

Two hundred twenty-five years ago, the Hudson River Valley was the major theater of the Revolutionary War, what George Washington referred to as the “Key to Victory.” Each year through 2008, the region will observe Patriots’ Weekend to commemorate and celebrate the War for American Independence. Patriots’ Weekend, 2005 will highlight the 225th Anniversary of Major General Benedict Arnold’s plot to betray Fortress West Point (1780) and the capture, trial, and execution of British Major John André.

Patriots’ Weekend Schedule of Events

Events are free and open to the public. Please make your reservations for the conference by calling (845) 575-3052 or writing to HRVI@marist.edu..

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2005

Marist College,

Nelly Goletti Theatre, Student Center

The M&T Bank Charitable Foundation Conference on Hudson River Valley History: **TREASON!: BENEDICT ARNOLD, JOHN ANDRÉ, AND THE PLOT TO BETRAY WEST POINT**

9:30-10:00 A.M. Registration

10:00-11:00 A.M. “The American Revolution and the Hudson River Valley” Dr. Thomas S. Wermuth, Dean of Liberal Arts, Marist College, contributor to *The Other New York: The Revolution Beyond New York City*, and Dr. James M. Johnson, Executive Director, Hudson River Valley Institute, author of *Militiamen, Rangers, and Redcoats*

11:00-11:15 A.M. Break

11:15-12:00 NOON “Benedict Arnold: Revolutionary Hero” Dr. James Kirby Martin, Distinguished University Professor of History at the University of Houston, author of *Benedict Arnold: Revolutionary Hero*

NOON-1:00 P.M. Lunch

An optional lunch is available in the Student Center.

1:00-1:45 P.M. “A Biography: Benedict Arnold from Hero to Traitor” Ms. Clare Brandt, author of *The Man in the Mirror: A Life of Benedict Arnold*

1:45-2:00 P.M. Break

2:00-2:45 P.M. “Benedict Arnold, Traitor and Spy” Professor Willard Sterne Randall, Historical Scholar in Residence at Champlain College, author of *Benedict Arnold, Patriot and Traitor*

2:45-3:00 P.M. Break

3:00- 3:45 P.M. “The Not-so-Gallant Major André” Mr. John E. Walsh, author of *The Execution of Major André*

3:45-4:00 P.M. Closing remarks by Dr. Ray Raymond, Political Officer, British Consulate, New York

4:00-5:00 P.M. Reception and book signings

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

12:45 P.M.

United States Military Academy at West Point Auditorium, 144 Thayer Hall

The Charlotte Cunneen-Hackett Charitable Trust Lecture in Hudson River Valley History sponsored by the Hudson River Valley Institute and the Department of History, United States Military Academy.

“Benedict Arnold: Revolutionary Hero Turned Traitor”

Dr. James Kirby Martin, Distinguished University Professor of History at the University of Houston, author of *Benedict Arnold: Revolutionary Hero*

7:30 P.M.

Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main St., Tarrytown

The Charlotte Cunneen-Hackett Charitable Trust Lecture in Hudson River Valley History sponsored by the Hudson River Valley Institute and the Historical Society, Inc. serving Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown

“Why Benedict Arnold Did It—and He Really Did It”

Professor Willard Sterne Randall, Historical Scholar in Residence at Champlain College, 5-time Pulitzer Prize nominee, and author of *Benedict Arnold, Patriot and Traitor*

For information about the evening lecture, Please call (914) 631-8374 or write Historyatgrove@aol.com.



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Saturday and Sunday Events

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2005

WESTCHESTER COUNTY EVENTS

9:00 A.M. *The Cemetery at Old Van Cortlandville*, corner of Oregon Rd. & Locust Avenue, Van Cortlandville
Wreath-laying ceremony at the grave of John Paulding sponsored by the Van Cortlandville Historical Society, and The Cemetery at Old Van Cortlandville

9:30 A.M. *Elmsford Reformed Church Cemetery*, 30 S. Central Avenue, Elmsford
Wreath-laying ceremony at the grave of Isaac Van Wart sponsored by the Village of Elmsford

10:00 A.M. *Croton Point Park, Westchester County*
Recreation of the firing on the HMS Vulture (*Clearwater*) from Teller’s Point sponsored by Croton Point Nature Center

11:30 A.M. *Patriots’ Park*, Route 9, Sleepy Hollow & Tarrytown
Recreation of the capture of Major John André, drill and musket-firing, review, and wreath-laying ceremony sponsored by the Historical Society, Inc. serving Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown.

*Follow signs to parking area. Shuttle is available to and from events.

ROCKLAND COUNTY EVENTS

The George Washington Masonic Historic Site (De Wint House) at Tappan, New York

*11:00 A.M. - 5 P.M. 21st Annual Colonial Day sponsored by the Tappantown Historical Society
Demonstrations of colonial trades and crafts, children’s activities, and American Revolutionary soldiers’ encampments

11:00 A.M. Site opens; soldiers’ camps open 18th century military activities and camp demonstrations ongoing all day
People of the Brigade/18th century soldiers

12:00 NOON Military music practice

1:00 P.M. People of the Brigade/18th century women’s fashions

1:30 P.M. *Manse Barn “Blackest Dye: An Eyewitness Account of the Arnold/ André Treason,”* lights-out presentation, Mr. Lincoln Diamant and Mr. Carl Oechsner

2:00 P.M. *De Wint House Lawn*
18th century musket/bayonet drill

3:00 P.M. 18th century artillery drill

Manse Barn

“Five Fatal Blunders: Major André’s Incredible Failure”
Mr. John E. Walsh, author of *The Execution of Major André*

4:00 P.M. Tactical Weapons Demonstration, British and Tory surprise of General Washington’s Headquarters

5:00 P.M. Camps close to public

*Parking is available in the lot behind the Tappan Auto Service Center, 81 Route 303 at Oak Street, the German Masonic Home Park, 120 Western Highway, and the Tappan Plaza near Food World. Shuttle buses will take visitors to the De Wint House.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2005

The George Washington Masonic Historic Site

(De Wint House) at Tappan, New York
18th century military activities and camp demonstrations ongoing all day

Tappan Reformed Church, 32 Old Tappan Road

9:30 A.M. Worship Service (open to the public)

Tappan Reformed Church Manse and grounds

11:00 A.M. Trial of Major John André

12:00 P.M. *André Hill, Tappan* 225th anniversary remembrance of the execution of Major André

1:30 P.M. People of the Brigade/18th century soldiers and fashions

Manse Barn

“The Conspiracy of Benedict Arnold and Major André-What If?,” Mr. Dennis Corcoran

2:30 P.M. *De Wint House Lawn*

Military music practice, 18th century artillery drill, 18th century musket/bayonet drill

3:30 P.M. Retreat sounds; review; soldiers’ camps close to public

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