

QUEENS MEMORY

NEWS FROM QUEENS MEMORY PROJECT

Interwoven Home: A Community Weaving Project

What does "home" mean to you?

Join other Queens residents this summer to create a **collaborative weaving project** made from pieces of fabric and our own definition of home. You can participate in this program by attending the in-person workshop at **Socrates Sculpture Park** facilitated by Queens artist Antonia Perez. On **Sept. 9 from 1:30-3:30pm ET**, share your memories and ideas of home and add your story to the community weaving project. Feel free to bring a small token that reminds you of home. The final piece will be on public display at Queens Public Library branches after its completion!

This program is inspired by highly personal textiles and quilts on view at the [American Folk Art Museum](#), and in collaboration with Queens Memory Project at Queens Public Library, and [Socrates Sculpture Park](#).

Register [here](#). Though registration is not required, space is limited. Contact Claudia Maturell for questions: cmaturell@folkartmuseum.org.



Photo: Antonia Perez, Ofrenda, 2019

Queens Memory Podcast Season 4: It's All About Water



East River at dusk; photo by Nick Capezera, 2023

We're currently working on a new season of the podcast about the impacts of climate change on waterways and peoples' lives in Queens. Each episode will highlight a different aspect of the borough's changing relationship with water, told through the voices of experts, advocates, and people living in the communities most affected.

We are in the research and development phase and open to your insights!

If you have a personal or community story to share about water - related to environmental challenges, access to water, wildlife protection, flooding, family lore, etc. - please reach out: queensmemory@queenslibrary.org.

You can also DM us @QueensMemory on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.



Jordan Gass-Poore' recording sound at Far Rockaway; photo by Leo Sano, 2023

Upcoming Events

September 9 – What does "home" mean to you? Join other Queens residents this summer for a collaborative weaving workshop at Socrates Sculpture Park. See article above for details. Register [here](#). While registration is not required, space is limited. Contact Claudia Maturell with questions at cmaturell@folkartmuseum.org. (1:30 - 3 pm EDT)

September 12 – 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)

September 19 – 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)

Share Your Summer Heat Stories

Do you have questions about preparing for climate change and extreme weather in New York City? This month THE CITY held an Open Newsroom event at Queens Public Library to discuss the effects of climate change in the city and what New Yorkers can do about them.

Missed the event? Email your questions to ask@thecity.nyc with "CLIMATE" in the subject line, and they will send answers.

You can also share your stories and photos with the Melting Metropolis research team [here](#). If you wish to remain anonymous, you can leave the name and contact information fields blank. To learn more about Melting Metropolis, please visit <https://www.meltingmetropolis.com/>.



Family in the surf at Rockaway; photo by William J. Murray, 1905