



2007 DESTINATION FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FREE EVENTS IN FLUSHING CELEBRATING THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY

SEPTEMBER

25th **WORD & DEED: THE FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE AND JOHN BOWNE**

Presented for the 350th Anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance, this event documents the struggle of colonists to win religious tolerance in New Netherland. It celebrates the legacy of John Bowne and his stand for freedom of conscience, and examines the Flushing Remonstrance, which influenced the principles codified in 1791 in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Funded by the NY Council for the Humanities and NYS Archives Partnership Trust. Sponsored by Bowne House, Gotham Center and Friends (Quaker) Meeting House. **FREE. Reservations necessary.**

Where: Friends (Quaker) Meeting House – 137-16 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11354

When: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Contact: BOWNE HOUSE, (718) 359-0528, DONNA CARTELLI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, dcartelli@bownehouse.org

OCTOBER

14th **THE STORY OF THE FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE**

A one-act play to tell the story of the Flushing Remonstrance. Presented by the Rockaway Theatre Company and the Queens Historical Society. **FREE. Reservations necessary.**

Where: Friends (Quaker) Meeting House – 137-16 Northern Blvd., Flushing, NY 11354

When: 2:00 PM **AND** 4:00 PM

Contact: QUEENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 143-35 37th Avenue, (718) 939-0647, www.queenshistoricalsociety.org;

FRIENDS (QUAKER) MEETING HOUSE, 137-16 Northern Blvd., (718) 358-9636, www.nyym.org/flushing/hmh.html

23rd **FLUSHING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SEMINAR WORKSHOP: BUILDING BRIDGES FOR OUR FUTURE**

Presented by NYC Councilman John C. Liu. The participants will be representing established Flushing Constituencies, e.g., civic groups, CB7, education, new immigrant business owners, and religious and cultural groups who will address strengthening the relationships between diverse community leaders through increased communication and identifying steps that would further negotiation & bridging of differences within the community among others. The public is invited to observe. **FREE.** Reservations necessary.

Where: Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel – 135-20 39th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354

When: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Contact: BARBARA BARUCH, (718) 888-8747 x 115, barbara.baruch@council.nyc.ny.us

NOVEMBER

18th **A SPECIAL LECTURE CELEBRATING THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE**

Celebrating the 350th anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance, the Queens Historical Society is proud to present the public with a very special event commemorating the occasion. We are excited to have Cheshire Frager lecture on the history and movement of the Quakers to Flushing, the Remonstrance as an act of civil disobedience, and the long reaching effects of the Remonstrance seen today. **FREE** with admission to the Kingsland Homestead. Seating is limited.

Where: QUEENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY – KINGSLAND HOMESTEAD, 143-35 37th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11354

When: 2:00 PM **AND** 4:00 PM

Contact: QUEENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 143-35 37th Avenue, (718) 939-0647 x17, www.queenshistoricalsociety.org

24th **THE ROOTS OF OUR RIGHTS**

Explore historic Flushing in honor of the 350th Anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance, the bedrock of the religious freedom Americans enjoy today. The Urban Park Rangers will lead you on a walk through the neighborhood, with stops at the Quaker Meeting House, Lewis H. Latimer House, Flushing Town Hall, Bowne House, Kingsland Homestead, and more. A must for historians, Flushing enthusiasts & the curious.

Where: MEET AT DANIEL CARTER BEARD SQUARE, intersection of Main Street & Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY 11354

When: Starts at 10:00 AM

Contact: QUEENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 143-35 37th Avenue, (718) 939-0647 x17, www.queenshistoricalsociety.org

