

The Patriot



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This month in history: On May 10th, 1775 the Green Mountain Boys, led by Ethan Allan and Benedict Arnold, captured the garrison at Fort Ticonderoga. The following December, Colonel Henry Knox marched the cannons from the fort 300 miles in two months to Boston. They were used to drive the British Army out of Boston during the Siege of Boston in March 1776.

Image: *Col. Knox Bringing the Cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to the Siege of Boston* by John Ward Dunsmore. Oil on Canvas, 1932. Gift of George A. Zabriskie Memorial, 1936. Collection of Fraunces Tavern Museum. This painting was recently sponsored for conservation by the generosity of Lawrence K. Casey, Jr.

Tickets for Annual Nighttime July 4 Walking Tour on Sale Now!

For the eighth year in a row, join veteran walking tour guide James S. Kaplan and learn little known facts about important Revolutionary War heroes buried in Lower Manhattan.

Watching the early morning sun rise from Trinity Church, you'll be fascinated to discover just how pivotal New York City was throughout the war for independence. The tour starts at

2:00 am on July 4th and will end at 6:00 am.

\$20 /\$15 for Museum members*

***Tickets in advance are required & may be purchased through Paypal on our [website](#).**

Once your tickets have been purchased, you will be emailed a confirmation receipt and the starting location for the walking tour.

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Annual Family Night Dinner: Authors and Veterans Honored

The Family Night Stated Meeting was held on Monday, April 26th in Fraunces Tavern Restaurant, commemorating the 235th Anniversary of the Historic Battles of Lexington and Concord.

During the dinner, Reverend Thomas Pike, Chairman of the Book Award Committee, presented the 2010 Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award to Alex Storozynski for his book *The Peasant Prince, Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Age of Revolution*, published by Thomas Dunne Books . Mr. Storozynski was the guest speaker for the evening. (If you missed the dinner, Mr. Storozynski will return to Fraunces Tavern Museum in Fall 2010 to deliver a lecture on the book. Stay tuned for details!)

Rev. Pike also presented a Special Recognition Award to Mary Donovan for her book *George Washington at Headquarters, Dobbs Ferry*.

Each year at the Family Night Dinner forty and fifty year veteran members of the Sons of the Revolution are recognized. The Society was pleased this year to recognize Mr. F. Daniel LeVert Coleman on his fiftieth year of membership. Mr. Coleman is a Past President of the Sons of the Revolution (1981-1983) and remains very active in the organization.

New York Flag Day Parade & Founder Centennial, June 14



Left: Members of SRY Color guard led by Jonathan Ridgeway carry various standards during a past Flag Day parade. Right: New York City public school students enjoy marching in the annual parade. Photos Courtesy of Sons of the Revolution in the State of NY, Inc.

This June 14 promises to be one of the most unusual Flag Days in the history of SRNY. It will consist of two, separate celebrations, beginning with the New York Flag Day Parade, arranged by the Society annually since around World War One. The second part of the day will be a special afternoon event: the dedication ceremony for a memorial stone honoring the founder of the Sons of the Revolution at historic Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

This is the 233rd anniversary of the adoption of the American Flag by the Continental Congress in 1777. The Parade is a public event conducted in New York City's financial district where SRNY flies its vast collection of Revolutionary War flags. Joining in with the Sons are marching bands and hundreds of participants from other organizations and schools. It steps off at noon from City Hall Park and proceeds through lower Manhattan, culminating with ceremonies in front of Fraunces Tavern.

The ceremonies at Fraunces Tavern include proclamations, awards, recitations and songs by school children honoring the American Flag. After the ceremonies a light lunch will be offered inside Fraunces Tavern. (Advance reservations are required for the lunch. Please see below.)

The second part of the day is a special affair this year of interest to all Sons of the Revolution: a centennial celebration of the Society's founder, John Austin Stevens. It will entail an excursion to Green-Wood Cemetery, his resting place in Brooklyn, where arrangements have been made for a commemorative stone to be placed.

Green-Wood is a National Historic Landmark, with over 400 acres of splendid scenery. Founded in 1838 it is a tribute to the 19th century's orientation that cemeteries should not be simply burial grounds but enjoyed as parks as well. Over a half million tourists visit Green-Wood each year to take in its history, beauty and see where many famous names from the 19th and 20th centuries rest. Mr. Steven's burial there one hundred years ago was accompanied by much ceremony by the Society and the arrangements for this event 100 years later will see that the memory of our founder is again suitably observed. Attendees will also visit three other historic sites in the Cemetery sure to be of interest including Battle Hill, a Revolutionary War site of the Battle of Brooklyn.

A private bus has been chartered at 2:00 to convey attendees from Fraunces Tavern to Green-Wood. Advance reservations are required and seats are subject to availability. Members are encouraged to contact the Sons in New York as soon as possible. See below for details. Otherwise, attendees can get there by subway or taxi. By subway: take the R train (Whitehall Street to 25th Street-Brooklyn) then walk 1 block up the hill. By taxi go to 25th Street and 5th Avenue-Brooklyn which will take you to the main gate. More detailed directions to Green-Wood may be found online at: <http://www.green-wood.com/index.php/GWC/30/48/detail>.

Sons of the Revolution members everywhere are invited to attend these events. The parade and ceremonies before Fraunces Tavern are free. The lunch (\$25) and the private bus to Green-Wood (\$15) will require advance reservations, subject to availability. SRNY will be

happy to refer those visiting from out of town to suitable area hotels where they may make their own reservations. Please contact the Administrator, Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York, Inc., 54 Pearl Street, New York, NY 10004. Telephone: 212-425-1776. Email: Administrator@sonsoftherevolution.org.

May Book Talk! Abigail Adams

Presented by Woody Holton +

Thursday May 6th at 6:30pm at Fraunces Tavern*

Drawing on the rich collection of letters and previously overlooked documents in his new book, Woody Holton (a past Fraunces Tavern Museum Book Award winner) reveals some startling new discoveries. Best known for exhorting her husband, John Adams, to remember the ladies in devising America's new political system, she also amassed a fortune in her own name and wrote a will leaving most of her property to her granddaughters in defiance of the law that made her husband the master of all she owned. From her childhood as the daughter of a poor parson to her long and sometimes uncertain courtship with John, we see a strong-minded woman whose boldness developed in the context of the revolutionary era in which she lived.

\$8 admission (Museum members are admitted free of charge). Light refreshments will be available before and after the lecture.

+ Books will be available for purchase -discounts apply for Museum members (Great Mothers Day gift idea!)

* Due to security regulations, the Museum will be closed after 5pm. The lecture will take place in Fraunces Tavern Restaurant. Admission to the lecture does not include admission to the Museum at this time.

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