

The Patriot



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Capt. Jonathan Ridgeway leads a procession of Revolutionary War flags at the Battle of Brooklyn celebration on August 29, 2010.

Photo Courtesy of the Veteran Corps of Artillery in the State of NY

Battle of Brooklyn Remembered

On Sunday, August 29th, Capt. Jonathan Ridgeway, Chairman of the SRNY Color Guard led a procession of SRNY flags at the Battle of Brooklyn Celebration at Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, NY

The Battle of Brooklyn, originally called the Battle of Long Island, was the first battle fought after the Declaration of Independence was signed. The August 1776 battle was also the

largest fought in the Revolutionary War.

Every year, SRNY and the Veteran Corps of Artillery in the State of New York honor those Americans who fought in the battle: 900 Patriot soldiers were taken prisoner and another 200 were killed or wounded.



Above: *Spirit of '76* by John Ward Dunsmore, Oil on Canvas, 1906, Gift of George A. Zabriskie Memorial, 1936, 2009 Conservation sponsored by Lawrence K. Casey, Jr., Collection of Fraunces Tavern Museum.
Photo by Alexander Katlan

Fraunces Tavern Museum Unveils More "Dunsmores"

Fraunces Tavern Museum's **John Ward Dunsmore Gallery** is enjoying a slight makeover. Paintings including the *Spirit of '76*, *Washington and Members of Congress Leaving Christ Church Philadelphia*, and *The Marriage of Nellie Custis (Washington's Last Birthday)* have not been exhibited in quite some time. We welcome you to come on down to the museum to enjoy the paintings and learn the fascinating histories that they depict.

More information on our Dunsmore paintings and our quest to preserve them for future generations can be found by clicking [here](#).

September Lecture!

The Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Age of Revolution †

Presented by Alex Storozynski

Thursday September 16th at 6:30pm at Fraunces Tavern Museum

Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a Polish-Lithuanian born in 1746, was one of the most important figures of the modern world. Fleeing his home-land after a death sentence was placed on his head, he came to America & literally showed up on Benjamin Franklin's doorstep one month after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. With little more than a revolutionary spirit and a genius for engineering, Kosciuszko entered the fray as a volunteer in the war effort & quickly proved his capabilities to become the most talented engineer of the Continental Army. From devising battle strategies that were integral to the American victory at the Battle of Saratoga, designing the plans for West Point, and overseeing a ring of African-American spies in the Southern Army, he was truly a man ahead of his time.

Thomas Jefferson, with whom Kosciuszko had an ongoing correspondence on the immorality of slaveholding, called him "as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known."

Winner of the 2010 Fraunces Tavern Book Award, this definitive and exhaustively researched biography fills a long-standing gap in historical literature with its account of a dashing and inspiring revolutionary figure.

\$8 admission at the door only-first come, first serve. (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

Save the Dates!

Garden Party

[The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and Garden](#) (formerly the Abigail Adams Smith House) along with the Garden and Grounds Committee of the Colonial Dames of America will host a major fall garden party on October 4, 2010 from 6 - 9 PM. The event is being held to raise public awareness of replanting the museum's grounds with 19th century flowers and medicinal and kitchen plants in order to create a more authentic encounter with the early Federal era.

Last month's issue of the Patriot reported an incorrect address for the museum. Tickets to attend will be available at \$75 and up. For more detailed information regarding the garden party the contact is:

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George Washington Ball

SRNY's annual George Washington Birthday Ball will be held Thursday, February 17th, 2011 at The Metropolitan Club, One East 60th Street, New York, NY 10020. More information will be released in upcoming issues of the Patriot.

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