This past Fall, The Bronx County Historical Society and the New York City Department of Education partnered on an exciting after-school program for junior high school students titled “Teen Thursdays.” The program gears teenagers to learn more about methods of research such as the use of primary and secondary sources, translation of maps, the skills of note taking, and neighborhood observations. These methods give students the opportunity to ready themselves for high school and college life and hopefully, learn a new career path.

The High Bridge became the focal point for the Teen Thursdays program. Students of P.S./M.S. 279 and the Young Women’s Leadership Academy of The Bronx worked on a publication called The High Bridge News (right), which details the history of the landmark bridge and the academic activities students were involved in throughout the program.

The Bronx County Historical Society Collections.

Students of P.S./M.S. 279 take a historic walking tour of the High Bridge neighborhood. The students were amazed at the amount of history in that part of The Bronx.

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The students of the Young Women’s Leadership Academy of The Bronx working on The High Bridge News at The Bronx County Archives. Such editorial skills will help condition them for intense writing throughout their school careers.

The Bronx County Historical Society Collections.
SIXTY YEARS OF PROGRESS

In 1955, eight people met at the dental office of Bronx Borough Historian Dr. Theodore Kazimiroff to begin The Bronx County Historical Society. Today, sixty years later, The Society maintains two landmark historic houses, a major research library, The Bronx County Archives, a large education program of lectures, tours and school visits, an extensive publications program and three Internet websites. The Society is now the most active local historical society in New York State. To celebrate this wonderful anniversary, The Society will soon announce new membership terms.

COLLECTIONS DONATIONS
The Society’s research library, object, and archival collections are a great resource. We thank those who recently made the following donations (partial list):

- Albert Friess - Photographs and letters, late 19th-early 20th century.
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- Seth L. Marvin - New York Yankees programs, 20th century.
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- W. H. Weisgerber - Photograph of 345 East 155th Street, late 19th-early 20th century.
- Walter H. Anderson - Real estate prospectus advertisements for various Bronx locations, 1919-1928.

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Cash donations help The Society fund programming, publications, equipment purchases, and build endowments. To double your donation, check with your employer for any available matching gift programs. We are grateful for the following contributions (partial list):

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Since 1964, the BCHS Journal has been one of the premier history journals in the tri-state region. The Journal’s articles, written with clarity and scholarly substance, are of interest to all who enjoy accounts of people, business events, mercantile gain, defending the nation’s interest, or the love of The Bronx. As an ongoing tradition for Bronxites to share their personal experiences, The Society is accepting articles for its Journal. Do you have a Bronx story to share? Kindly send in your article in Microsoft Word format along with 2-4 images or illustrations at 300dpi as email attachments to administration@bronxhistoricalsociety.org. Make sure you include your contact information.
BRONX HIGH SCHOOL
VALEDICTORIANS AWARDS PROGRAM

Sunday, June 7, 2015
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Join us this year in honoring The Bronx High School Valedictorians. The program begins at 1:00 PM with entertainment, refreshments, and tours of the Museum of Bronx History. At 2:00 PM, the awards ceremony will commence with gifts to the students and special awards to honor an educator of the year, a businessperson of the year and individuals who have supported the arts and humanities. The Museum of Bronx History is located at 3266 Bainbridge Avenue and East 208th Street.

To make a donation to this wonderful event, contact The Society (718) 881-8900 or donate online at http://www.bronxhistoricalsociety.org/valedictorian

Exciting News at
The Edgar Allan Poe Cottage

IN ADDITION TO ITS WEEKEND VISITING HOURS, THE COTTAGE WILL NOW BE OPEN TWO EXTRA DAYS DURING THE WEEK!

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THE HIGH BRIDGE NEWS
A TEEN THURSDAYS PROJECT

APRIL 8 – OCTOBER 7

OPENING RECEPTION
WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2015
4:30PM – 7:00PM

Exhibition
High Bridge – New York City’s
Oldest Bridge & Newest Greenway

Now through October 7th

Museum of Bronx History/Valentine-
Varian House
3266 Bainbridge Avenue & East 208th Street

Owned by The Bronx County Historical Society, the house is a member of the Historic House Trust. Its operation is made possible in part by public funds provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

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Buy a Poe Paver to Support the Edgar Allan Poe Cottage!
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Taking A Walk Through History
BRONX WALKING TOURS
Each tour costs $10 for BCHS members, $15 for non-members. Contact The Society at (718) 881-8900 to reserve your ticket. The tours generally run about 75 minutes.

Soundview II
Saturday, March 14, 2015 - 1:00 PM
The community of Soundview today comprises the immediate area across the Bronx River in the southeastern part of the borough and dubbed “The Gateway of the East Bronx” in the first part of this walking tour given in 2012. Soundview today is a thriving community of ethnic groups and commercial verve. Join BCHS Educator Angel Hernandez on a historic stroll through Soundview as he points out historic sites as well as the present attractions of the area. This tour meets at the foot of The Bronx-bound #6 Whitlock Avenue subway station staircase. Bronx buses #4 and #27 also stop near this location and the tour will terminate at the Morrison-Soundview Avenue #6 train station on Morrison Avenue.

High Bridge
Saturday, April 25, 2015 - 1:00 PM
Considered an engineering marvel of the day, High Bridge is a classic example of how an ancient system of water technology can play a major role in the expansion of a metropolis. It is the oldest bridge standing in New York City and after so many years of disuse, it is under renovation and slated to open for pedestrian traffic in the near future. To keep the momentum going, BCHS Educator Angel Hernandez will lead a historic walking tour of the High Bridge neighborhood with an inclusion of other historic items throughout the area. This tour will start at the foot of The Bronx-bound stair case of the 167th Street #4 subway station located at the northeast corner. Bronx buses #35, #1, and #2 run near the tour meeting location and it will terminate there as well.

Bronx Week Event! Marvelous Mott Haven
Saturday, May 9, 2015 - 1:30 PM
Join the Bronx Borough Historian Lloyd Ultan on a historic stroll through one of The Bronx’s noted designated historic districts – Mott Haven. The southernmost section of our borough, Mott Haven was one of the first communities to be urbanized across the Harlem River. Because this historic section is vast, with many items to point out, the tour may exceed more than two hours, so make sure you have your walking shoes on. This tour will start on the southeast corner of E. 138th Street and Lincoln Avenue, outside the #6 Third Avenue subway station. Bronx buses #15, #32, and #33 stop near this location.

FREE PUBLIC LECTURES
The following two public lectures will be held at The Bronx County Archives Building, located at 3313 Bainbridge Avenue, The Bronx, New York 10467.
For directions, please call (718) 881-8900

STREETCAR COMBACK IN THE BRONX?
Saturday, February 21, 2015 - 1:00 PM
Once ubiquitous in American cities, modern streetcars are making a comeback all across the nation. Are they right for The Bronx? Bob Diamond, Chairman of the Brooklyn Historic Railroad Association, will present a PowerPoint show on the feasibility of new streetcar lines for The Bronx, which will also include a look back at The Bronx's historical transportation systems.

A LOOK AT EARLY BRONX WOMEN
Saturday, March 21, 2015 - 1:00 PM
What we now know as The Bronx in the 1600s was an unnamed wilderness. Courageous pioneers with their wives settled here in a time of uncertainty. In celebration of Women’s History Month, Toby Z. Liederman, women’s advocate and coordinator of Anne Hutchinson annual events, will provide a brief story of the women who settled here in the 17th and 18th centuries with their families. Guests are encouraged to share their own accounts about women in Bronx History.