

The Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the George Washington Masonic Historic Site at Tappan, the Historical Society, Inc. serving Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown, the Tappantown Historical Society, and the United States Military Academy at West Point Present:

**Lighting Freedom's Flame:
The 225th Anniversary of the American Revolution in
New York
Patriot's Weekend 2005 Treason! The Arnold-André
Conspiracy**

September 29- October 2, 2005

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 General Sir Henry Clinton's Adjutant General, Major John André.

"Patriots' Weekend Schedule of Events"

THURSDAY, September 29, 2005

Marist College, Nelly Golletti 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
(Please make your reservations for the conference by calling (845) 575-3052 or writing HRVI@marist.edu.)

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
(Participants may purchase tickets for an all-you-can-eat lunch in the Marist Cafeteria for \$6.50 at registration. There are other dining options located near

campus as well.)

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*

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Parking Instructions:

Enter Thayer Gate through Highland Falls. Pass through security checkpoint with picture id and park in Buffalo Soldier Field. Catch shuttle bus at corner of Mills and Thayer Rds. Get off the bus at the Library corner and enter the doors to Thayer Hall across from the Library. Go to first floor, turn left, and proceed to Auditorium 144. For return, catch southbound bus to Buffalo Soldier Field.

Shuttle Bus Schedule:

NORTHBOUND SHUTTLE	FIRST	LAST AT 1645;EVERY 30
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NORTHBOUND SHUTTLE	BUS-0615	MIN
Pershing Center/Spellman Hall	15	45
Hotel Thayer (Exit Ramp)	17	47
Mills/Thayer Rd	18	48
Thayer/Cullum Rd	19	49
Mahan Hall Tunnel	20	50
Library Corner	21	51
Thayer Statue	22	52
Bldg 667A	23	53
Bldg 681	24	54
Washington/Buckner	26	56r
Keller Hospital	29	59
Post laundry	30	61
Motor Pool	31	1
Child Development Center	45	15

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SOUTHBOUND SHUTTLE	FIRST BUS-0615	LAST AT 1645;EVERY 30 MIN
Child Development Center/H Lot	15	45
Motor Pool-Rest Stop*	29	59
Post Laundry	30	60
Keller Hospital	31	1
Washington/Buckner	34	4
Bldg 681	35	5
Bldg 667A	36	6
Thayer Statue	37	7
Library Corner	38	8
Mahan Hall Tunnel	39	9
Thayer/Cullum Rd	40	10
Buffalo Soldiers Parking	41	11
Bldg 626/622	42	12
Pershing Center/Spellman Hall	45	15

Last scheduled bus will service northbound stops.

*Rest Stop NTE 5 minutes.

-Bus drivers will stop to pick up and discharge riders at other locations when driver is signaled.

-Shuttle bus shall not depart bus stop before scheduled time and must not arrive later than 5 minutes after scheduled time.

-During inclement weather buses will not support Bldg 667A or CDC/H-Lot.

7:30 P.M.

Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main Street, 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*

(Please make your reservations for the lecture by calling (914) 631-8374 or writing **Historyatgrove@aol.com.**)

Saturday, October 1, 2005

Westchester County Events

9:00 A.M.

The Cemetery at Old Van Cortlandtville, corner of Oregon Road and Locust Avenue, Van Cortlandtville

Wreath-laying ceremony at the grave of John Paulding sponsored by the Van Cortlandtville Historical Society, and The Cemetery at Old Van Cortlandtville

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 and 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.

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 to public; 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

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"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 will be available in the parking 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 then 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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The mission of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area is to recognize, preserve, protect and interpret the nationally significant cultural and natural resources of the Hudson River Valley for the benefit of the nation. To learn more about the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, visit www.hudsonrivervalley.com

The mission of the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College is to study and to promote the Hudson River Valley and to provide educational resources for heritage tourists, scholars, elementary school educators, environmental organizations, the business community, and the general public. The Institute publishes the *Hudson River Valley Review*, maintains a digital library, and serves as the academic arm of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area.

Sponsors:

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