



The Patriot

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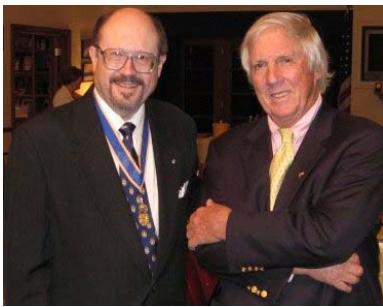
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Greetings from the President

This is the first issue of our e-newsletter, The Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York (SRNY) *Patriot*. Welcome to our online community, where we can communicate quickly and easily - and economically - with our members, museum friends, colleagues, and associates. I've had a busy autumn, beginning with our commemoration of the 250th birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette at Fraunces Tavern[®] Museum on September 6. (See article.) Our annual Nathan Hale Day on Sept. 21, in historic City Hall Park, was a moving tribute as always, with a wreath-laying at the statue of this intrepid Patriot.

On October 4, I addressed the Knickerbocker Chapter of the DAR in the Museum's Flag Gallery as they inducted several new members. And on October 17, continuing our excellent collaboration with the DAR and SAR, I participated in their Patriots' Day celebration at the Yale Club.

I've been on the road, too. In September, I traveled to the General Society Board of Managers meeting in Phoenix, and continue to represent our ever-growing SRNY at many events in the New York metropolitan area.



Messrs. Hilliard and Pray

On October 26, I met with our SRNY members based in Connecticut thanks to the hospitality of Malcolm Pray at his Pray Education Center, Greenwich, CT.

I look forward to greeting you at several upcoming SRNY events, all of which are listed in this issue's calendar: Evacuation Day commemoration on Nov. 19, our members' annual meeting on Dec. 3, and, most especially, our 2008 Washington's Birthday Ball on the great day itself: February 22. You'll also want to mark your calendars for 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11, when the SRNY Color Guard will march with several of our historic flags at the Patriotic Societies' Evensong at St. Thomas

Church, Manhattan.

Enjoy the first issue of The Patriot; future issues will reach you about once a month. I welcome your comments, suggestions, and news. We look forward to hearing from you at 2administrator@sonsoftherevolution.org. Please indicate e-newsletter in the subject line.

Yours aye,

John Mauk Hilliard
President, SRNY

News from Fraunces Tavern® Museum

The Centennial Celebration Continues

During 2007, the Museum has been busy with a full roster of lunchtime lectures, evening talks, holiday events (including a packed Open House on July 4), and fascinating exhibitions in observance of our 100th anniversary. Our autumn schedule includes book talks by Harlow Unger, John Nagy, and James Del Bourgo, and a presentation by Arthur Piccolo, Chairman of the Bowling Green Association. (See calendar for dates and descriptions.)

Visit the [Museum's website](#) for a full summary of past and upcoming doings and check the calendar in this issue.

As we look toward 2008, a major portion of our attention is focused on the continuing Dunsmore Collection conservation efforts. Recently, two generous grants of \$8,000 each were received: one from the Bay & Paul Foundations and an equally generous gift for the just-completed conservation of *Bunker Hill: Fight at the Rail Fence* from Lawrence K. Casey, Jr., an SR member from Texas.

More exciting news!

At the end of August, Museum Director Amy Northrup Adamo received word from the Artist Preservation Group that they voted to sponsor the restoration of the Dunsmore painting, *News from Yorktown*.



As stated in their letter to Amy, The Artist Preservation Group is a gathering of like-minded historical artists whose mission is to generate capital, through fundraising and donations, to aid in the preservation and restoration of threatened historical sites and/or artifacts. To that end, the APG has sent out a call for contributions and hopes to present the Museum with a check in Spring 2008.

Finally, the SRNY organized a drive for the conservation of the painting of Lafayette in this, his 250th birthday year. It is very heartening to see these lovely paintings conserved, one by one, as a result of the concern and generosity of our members and

friends. Details of the [Dunsmore Project](#) are on the Museum's website. Thanks to all of our Dunsmore donors. You're a special group indeed!

Museum Education Flourishes

Jennifer Patton, Education Director, also has exciting developments to report. The docent program has grown from 4 to 14 participants since Spring 2007. These dedicated volunteers come from all walks of life. During the week, scheduled school groups are guided through the Museum by retired teachers and New York University history majors with a strong interest in education and museum studies.

