

BELL & HISTORY DAY

Ring in the New Museum Season and the Grand Opening of the new Frederick Visitor Center!

Saturday, April 2, 2011

9:30 a.m. Dedication of the Frederick County History Bell

10 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Free museum programs, trolley tours and more

Hosted by the Frederick Historic Sites Consortium

This is a self-guided event. Visit many locations, or just a few, in any order. Enjoy period demonstrations, living history vignettes, hands-on crafts, refreshments, tours, music, and various bell-themed activities, including:

- **Dedication of the Frederick County History Bell, 151 S. East Street, Frederick:** Be among the first to ring the Frederick County History Bell! The bell dedication begins at 9:30 a.m. at the Visitor Center and everyone present is invited to ring the bell, starting at 10 a.m. Afterwards, stay to see the new exhibits and participate in a scavenger hunt in the Center, and see the new visitor orientation film.
- **Bells of Remembrance**, a memorial to the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, will be located strategically in the City of Frederick, and at several locations in the county. These trailer-mounted bells are large, historic instruments that visit parades, festivals and memorial events, including past appearances at ground-zero in New York, the Pentagon and Shankesville, Pennsylvania. Visitors are encouraged to ring these bells!
- The **Passport to History** program encourages event-goers to collect passport stamps at each location visited. Participants receive a souvenir bell and a chance for a grand prize. Passports will be available in early March at the Frederick Visitor Center, either the current location at 19 E. Church Street in Frederick, or the new location at 151 S. East Street in Frederick (after March 28).
- **FREE Guided Trolley Tours** depart the Frederick Visitor Center on the hour at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. The tours last about 40 minutes. The free, timed-tickets are available at the Visitor Center reception desk on the day of the event.
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CITY OF FREDERICK

1. Frederick Visitor Center

151 S. East Street, Frederick

- Come visit us at our new location for a grand opening celebration!
- See brand new exhibits and a theatre showcasing the best of Frederick County
- Pick up a Frederick County Photo Scavenger Hunt and use the Visitor Center to solve riddles for a chance at the grand prize.
- Ring the Frederick County History Bell and one of the Bells of Remembrance that will be on exhibit

- Get help with directions, and find information on things to see and do in Frederick County, Maryland

2. **Historic Preservation Training Center (HPTC) U.S. National Park Service**

5 Commerce Street, Frederick

- Look for this site within a fenced compound, down the Street from the Visitor Center.
- Learn how the National Park Service preserves our built heritage in Frederick County and across the country.
- Try your hand at stone carving using an air chisel (suitable for all ages).

3. **Hessian Barracks**

Maryland School for the Deaf, 101 Clarke Place, Frederick
(Parking is available nearby at the Carroll Street entrance)

- See the the first building erected by the new State of Maryland Hessian Barracks, possibly the most important Patriot military establishment surviving from the time of the Revolutionary War, 1776-1783.
- Walk through the physical space of 1777 and take plenty of photos.
- See the “Great Baby Waker” memorial, a reminder that bells and cannon share common origins.
- Civil War music performed at 1 p.m.
- Ring one of the *Bells of Remembrance* on exhibit here.

4. **Bjorlee Museum**

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- Explore a collect that began in 1872, including antique toys, instructional aids, fine furniture, sports memorabilia, photos, books, and much more.
- Enjoy current exhibits featuring the art of well-known local artist, Helen L. Smith and the history of the education of Deaf African Americans.
- See the AARCH Society display on the History of African American Education in Frederick County, 1865-1965.
- Learn about Civil War veterans who were alumni of schools for the deaf; and see a collection of original Civil War soldiers’ lending library books from U.S. General Hospital #1 which was located on the grounds – many of which are signed by patients.
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5. **Mt. Olivet Cemetery**

515 S. Market Street, Frederick

- View the Francis Scott Key monument and visit this beautiful cemetery where many well-known patriots from American history rest.

6. **Roger Brooke Taney House**

121 South Bentz Street, Frederick

- See our newest temporary exhibition exploring the life of slaves in Frederick County Enjoy a self guided tour of the museum.
- Take a step back into the early 19th century and try churning butter

- Try your hand at some period crafts.

7. National Museum of Civil War Medicine

48 East Patrick Street, Frederick

- Visit with a Confederate Surgeon
- Explore our galleries and learn of historic medical innovations that shaped our world, today.
- Create a greeting card in The Delaplaine-Randall Room. We'll send it to an active-duty, soldier.

8. Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Public Library

110 East Patrick Street, Frederick

- View an exhibit of *Historic Glass of the Civil War Era*. The display includes a variety of glass objects used in homes, taverns and in the field in the mid 19th Century, most collected and used in Frederick County.

