Memory Outreach Coordinator **Lori Wallach** will discuss QM's role in supporting the research work done on the site by two Queens College graduate Public History classes taught by **Prof. Johnathan Thayer**. Register [here](#) for the virtual event. (6:30 - 8 pm EDT)

June 1, 6, 14, 15 and 20 – **Juneteenth Food Traditions with Hue Williams** in Cambria Heights, Baisley Park, Jackson Heights, Pomonok, and Queens Village library branches, respectively. Visit our [events calendar](#) to learn more.

June 6 – When researching your family's history, you may find that your ancestors traveled far from home or relocated to new neighborhoods or across the world. In the **Mapping Your Ancestors' Travels** workshop, you'll see how you can visualize these historical routes using maps, passenger lists, newspapers and travel guides to recreate their journeys. Join librarian **Jo-Ann Wong** from The Lionel Pincus and Princess Firyal Map Division of the New York Public Library to learn how to use these types of materials when researching historical travels and how to search for these resources within NYPL's collections. Watch this program live at [facebook.com/queensmemory](#) (7- 8 pm EDT)

June 10 and 17 – Join us for the **Elmhurst Name Explorer Walking Tour**, a 90-minute tour that will explore the significance of this quintessential Queens neighborhood and celebrate the notable people who have left their mark there. This includes visits to sites featured on the [Queens Name Explorer Map](#), an interactive archival map and crowdsourcing campaign to uncover the stories behind the borough's named streets, schools, buildings, parks, and monuments. The Elmhurst walking tour will be led by local guide **Linda Fisher**. Each date is limited to 15 participants, [registration](#) is required. The tour will begin outside the First Presbyterian Church at 54th Avenue and Queens Boulevard, near the Grand Avenue stop on the M/R train, and terminate on 74th Street and Roosevelt Avenue near the 7/F/E/R/M train stop. (10:30 am - 12 pm EDT)

June 13 – Join us [online](#) to learn more about the Queens Memory Project. Our team will provide an overview of our programs and cover the many ways you can help as a volunteer and contribute to the library's archives. Hear about opportunities to record interviews with Queens residents, contribute photos and other materials, assist with transcription and audio editing, and help with our outreach and programming. Register [here](#). (12-1 pm EDT)