Among our Saturday docents for walk-in tours are a veteran of the New-York Historical Society, a re-enactor, and a staff member of the City University of New York's 18th Century Reading Room. You'd be hard-pressed to find a more qualified, interesting group - wouldn't you like to join them? All you need is a passion for history and a desire to share it with others. For more information on this volunteer opportunity, contact Jennifer Patton at 212-425-1778, ext. 13 or email 2education@frauncestavernmuseum.org.

Excellent Feedback from Teachers

We evaluate the success of our education programs, in good part, based on comments we receive from teachers at the end of every school program. So far this year, the feedback has been very positive. Some comments are:

I especially enjoyed The Wall of Heroes because the artwork explored so many topics in such a lively way.

and...

The visit was great. I liked that you included touching some artifacts, and it was so helpful to write about the experience and share our work.

finally...

The program exceeded my expectations in that (1) a wealth of information was presented, and (2) it was interactive.

The Calendar

Nov. 1: Harlow Unger on America's *Second Revolution: How George Washington Defeated Patrick Henry and Saved the Nation*. Flag Gallery, 6:30 p.m. Free to members; general public \$6. Refreshments provided.

Nov. 11: Patriotic Societies Evensong. 4 p.m., St. Thomas Church, 53d St. and 5th Ave.

Nov. 19: Evacuation Day Dinner, Fraunces Tavern[®], 6 p.m. Cocktails, dinner, and 13 toasts! \$60 per person. Reservations required. If you haven't received an invitation yet, email Margaret O'Shaughnessy today at 2administrator@sonsoftherevolution.org. This event is always well subscribed.

Nov. 20: Arthur Piccolo on The History of Bowling Green, Flag Gallery 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Free with museum admission (\$4/\$3 students, senior citizens; members free)

Dec. 3: SRNY Members' annual meeting and dinner. Information forthcoming.

Dec. 11: John Nagy on *Rebellion in the Ranks: Mutinies of the American Revolution*, Flag Gallery 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Free with

museum admission (\$4/\$3 students, senior citizens; members free)

A Very Special Event

Tuesday, December 11, 2007 6:30 - 8 PM



Photo: Deborah Powell

Sing We All Merrily: A Colonial Christmas Concert featuring Linda Russell & Companie

Fee: \$20 (\$15 FTM Members). Tickets are required. Mail your check to Fraunces Tavern® Museum Holiday Concert, 54 Pearl Street, NY, NY 10004.

Dec. 13: James Del Bourgo on *Electricity, Benjamin Franklin, and the American Revolution*, Flag Gallery, 6:30 p.m. Free to members; general public \$6. Refreshments provided.

January 28, 2008: New date for the Tallmadge Day Stated Meeting. It was originally scheduled for January 21, the observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Dance your way into Winter

Feb. 22, 2008: George Washington's Birthday Ball - St. Regis Hotel, Manhattan. Dining, dancing, and a very special award. Invitations to be mailed early in 2008.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Speaker and Event Round-up

The evening of September 6 marked SRNY/FTM's festive celebration of the 250th birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette. Renowned author Harlow Giles Unger shared his observations on Lafayette and his vital contributions to the new American Republic. (Mr. Unger is the author of numerous books, including the critically acclaimed *Lafayette* on which his talk was based.) Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Unger for his generous support of much-needed conservation work on Dunsmore's portrait of Lafayette!



Photo: Douglas Kiddie

From left: Messrs. Hilliard, Delattre, Laue

Honored guests on 9/6 included François Delattre, French Consul General, who shared his own reflections on Lafayette and America. We were also delighted to welcome event co-sponsors LTC Bruce A. Laue, President General, Order of Lafayette and Wesley M. Oler, 1st New York Continental Chapter, SAR.

The Flag Gallery was filled to capacity for this stimulating event. Mr. Unger returns to FTM on Nov. 1 (see Calendar).

Who Am I?

I was born in Albany, NY, to a wealthy family though we were not always so. My daughter married a member of Washington's cabinet. I have descendants who are alive in the 21st century though my father died when I was seven. I attended public school but later was educated by tutors in New Rochelle. Although I later fought on the side of the Patriots, I joined the British forces in 1755 during the French and Indian War, raised a company, and was commissioned as its Captain. Who am I? (Our thanks to Wikipedia.com for this information.)

The answer will appear in next month's *Patriot*.

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