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QUEENS MEMORY

NEWS FROM QUEENS MEMORY PROJECT

Find Us Outside Arverne Cinema!

The final episode of our *Memories of Water* podcast drops on **Wednesday, September 2**, on the first day of the Ninth Annual Rockaway Film Festival, which returns to Arverne Cinema from September 2 to September 6.

This year's lineup includes exciting new features, vibrant shorts from emerging voices, and special guest-curated screenings — plus daily live music, free workshops, dance parties, and delicious food made by local chefs.

Tickets are only $10. Residents living in ZIP codes **11691 and 11692 are eligible for free tickets** until capacity is reached. Email hello@rockawayfilmfestival.org to learn more.

Queens Memory will host a pop-up podcasting booth on **Thursday, September 3, starting around 4pm.** Interested in the history of heat waves in NYC? How about our Rockaway postcard collection dating back to the early 20th century? Come talk to us outside the cinema!

Climate Week NYC in Queens

Thanks to our partners at Newtown Creek Alliance, King Manor Museum, New York Botanical Gardens, NYC Emergency Management, and many more, we have confirmed a full lineup of free events in Queens during Climate Week NYC:

Sunday, September 20, 11am to 6pm
Street Works Earth Festival | 📍Travers Park, Jackson Heights

Thursday, September 24, 5:30 to 7:30pm
From Floodwaters to Future Planning | 📍Central Library, Jamaica

Saturday, September 26, 11am to 1pm
Melting Metropolis: Cyanotype Workshop with Citation Needed | 📍Hunters Point Library and Environmental Education Center

Saturday, September 26, 2 to 4pm
Melting Metropolis: Zine Release Party | 📍King Manor Museum

Sunday, September 27, 11am to 2pm
Melting Metropolis: Canopy Walk | 📍Newtown Creek Alliance

Sunday, September 27, 2 to 4pm
Please Don't Flush! a municipal comedy | 📍Queens Botanical Garden

Watch our socials for updates, and we hope to see you in the field!

Share Your World Cup Memory!

What does the World Cup mean to you? Do you remember watching a match that brought your community together? Do you have a favorite World Cup tradition, player, or unforgettable game?

World Cup Memory is an independent storytelling project collecting firsthand accounts from people around the world before, during, and **after the World Cup**. Whether you cheered with family at home, gathered with friends at a local café, volunteered behind the scenes, or welcomed visitors to Queens, your experience is part of the story.

We invite you to record and share your World Cup memory with us and help create a community archive of this global event.

👉 **Submit your story here.** You can also submit **in Spanish here.**

World Cup Memory is led by Annabel Short of it's Material and builds on previous community storytelling projects, including *I Live Here – Queens* and *30th Ave – A Year in the Life of a Street*.

Call for Photos: Summer in the City

For the past three summers, we've partnered with Melting Metropolis and Urban Archive to collect photographs and stories that illustrate how New Yorkers have weathered the summer season.

This year, we're asking you to show us how you keep cool in the summer. Are you taking advantage of the early morning or nighttime hours to go outside? Do you have a special method of cooling your apartment? Do you go somewhere to cool down? Help us document the everyday history of summer in the city!

The call is open to anyone with a story to share, but we are most interested in photographs that were taken in NYC within the five boroughs. Each photo must include at least one human subject and a brief description.

We'll be accepting submissions **through end of September.**

Oral History Spotlight: Growing Up in Sunnyside and Hollis Hills

Katherine Markarian Askinazi speaks with interviewer Fran Kipnis about growing up in Sunnyside and Hollis Hills from the late 1950s through the 1980s. She shares memories of her immigrant parents, neighborhood schools, local libraries and parks, and Hollis Hills' Jewish community, as well as her path from St. John's University to a decades-long career at Stony Brook University. Katherine also reflects on how Queens has changed over the years and her hopes for its future.

Listen to Katherine's interview here.

📅 Save These Dates 📅

September 12 – Join artist Isa Dorvillier for community sewing day at the Ridgewood Library. For the past year, Isa has worked as a storyteller in residence with Newtown Creek Alliance and Melting Metropolis researching how extreme summer heat affects the communities around the Newtown Creek. In this hands-on workshop, participants will work together to construct a collaborative artwork using images from the QPL archives to reflect on the legacy of extreme heat in NYC. The final artwork will debut during NYC Climate Week. Sewing experience is helpful but not required and all materials will be provided. (1 pm ET)

September 19 & October 17 – Join photo curator Isabelle Dervaux for a two-part workshop that will help you take control of your collections at the Jackson Heights Library. In September, we will tackle our digital devices and learn how to declutter and organize our camera rolls. In October, we will learn how to see like a curator, so you can delete confidently and take better photos. Isabelle is a family photo curator whose mission is to teach all of us how to take charge of the thousands of photos we accumulate and eliminate the unnecessary stress they can cause. Her delightful, non-techy talks inspire participants to tackle tasks they have been dreading and putting off for years, so they can be photo-happier. (2 pm ET)

September 19 – Stop by our 20th Anniversary Show & Tell table to share a favorite story about Cambria Heights Community Library as well as the neighborhood it serves. Listen to interview clips from locals who have shared memories of their own, and view highlights from the Archives at QPL. The Queens Memory team will be available to help record brief interviews and digitize any photos and other paper materials you would like to scan. All ages are welcome! (12:30 pm ET)

September 22 – Metropolitan New York Library Council celebrates the debut of two publications—an artist's book and a zine set—from the Cross-Reference Coalition's first year during a launch event at the Center for Brooklyn History. Register for free tickets. (6 pm ET)

November 19 – Celebrate Queens Memory's Sweet 16! On Thursday, November 19, from 6 to 8pm, we're partnering with Culture Lab LIC for a community show & tell that will double as our sixteenth birthday party. Snacks will be provided. More details to come. (6 pm ET)