

# The Patriot



Latest News from the [Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York](#)

Vol. 3, No. 7 (July 2009)



*Announcing the Great Decision, July 9, 1776* by Henry Hintermeister Gift of the George A. Zabriskie Memorial, 1936. Collection of Fraunces Tavern Museum, New York City. Gift of Gilbert Rogers Byrne in loving memory of his wife, Roberta Campbell Byrne, 1964

On July 9, 1776, the newly penned Declaration of Independence was publicly read to the American troops in New York. The Americans had already found success in sustaining the British in Boston, but His Majesty's Army had regrouped in Nova Scotia and was sailing into New York Harbor, ready to attack. Washington, shown here with Colonel Samuel Webb and General Thomas Mifflin, had the Declaration read aloud knowing that the

fight for New York would come soon, and that the morale of his Army needed to be high. Soldiers and New York's citizens alike greeted the Declaration with great fervor: so much so that the next day, Washington chided his troops for joining in the mob's celebratory exploits.

Image Courtesy of Fraunces Tavern Museum.

## **Special \$1 Admission in Celebration of Independence Day!**

Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York and Fraunces Tavern Museum are happy to announce a special **\$1 admission** ([members are free](#)) to Fraunces Tavern Museum on Saturday July 4. What better a way to celebrate America's birthday than to visit a true piece of American history? The tavern bore witness to visits by George Washington, and the Sons of Liberty met here in the early days of the Revolution. In our nation's early years, the tavern housed offices of Alexander Hamilton and Henry Knox.

The Museum will be open Saturday from 12 Noon until 5 PM. Fraunces Tavern Restaurant will also be open for lunch and dinner.

## **Rain Did Not Dampen Spirits on Flag Day**

Although it was raining earlier in the morning on June 12, the skies cleared and the weather was perfect in time for SRNY's annual Flag Day parade and ceremony. Each year the Society sponsors an essay contest entitled "What the American Flag Means to Me". The contest is open to all schoolchildren marching in the parade and two winners are chosen from the entries. This year the winners were Teresa Fenster of Immaculate Conception School and Elisa Zhang of P.S. 124, Yung Wing Elementary School. The children read their winning essays during the ceremony and each was presented with an engraved plaque and a \$200 US Savings Bond. Their schools were each presented with a plaque and given a check. The Society is grateful to Mr. Steven Trusnovac who served as Chairman of the Parade and to all who contributed and assisted with helping to make the parade a success.

## Fall Exhibition Tickets Are Now on Sale!



A museum visitor gazes at the 1215 Magna Carta. The historic document will visit Fraunces Tavern Museum September 15-December 15, 2009.

Photo courtesy Lincolnshire Echo Newspaper

Because of the anticipated demand for our upcoming *Magna Carta and the Foundations of Freedom* exhibition at Fraunces Tavern Museum, we have arranged for ticketing online and by phone rather than at the Museum. These are **timed tickets**, meaning that you can choose the time you wish to arrive and must arrive at that time to gain entry to the exhibit. For this unusual show, we appreciate the ticket purchases from our Museum and Sons members, who are ordinarily admitted free to most exhibits.

Buy your tickets now at [www.TicketWeb.com](http://www.TicketWeb.com) or by phone at **1-866-468-7619**.

Adults, \$10, Seniors (65 and over): \$5, Children 6-18, \$5, Children 5 and under Free. Exhibit hours starting September 15 through December 15 will be Tuesday through Sunday 12 Noon until 6 PM (Closed Monday).

For more information on the exhibit, we have also set up a hotline. Please call 212-425-1778, ext. 21.

## **July Lecture!**

### **Foul Bodies: Cleanliness in Early America**

In this unusual cultural history, Kathleen Brown shows that attitudes toward "dirt" through the mid-nineteenth century reflected the fundamental values of early American society. Broad in historical scope and imaginative in its insights, Brown's new book expands the topic of cleanliness to encompass larger issues such as religion, health gender, class and race relations.

The event will be held **Thursday, July 16, 2009 at 6:30pm** in the Museum's Flag Gallery. Tickets are \$6 (members are free) and there will be a wine and cheese reception to follow. Books will be available for purchase (discounts apply for Museum members).

### **In Memoriam: Richard Farmer Hess & Albert A. Morey**

We were sorry to learn of the death of Richard Farmer Hess, a Life Member of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York. Mr. Hess joined the Society in 1976. He served on the Board of Managers for 10 years and served as a Vice President and Registrar. He was Chairman of the Membership Committee and was the editor of the Society newsletter The Patriot for 10 years beginning in 1980. He also served on various other committees. The obituary for Mr. Hess can be found on line – LancasterOnline.com: obituaries

Albert A. Morey a devoted member of Sons of the Revolution passed away on May 12, 2009 at the age of 82. Mr. Morey was elected a member of the Society in 1972 and he was a member of the Color Guard since 1973. He also served as a member of the Flag Day Committee, the Tellers Committee, the Tablet, Emblem & Decoration Committee and the Membership Committee.

The SRNY Patriot

Published online monthly by The Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York

54 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10004  
212-425-1776  
[2administrator@sonsoftherevolution.org](mailto:2administrator@sonsoftherevolution.org)

Editor: Suzanne Prabucki

Contributors: Suzanne Prabucki

Photographs: Courtesy Fraunces Tavern Museum

Layout and HTML: Suzanne Prabucki and Thomas C. Williams

Distribution: Suzanne Prabucki and Thomas. C. Williams

Previous newsletters can be found at  
<http://www.sonsoftherevolution.org/Reports.html>

Click here to [unsubscribe](#)

Click here to [modify your subscription](#)