

The Patriot



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Workmen are repairing our 1907 rooftop thanks to the generosity of members and a New York State Grant.
Photo by Anthony Wellman

A New Life for the Old Roof

Thanks to the continuing generosity of Sons and Museum members and a matching grant from New York State, the roof on Fraunces Tavern is getting some much-needed repair work. (-- Yes, it's the original roof from the 1907 restoration.) Repairs are also being made to the roofs of the other four, connected, 19th century buildings making up the Fraunces Tavern complex.

Work should be completed in plenty of time for the opening of "Magna Carta and the Foundations of Freedom" on September 15.

Our Official Ad for the Magna Carta Exhibit is Here!

At least once in your lifetime... **See MAGNA CARTA**
The document that changed the world

One of four remaining copies of the original 1215 Magna Carta comes to New York City in an exhibit tracing the influence of this amazing document on human rights. See how it resonated through the centuries and subsequent freedom movements, from the Declaration of Independence to the Emancipation Proclamation, civil rights, minority and women's rights, to the causes and struggles of today.

September 15 - December 15, 2009

To Order Tickets: **www.TicketWeb.com**
or call **1-866-468-7619**

Fraunces Tavern Museum
54 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10004
Visit: **www.FrauncesTavernMuseum.org**

Magna Carta
THE FOUNDATIONS OF FREEDOM

Photo Courtesy Lincolnshire Echo Newspaper, Additional Graphics by Anthony Wellman

Check out our new ad for the *Magna Carta and the Foundations of Freedom* exhibit! Special thanks to Lincolnshire Echo Newspaper for the photo and to Anthony Wellman for the additional graphics. Don't forget tickets are now on sale and can be bought online at www.TicketWeb.com. Please consider purchasing your tickets in advance as day-of sales cannot be guaranteed. We very much appreciate the purchase of tickets for this very special event from our Members who are normally admitted to the Museum for free.

Looking to schedule a special private viewing or evening event for your business or special group? Please contact Visitor Services at 212-425-1776, ext. 18 or SpecialAssistant@sonsoftherevolution.org. Dinner and/or a cocktail hour can be arranged to coincide with the event.

Please check back often on [Fraunces Tavern Museum's website](http://FrauncesTavernMuseum.com) as we'll be posting special press announcements and publications. Stay tuned as our special Fall lineup for lectures coinciding with the exhibit will be announced later in this newsletter.

French DAR and SAR Compatriots at Fraunces Tavern Museum

Past SRNY President John Mauk Hilliard reports on his recent visit with some very special guests to the Museum:

I am pleased to report that in my capacity of Past President of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York and my current capacity as President of the 1st NY Cont. Chapter, SAR, I had the great pleasure of conducting a tour of Fraunces Tavern Museum for the delegation of French Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, and [Society of the] Cincinnati Compatriots on July 14. They were a very distinguished group of about 15 in number led by the VP of the General Society Europe, Comte Jacques de Trentinian. Robert Naud from the NY Chapter who knows the French Compatriots from the Cincinnati was also there. SRNY President Charles C. Lucas, Jr. greeted them. I took them through all the available exhibit space, although some of the galleries were closed for renovations attendant on the forthcoming Magna Charta exhibit opening in mid-September. They were a delightful and most responsive group consisting of officers of the SAR and DAR in France, and distinguished academics and retired military officers. They went from Fraunces to tour the NY Historical Society and will embark for France on Thursday evening. We spent about an hour and a half at the Museum, ending with an intense look at the Long Room and the Geo. Clinton Gallery. They presented a handsome scarf to [SRNY Administrator] Margaret O'Shaughnessy for her help in organizing this event, and gave the Fraunces Tavern Museum both a very generous donation and a splendid gold commemorative medallion struck last Fall to mark the 225th Anniversary of signing of the Treaty of Paris ending the War of the Revolution. It was a great day and my great honor to host these lovely people. Yours Aye, John Mauk Hilliard

American Kennel Club Celebrates All-American Breeds at Fraunces Tavern Museum



American Kennel Club spokesperson Lisa Peterson (second from left) presides over the Meet the Breeds press conference on July 2, 2009 at Fraunces Tavern Museum. Cat Fanciers Association spokesperson Geri Fellerman (third from left) and pet handlers also participated in the event. American Foxhounds like "Blarney" and "Lark" (far right) were once bred and owned by George Washington.

Photo Courtesy of American Kennel Club

Fraunces Tavern Museum was pleased to host the American Kennel Club and the Cat Fanciers' Association on July 2, 2009. The AKC and CFA held a special joint press conference in the Museum's Flag Gallery to announce their Meet the Breeds event: a showcase of over 200 dog and cat breeds that will take place at the Javits Center in the city on October 17th and 18th. The AKC and CFA chose Fraunces Tavern Museum as they wanted to show off their all-American breeds of dogs and cats at an all American historic site. Additionally, the American Foxhound was showcased at the conference. George Washington, who has several connections to the Tavern, owned and bred foxhounds and frequently wrote about them in his hunting journals. The Museum's collection of John Ward Dunsmore paintings includes 3 works that depict Washington at the hunt with his hounds. The paintings were displayed and commented on during the event.

Other all-American breeds featured during the event were the Boston Terrier, the Chesapeake Bay Retriever, the American Shorthair, the Maine Coon Hound, the American Eskimo Dog, the Black and Tan Coonhound, and American Curl and Ragdoll cats.

For more photos from the press conference and for more information about the Meet the Breeds event, please visit the American Kennel Club's website at www.akc.org.

Our Fall 2009 Lecture Schedule is Here!

We want to thank all those who attended our Spring and Summer 2009 Lecture Series. All of the lectures were very well attended and received and we are so very appreciative of everyone's support. Extra special thanks goes to two of our wonderful volunteers, Michael LeCrichia and Kaitlyn Medley, for their help at these events. Education Director Jennifer Patton has done a wonderful job bringing in new speakers who have educated us on some very interesting topics. This summer saw lectures on 18th Century women's roles in America's marketplace as well as how cleanliness was perceived in early America.

We will not have a lecture in the month of August as we are preparing for the Magna Carta's arrival. However, Jennifer has put together a great Fall lineup to coincide with our upcoming exhibit:

Exploring the Issues of Power, Rights and Individual Freedoms In Conjunction with Magna Carta and the Foundations of Freedom:

Thursday, September 24th

Taking Power: How the Founders, All of Them, Redefined the Polity
Presented by Ray Raphael

Thursday October 29th

Benjamin Franklin and the Constitutional Convention
Presented by Philip J. Briggs

Thursday November 19th

Civil War Wives: The Winds of Change
Presented by Carol Berkin

The events will all be held **6:30pm** in the **Nichols Room of Fraunces Tavern Restaurant**. Tickets are \$8 (members are free) and there will be light refreshments included. Entry to the lecture does not include admission to the Museum during these months due to security regulations surrounding the Magna Carta.

For a list of all of our Fall 2009 events, please visit:

http://www.frauncestavernmuseum.org/mus_cal.html

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