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DECEMBER

- 2nd** **COMMEMORATING THE 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE – A FREE TOUR CELEBRATING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN FLUSHING**
Sponsored by Flushing BID, Flushing Town Hall and Jack Eichenbaum. In 1657 residents of Flushing petitioned the Dutch colonial government to uphold freedom of conscience and permit religious pluralism. Today's Flushing is a remarkable outcome of this policy. Every major religion in the world has a substantial church, mosque or temple in the vicinity. We'll tour the diversity by trolley & make several interior visits. Flushing, an international destination of choice, is at your fingertips to shop, eat and explore. Seating limited, by reservation only. **FREE. Reservations necessary.**
Where: Begins at Friends (Quaker) Meeting House – 137-16 Northern Boulevard, Flushing NY 11354
When: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Contact: FLUSHING BID, (718) 888-1805 or email info@flushingbid.com for reservations, www.flushingbid.com for more info.
- 5th** **FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE ON DISPLAY AT FLUSHING LIBRARY**
The historic document, spared from a fiery destruction, makes its way from the NYS Archives to return home to Flushing for the 350th Anniversary of its signage and importance to history, religious freedom and our town of Flushing. **FREE**
Where: Flushing Library, Upper Gallery Level – 41-17 Main St., Flushing, NY 11354
When: On display **December 5th, 2007 – January 7th, 2008**; during library hours
Contact: FLUSHING LIBRARY, (718) 661-1200, www.queenslibrary.org
- 9th** **HISTORIC HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR FOR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**
Come celebrate the tour's 20th Anniversary! This is a unique opportunity to learn about Flushing's rich history by exploring the historic sites. Ride the Flushing Trolley with friends & neighbors on a historic house tour of Flushing!
Where: Flushing Town Hall, Friends Meeting House, Kingsland Homestead, Lewis Latimer House & Voelker Orth Museum.
When: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Contact: Queens Historical Society, 143-35 37th Avenue, (718) 939-0647, www.queenshistoricalsociety.org;
Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd, (718) 463-7700, www.flushingtownhall.org;
Friends Meeting House, 137-16 Northern Blvd., www.nyym.org/flushing/hmh.html;
Lewis H. Latimer House Museum, 34-41 137th Street, (718) 961-8585, www.latimerhousemuseum.org;
Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Avenue, www.vomuseum.org;
Flushing BID, (718) 888-1805, www.flushingbid.com
- 10th** **FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE COMMEMORATIVE STAMP AND POSTCARD FESTIVITIES**
In celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance, the Flushing Post Office will present commemorative postcards with the original 3 cent stamp. They will be distributed to the first 250 visitors. The Flushing Post Office will be on hand to affix a special 350th anniversary cancellation. **FREE**
Where: Flushing Library – 41-17 Main St., Flushing, NY 11354
When: 11:00 AM
Contact: FLUSHING LIBRARY, (718) 661-1200, www.queenslibrary.org
- 11th** **THE LEGACY OF THE FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE: RELIGIOUS LIBERTY TODAY**
In celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the Flushing Remonstrance, the Queens Federation of Churches presents the meaning of what the Flushing Remonstrance stood for in 1657 and in 2007. **FREE. Reservations necessary.**
Where: Macedonia AME Church – 37-22 Union Street, Flushing, NY 11354
When: 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM
Contact: QUEENS FEDERATION OF CHURCHES, REV. N.J. L'HEUREUX JR., (718) 847-6764, www.queenschurches.org
- 27th** **IT HAPPENED IN QUEENS: THE FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE**
Storyteller Rivka Widerman will bring to life the signers of the Flushing Remonstrance through stories, maps and pictures. For ages 9-13. Space is limited. **FREE. Reservations necessary.**
Where: Flushing Library – 41-17 Main St., Flushing, NY 11354
When: 2:00 PM
Contact: FLUSHING LIBRARY, (718) 661-1200, www.queenslibrary.org
- IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE FLUSHING REMONSTRANCE – A CANDLELIGHT WALK**
Sponsored by Soka Gakkai International-USA. A candlelight walk past historic sites including the Bowne House, with stops at the Flushing Town Hall and the Friends (Quaker) Meeting House, among others. **FREE**
Where: Begins at Flushing High School – 35-01 Union St., Flushing, NY 11354
When: 7:00 PM
Contact: ELLANE KOLENS, (516) 375-9731, ekolens@optonline.net
- MAKE JOYFUL NOISE**
Places of worship and the general public make joyful noise in recognition of the Flushing Remonstrance.
When: 7:00 PM

Go to www.flushingbid.com for all our store listings, calendar of events, historic sites and travel directions.