



🌟 **Open House New York** 🌟
Features Elmhurst Scavenger Hunt



Photo: View of Old Saint James Episcopal Church (built in 1735-36), J. Faye Yuan, 2023

Explore the historically diverse neighborhood of Elmhurst, Queens on this walking-tour-turned scavenger hunt that Queens Memory has organized in collaboration with Urban Archive and Open House New York.

The scavenger hunt offers insights into local history and archives, while illuminating landmarks that honor community leaders from the 1700s to the 21st century.

Date: Saturday, October 21
Time: 10 - 5pm EDT
Location: Elmhurst Library, 86-07 Broadway

Visit <http://queenslib.org/OHNY> to download the scavenger hunt map (available on 10/13), or pick up a printed copy from the Elmhurst Library.

This program is being offered as part of [Open House New York Weekend](#) and will be announced to the public on October 5, when a schedule of programs is released. The scavenger hunt is inspired by the [Queens Name Explorer](#) – an ongoing participatory archiving initiative, honoring the individuals whose names grace public spaces in the borough of Queens.



All participants are invited to return to the **Elmhurst Library** once their hunt is complete to win a limited edition hand-lettered map of Queens (pictured left). **First come first serve.** Limited to 100 copies.

Photo: Queens, NY Hand Lettered Type Map, by James McDonald

📍 **Queens Name Explorer Spotlights** 📍
Landscape Architect and Community Advocate from Far Rockaway



Photos of Ms. Ali-Sanders courtesy of her son, Malik Sanders

To celebrate Climate Week NYC, a new [Name Explorer blogpost](#) was published to spotlight **Antoinette Jamilah Ali-Sanders**, an accomplished landscape architect and community activist who worked at the Parks Department for 35 years. During her tenure, she oversaw the construction of parks, playgrounds, and structures, and the restoration of monuments.

At the intersection of **Seagirt Boulevard** and **Beach 17th Street** in **Far Rockaway**, Queens, **a street** is co-named in her honor.

Many thanks to our summer intern, Clara Ontal, and Malik Sanders for their contributions to the blogpost.

If you have a personal anecdote or pictures to share of someone on the [Name Explorer map](#), please Add/Edit on the site. Or ✉ us @QueensMemory on Instagram, Facebook, and X 🍷



🌞 **Meet Our Citi Fellow** 🌞
Lori Rothstein

Lori Rothstein is a student in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Queens College, specializing in archival science. Lori has worked as a newspaper journalist and is currently an editor at RILM Abstracts of Music Literature, a database of scholarly writings on music based at the CUNY Graduate Center.

A former resident of Forest Hills and later Douglaston, Lori revisited Douglaston and Little Neck this summer to photograph sites for Queens Name Explorer (QNE). She is continuing her work with QNE as part of her fellowship. She is also exploring the Queens Public Library digital archives to generate social media content highlighting the collection and is learning how to edit audio transcripts for the Queens Memory oral history project.

Outside of the fellowship, Lori is continuing her research project for Professor Johnathan Thayer’s Public History course at Queens College. Her work focuses on documenting the Black community in Flushing in the late 19th century, based on federal censuses and historical newspapers from the QPL Archives. Her results to date, and foundational research by a previous Queens College Public History class to document the Old Towne of Flushing Burial Ground, are posted on the [Queens Memory website](#).



Photo of Lori Rothstein

📅 **Upcoming Events** 📅

October 10 – Join us online for **Learn More about the Queens Memory Project**, an opportunity to hear about the work we do with volunteers and community partners across the borough. The Queens Memory team will provide an overview of our programs and cover the many ways you can help as a volunteer and contribute to the Queens Public Library’s archival collections. 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](#). We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. (12 - 1 pm EDT)

October 24 – At our monthly **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 oral history interviews, from initial outreach to recording to transcription. Register [here](#). We will follow up with a confirmation and event link. (12 - 1 pm EDT)

October 30 – Do you have a story about how Rikers Island has affected you, your loved ones, or your community? Share your story for the **Rikers Public Memory Project Oral History Program** – the largest collection of oral histories about Rikers. Interviews will be recorded virtually on Zoom. Register [here](#), or by reaching out directly to rikersmemory@create-forward.com. (1 - 6pm EDT)

