



Fraunces Tavern® Museum

54 Pearl Street New York

All Lectures Begin At 6:30pm

Cost: \$10/ free for Members
Includes Museum admission
& light refreshments

The Archaeology of Home *Presented by Katharine Greider†* Thursday, May 5th

When Katharine Greider was told to leave her house or risk it falling down on top of her & her family, she started to investigate. Beginning with contractors' diagnoses & lawsuits, it then veered into the archaeology and urban history of 239 East 7th Street. Very similar to the buildings surrounding Fraunces Tavern that have thankfully survived to both honor and protect New York City's past, in one small house is written the history of a young country, the much longer story of humankind, and the places we chose to call home.

The Great Divorce *A Story of the Early Republic* *Presented by Ilyon Wool†* Thursday, May 19th

* Rescheduled from Winter Lecture Date

In 1814, Eunice Chapman came home to discover that her three children had been carried off by her estranged husband. He had taken them, she learned, to live among a celibate, religious people known as the Shakers. Defying all expectations, this famously petite woman mounted an epic campaign against her husband, the Shakers, and the law. By confronting the nation's most fundamental disputes regarding religious freedom, feminine virtue, & the sanctity of marriage, her case struck a nerve with the uncertain new republic. As a moving story about the power of a mother's love, it is also a memorable portrait of a rousing challenge to the values of a young nation.

A July 4th History of New York *Presented by James S. Kaplan* Thursday, June 16th

Today, the 4th of July holiday is for most New Yorkers, a day for the beach, a backyard barbecue, or perhaps attending the Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest. However, in other times the day was a very important one to celebrate New York's central role in the rise of democratic government, both nationally & internationally. From giving rise to the democratic party to the building of the Erie Canal & the integration of immigrants into American society, July 4th celebrations played a critical part. This lecture compliments Kaplan's walking tour described below.

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9th Annual Nighttime Walking Tour of Revolutionary War New York Monday, July 4th from 2am - 6am

For the ninth year in a row, join veteran walking tour guide James S. Kaplan and learn little known facts about important Revolutionary War heroes, some of which are buried in Lower Manhattan. Watching the early morning sun rise from Trinity Church, you'll be fascinated to discover just how pivotal New York City was throughout the war for independence.

• \$20 /\$15 for Museum members
• Tickets in advance are required & may be purchased through our website:
• www.FrauncesTavernMuseum.org
• Once your tickets have been purchased, you will be emailed a confirmation receipt & the starting location of the tour.

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Fraunces Tavern Museum is located at 54 Pearl St., at the corner of Broad St., in Lower Manhattan. Subway: R to Whitehall St., 4/5 to Bowling Green, 2/3 to Wall St., 1 to South Ferry, J/Z to Broad St. Buses: M1, M6, M15

America Walks into a Bar *A Spirited History of Taverns, Saloons, Speakeasies & Grog Shops* *Presented by Christine Sismond†* Thursday, July 14th

From Washington's farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern to John Wilkes Booth's plotting of an assassination at Surratt Tavern, local establishments have long been a gathering place for both friends and strangers. Tracing the history of taverns from England to New England, this new work finds that even the Puritans valued "a goode Beere." As the cockpit of organized crime, politics, & everyday social life, the bar has remained both vital & controversial to the American story. From repeated struggles over licensing and Sunday liquor sales, to Prohibition & its repeal, we are offered a resounding toast to the taprooms, saloons, speakeasies, & even the local hangout where everybody knows your name.

Ben Franklin & Friends *Scientists of the Enlightenment* *Presented by Stephen Freedman* Thursday, August 11th

The fact that Ben Franklin was contemplating the properties of electricity in the mid-18th century shows his genius; that he postulated ideas which are still in use today is something of a miracle. Examining such "miracles" & genius of a group of scientists (then called natural philosophers), we see how they journeyed into the darkness & contributed to the age of Enlightenment. Using table-top demonstrations of their experiments along with personal narratives, we can share some of the excitement of discovery in this time when modern science was being born. Scientists discussed will include Newton, Boyle, Volta, Faraday, & Lavoisier.

† Books will be available for purchase-discounts apply for Museum members

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Old New York will tell its tales in the hush of night at...

The 9TH ANNUAL JULY 4TH ALL-NIGHT WALKING TOUR

When a blanket of night settles over lower Manhattan and the stars blink in the wee hours of Independence Day 2011, the New York of George Washington's time will reveal itself to the sightseers attending Fraunces Tavern Museum's 9th Annual July 4th All-Night Walking Tour of lower Manhattan. It will begin at 2:00 a.m. and end at 6:00 a.m. Starting location will be revealed to ticket holders at time of advance ticket purchase. The public is advised to buy tickets early as this popular tour sells out every year.

The tour will:

- Step into little-known Thomas Paine Park – dedicated to the man who helped ignite the American Revolution with this writing. (“These are the times that try men’s souls.”)
- Visit the site of the speech that launched Alexander Hamilton’s career
- Stand at the St Paul’s gravesite of General Richard Montgomery, who almost conquered Canada
- Touch the historic statue of Nathan Hale as his sacrifice is recalled
- Learn how George Washington, in his famous letter to the Jewish Congregation in Newport, set forth the basic principles of religious liberty that distinguish the United States today
- Visit the unmarked grave at Trinity Church of forgotten hero General Horatio Gates, whose brilliant victory at the Battle of Saratoga was the turning point in the American Revolution
- And, of course, behold Fraunces Tavern itself—the site of George Washington’s farewell to his officers, the headquarters of The United States’ first Departments of War, Treasury and State.

The tradition of July 4 all-night walking tours began 26 years ago. For the past 14 years historian and veteran walking tour guide James S. Kaplan has been the guide, first under the auspices of the 92nd Street Y and for the last nine with Fraunces Tavern Museum. The tour has been written about in the Wall Street Journal in 2008, the New York Post in 2007 and by Clyde Haberman in the New York Times in 2006.

Advance Ticket Purchase Required

Reservations by advance ticket purchase are required for admission to the July 4 tour at \$20 each (\$15 for Museum members) and may be obtained through the Museum website at: www.FrauncesTavernMuseum.org. Once tickets have been purchased, the buyer will be emailed a confirmation receipt & the starting location of the tour. For more information call the Museum at 212-425-1778, ext. 1.

More on July 4 Weekend at Fraunces Tavern Museum -

Fraunces Tavern Museum will also host its annual Independence Day Open House throughout the Independence Day Weekend. This includes special reduced admission of just \$1 on Saturday July 2nd, Sunday July 3rd, as well as Monday July 4th. Also, the exhibit "Revolution and the City", which focuses on New York City's pivotal role in America's war for independence, will be open during our Independence Day Weekend Celebration.

- About Fraunces Tavern -

Fraunces Tavern was built in 1719 as an elegant residence and purchased in 1762 by tavern-keeper Samuel Fraunces. The tavern played a significant role in pre-Revolutionary War activities and later housed early U.S. government offices of the Departments of War, Treasury and Foreign Affairs (today's State Department). It is best known as the site where General George Washington bade farewell to the officers of the Continental Army on December 4th, 1783.

In 1904, the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York purchased the tavern, saving it from the wrecking ball. A restored Fraunces Tavern was opened to the public in 1907 featuring a Museum and Restaurant. In 2008 Fraunces Tavern was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

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