



VALLEY FORGE PARK ALLIANCE

Inspiring appreciation for and citizen stewardship of Valley Forge Park since 1976.

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June 27 Lunch & Learn: Intern Insights at Valley Forge

Join us for a conversation about the projects our 2024 Valley Forge NHP interns are working on. Led by Jason Hall, Valley Forge Park Alliance Board Member and Founder of the In Color Birding Club, our panelists, including community volunteer ambassador Celia Wusteney and upcoming interns, will unveil the innovative initiatives shaping the park's landscape. From conservation to cultural preservation, discover the impact of these diverse perspectives on Valley Forge's legacy. Engage in a dynamic panel presentation followed by Q&A.



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March Out, Saturday June 22



March-Out of the Continental Army

Saturday, June 22, 2024 | 10 AM to 3 PM



go.nps.gov/march-out-2024

What was it like to be a soldier getting ready to leave Valley Forge after six months of hardship, hard work, and training?

Visit [Artillery Park](#) in Valley Forge National Historical Park between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM on June 22, 2024 to learn this and more with a day of activities and programs commemorating the March-Out of the Continental Army—the day in June 1778 that the army finally left Valley Forge after a transformative six-month encampment.

Note: In the event of rain, activities will be moved to the [Visitor Center at Valley Forge](#) and black powder musket firing demos will be canceled.

[Learn More and See the Full Schedule](#)

Check Out the Alliance's 2023 Annual Report

As we get ever closer to the end of our campaign for the Maurice Stephens House, take a look back at our 2023 annual report to see how we got here!

Donors can also find their name on the list of donors. Thank you to everyone who made a gift in our 2023 fiscal year - we could not fulfill our mission without you.



[Read the Report](#)

The Muster Roll is Looking for a Researcher



The Valley Forge Muster Roll team is in need of a Researcher to help answer requests that are emailed (or mailed) to the Valley Forge Park Alliance.

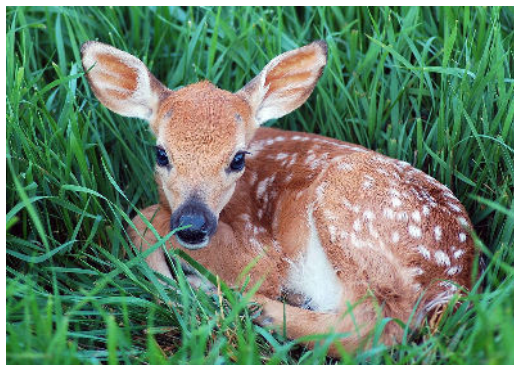
People send in requests and would like to have their ancestor "placed" on our Valley Forge Muster Roll. This is a special database of almost 30,000 individuals who have been at the Valley Forge Encampment for at least one day. Before we do that, they need to send in proof that their ancestor was, indeed, at the Encampment and this is verified. If they are not verified, we help guide them in the right direction. Once approved, we add them to our database. The Researcher should be interested in Valley Forge, the Revolutionary War, and the military. It is also helpful to have computer skills and good communications skills for online discussions. Additionally, general research skills, especially of online databases such as Ancestry, FamilySearch, fold3, NSDAR Genealogical Research System, and NSSAR Patriot Index are helpful.

The Muster Roll team meets every Tuesday morning (9:00 AM) via Zoom so we can review our request status and go over what is happening with any other project or item related to the Muster Roll.

Does this sound interesting to you? If so, please contact Lesley Gresko at greskolj55@gmail.com.

Look Out for Fawns!

It's that time of year again when the fawns are being born. Fawns are born relatively scentless and well camouflaged; they will remain motionless when approached, allowing people to walk up and pick them up. They are also left mostly on their own by the mother, which can lead visitors to think the animal has been abandoned or something is wrong.



If you encounter a fawn, it's important to not touch it. Your scent could transfer, causing the mother to not recognize and abandon her fawn. Please also remember to keep your dogs on leash, as they can injure or kill a fawn if found. It's best to just walk away and avoid the area to allow the baby to find a new hiding spot and to reconnect with its mother.

Art in the Park, June 23 and July 13

Calling all artists! Come out and join Rangers Beth



and Greg as we paint, photograph, sketch and explore various locations around Valley Forge National Historical Park.

On **June 23** at 8:00 AM, we'll explore the grounds of the over 100-year-old Washington Memorial Chapel. Due to services in the chapel itself, this outing will be outside. We'll have the opportunity to take photos, paint, or sketch the exterior architecture and cemetery as well as the surrounding grounds.

On **July 13** at 9:00 AM, we're taking Valley Forge's Art in the Park program on the road and head over to Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, a site of an old iron furnace village. There will be plenty of buildings to get your creative juices flowing. No good 17th and 18th century village would be complete without a few sheep and oxen, too. In addition, there are several miles of trails that can be explored. So bring your art gear and get ready for a fun morning of creativity!

This event and all our events are open to all who want to create art, regardless of age or ability.

Outings are sponsored by the VFPA and are free, open to all abilities, and weather dependent. If the weather looks uncertain, check back to the [Art in the Park: Landscapes and Structures Facebook page](#) or call the visitor center at 610-783-1099.

“Put your John Hancock on it”: The Stories Behind the Signatures on the Declaration of Independence

Dr. Brooke Barbier joins Washington Memorial Heritage on Thursday evening, June 20, at Washington Memorial Chapel to discuss *“Put your John Hancock on it”: The Stories Behind the Signatures on the Declaration of Independence*. The program will take place in the Chapel's Bishop White Library (lower level; entrance around the back). Doors open at 6:00; Dr. Barbier's talk will begin at 6:30. Admission is \$10, with all proceeds supporting future Forum programs.



Dr. Brooke Barbier is a public historian with a doctorate in American history from Boston College. She is the author of two books: *King Hancock: The Radical*

Influence of a Moderate Founding Father, which the Wall Street Journal called "engaging" and "highly readable," and *Boston in the American Revolution: A Town versus an Empire*. She founded and operates Ye Olde Tavern Tours, a popular guided outing along Boston's renowned Freedom Trail.

For more information, please contact Mark Thompson at executivedirector@wmheritage.org.

Two Jobs Available at Valley Forge

PRESERVATIONIST

The purpose of the position is to perform work on conventional/typical preservation projects for a variety of historic structures. This entails the full gamut of types, and includes some new construction, major restoration or rehabilitation, complete stabilization, significant alteration, etc.

[Read the Full Job Description and Apply by June 21](#)

CUSTODIAL WORKER

The primary purpose of the work is custodial and janitorial work such as sweeping, scrubbing and waxing floors, washing windows and walls, dusting and polishing furniture and fixtures. Work is done by hand or with powered equipment.

[Read the Full Job Description and Apply by June 28](#)

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