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PRESS RELEASE: Voelker Orth Museum, Queens Memory, and WNYC partner for new Flushing food festival this May

The Queens Memory Project, Voelker Orth Museum, and WNYC are partnering for a new festival of home cooking in Flushing, Queens this May.

This inaugural festival is an immersive celebration of food and cultural memory. Activate the senses and connect to the diversity of Queens culinary traditions as you explore the Voelker Orth House and its Victorian garden. Hear from experts on history and cooking including food journalist Caroline Shin, taste samples from local food vendors, and swap family stories and recipes. See how to preserve a record of your family's home cooking traditions, and get creative in hands-on family workshops.

Guests are invited to bring photos of family cookouts and holiday feasts, handwritten recipe cards, and family food mementos to scan with digital archiving experts from the Queens Memory Project. Records can then be submitted to the forthcoming Queens Memory cookbook. Guests can also join George Bodarky of WNYC to share a story and be part of the Food Memoirs series.

Stories & Snacks: A Festival of Home Cooking**May 21, 2023 1:00-4:00PM****Voelker Orth Museum**

Free Samples from Queens Vendors: Cho Mama (Bayside), Did You Khado (Jamaica), Taste of Surabaya (Flushing), Green Earth Urban Gardens (Whitestone), Uncle Ediks Pickles (Fresh Meadows), (Sandwich Therapy) Jackson Heights.

The Voelker Orth Museum, situated in an immigrant family's 1890s home, preserves and interprets the cultural and horticultural heritage of Flushing, Queens and adjacent communities. The VO Museum engages its ever-changing population through arts, education, nature, and local history.

Queens Memory is a community-driven archiving program founded in 2010 and supported by Queens Public Library and Queens College, CUNY. The goal is to raise awareness and a sense of ownership in the creation of our shared historic record, and our dream is that all Queens residents who visit these collections feel their experiences and perspectives are represented.

WNYC – We all have stories to tell. Stories about people or places that inspire us. Stories of frustration and loss. Stories of people making a difference in their communities. And of course, our own stories. What is our story? WNYC and the nonprofit, Street Lab, are working together to highlight stories from neighborhoods across New York City.