

# QUEENS MEMORY

NEWS FROM QUEENS MEMORY PROJECT

## *Celebrate Earth Month With Queens Memory at the Climate Arts Festival*

On Saturday, April 27, Queens Memory staff will put on our gardening gloves and head to Flushing's Queens Botanical Garden for the [2024 Climate Arts Festival](#). This annual event sponsored by the Garden is aimed at empowering the community to collectively acknowledge, reflect on, and face our international climate crisis. Participants will explore ways to help the Earth thrive via fun, hands-on activities, art exhibits, music, interactive performances, tours, demonstrations, and more. The event, which runs from 11 am to 4 pm, will also include a sustainable vendor fair featuring local businesses.

Be sure to stop by the Queens Memory table for free giveaways, including our custom-made t-shirts and maps. We will also be recording interviews and sound clips for our upcoming climate-focused podcast season!

Admission ranges from \$2 to \$6 and is free for members of the Botanical Garden; advance tickets can be purchased [here](#), but walk-ins are also welcome. Hope to see you there!



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## Upcoming Events

**May 4** – Join us for [Flushing: Its People and Immigrant History](#), a 90-minute walking tour of Flushing. The tour will explore the significance of this diverse Queens neighborhood and celebrate the immigrant communities who have left their mark there. This walking tour will be led by Yuanjing Lin, a CUNY Cultural Corps intern who spent the 2023 academic year working with Queens Memory. The tour is limited to 15 participants; check our [Facebook page](#) in May for registration details. (10:30 am - 12 pm EST)

**May 2** – Travel back in time to your student years at Queens College and connect with your fellow alumni! At [Sharing Memories of Queens College Days](#), Queens Memory outreach coordinator (and QC alum) Lori Wallach will offer a short presentation of Queens College history, featuring archival photos of campus life and clips from interviews with retired faculty members and other alumni. Then it's your turn to share stories of the clubs, social events, campus hangout spots – and maybe even classes – that still resonate from your QC days! This event is hosted in collaboration with [DOROT](#) and Queens College Alumni Relations; register for the Zoom session [here](#). If you have photos you'd like to share for possible inclusion in the program or college archives, please submit them [here](#). (3:30 - 5 pm EST)

**June 1** – At [Drawing Heat, An Artist-Led Walk](#), you can join a guided art “walkshop” around New York with [Melting Metropolis](#), an international research project looking at the history of heat in the city. Led by artist Bryony Ella and urban environmental historian Dr. Kara Schlichting, Drawing Heat will be a playful, embodied mark-making experience that explores our sensory experience of summer in the city. Discover how, why, when and where heat islands arise, and create unique perspectives of the city through experimental drawing and creative writing. All materials provided and no art background necessary! This is an outdoor activity suitable for adults who are comfortable walking and standing for up to 2 hours. The majority of the walkshop will be spent under shade. There are morning and afternoon walks; places are limited to 20 people each. Participants will meet in the foyer of the [Long Island City Library](#). (9 am - 12 pm; 2 - 5 pm)

### Queens Memory in the Professional Community

QM staff are frequently invited to discuss our innovative programs with our colleagues in the library and archives communities. On April 14, Queens Memory Outreach Coordinator **Lori Wallach** and Queensborough Community College professor Dr. Patrick Wallach co-presented "Researching Sixty Years of Department History and Student Diversity" at the [New York State Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges \(NYSMATYC\) Annual Conference](#) in Kingston, NY. They will also speak about this collaboration between Queens Memory and QCC at the [Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Mathematics' Annual Meeting](#) in Montreal (June 15-17). Queens Memory Interim Director **Meral Agish** will participate in a panel discussion, "The Covid-19 Pandemic in New York State: Documenting the Ordeal and Interpreting Its History," at the [New York History Conference](#) in Albany, NY (June 20-21).