9. Museum of Frederick County History

24 E. Church Street, Frederick

- Explore different local people and events from the last 260 years.
- Look through an 1860s “stereoscope”
- Experience a bit of the life of a Frederick orphan from an earlier era
- Complete an historic craft
- Guided Walking Tours of historic Downtown Frederick depart at 11 a.m. (\$)

10. The Children’s Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park

1611 N. Market Street, Frederick

- Discover “Visitor Voices,” a new exhibit highlighting the memories and favorite moments of our visitors.
- Glimpse into the story of one room school houses that once dotted the landscape of Frederick County by viewing the new exhibit, “School House Days.” One of the bells that hung in one of these schools is among the artifacts on display .
- Ring one of the *Bells of Remembrance* on exhibit here.

11. Schifferstadt Architectural Museum

1110 Rosemont Avenue, Frederick (at the Route 15 Exit to Rosemont Avenue)

- Visit a structure that has been a local landmark for over 250 years!
- Take a tour and participate in activities with a focus on Frederick’s colonial past.

12. Hood College Museum

401 Rosemont Avenue, Frederick

- Stop by the Beneficial Hodson Memorial Library to see this museum dedicated to the college’s history.
- Discover memorabilia of academic and student life, dating to the founding of the college in 1893.
- View a collection of art, including works by Helen L. Smith, best known for documenting the people and landscapes of Frederick for 100 years.

FREDERICK COUNTY

13. Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum

300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg

We are proud to announce the opening of the Frederick County Fire & Rescue Museum and the National Fire Heritage Center during the 2011 Bell and History Day. A ceremony opening this new location of Frederick County history will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 10:0 a.m.

- See displays that highlight apparatus, equipment and pictures of the colorful history of the Frederick County fire and rescue service.
- Featured units will include a 1939 Ahrens-Fox piston pumper owned by the United Steam Fire Engine Company No. 3 and the “Old Lady” 1821 hand tub pumper that served both Frederick and Libertytown.
- Learn about plans for the office and research center of the National Fire Heritage Center, a national organization that is in the process of developing a national fire service archive in Emmitsburg.
- Ring one of the *Bells of Remembrance* on exhibit here.

14. The National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Park

16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727

- See the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial, a stone monument featuring a sculptured Maltese Cross, the traditional symbol of the fire service.
- Read inscriptions on the Walk of Honor[®] that connects the monument, the historic Fallen Firefighters Memorial Chapel, and memorial plazas.
- Visit the 40-foot-tall bronze monument, named "To Lift a Nation," created by sculptor Stan Watts to honor the heroes of September 11, 2001.
- Ring one of the *Bells of Remembrance* on exhibit here.

15. National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

333 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg

(Free program from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.):

- Visit the spectacular architecture with splendid interior mosaics and decoration
- Learn about the life of the first US-born saint, through a video exhibits, historic houses where she lived and pioneered Catholic education
- See Civil War trail markers about the Union encampment of 80,000 troops just before the Battle of Gettysburg
- Ring the “Bells of St. Joseph’s” and stroll the beautiful grounds.
- Be sure to attend the Handbell Festival in the Basilica on Sunday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m. and hear the high spaces of the awesome Basilica filled with beautiful music.

16. Cunningham Falls State Park Visitor Center and the Catoctin Furnace

14039 Catoctin Hollow Road, Thurmont

- Learn how the over 200 year old Catoctin Iron Furnace helped shape the land and people of Frederick County.

- Come to the Visitors Center in the Manor area to see historical artifacts and learn from park naturalists about the area's rich natural and historical attributes.
- Guided hikes to the Catoctin Iron Furnace will occur at 11am, 1pm, and 3pm. Hikes will be approximately 45 minutes long and cover rocky terrain and steps.

17. Catoctin Mountain Park

6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, MD

- Celebrate Catoctin Mountain Park's 75th anniversary with a visit to this National Park.
- Become a spy at Camp Greentop - where OSS agents (Office of Strategic Services, a predecessor to the Central Intelligence Agency) agents learned spy techniques in the mid-20th century.
- Search the grounds following encrypted clues, to find the "bell".
- For more instructions stop by the Catoctin Mountain Park Visitor Center.

18. Lamar Cultural and Heritage Center, Central Maryland Heritage League

200 W. Main Street, Middletown

- Tour the CMHL headquarters, once the location of a turn-of-the-century rural medical sanitarium, where operating and recovery rooms are on view.
- Learn about the other properties and goals of this land preservation organization
- Ring one of the *Bells of Remembrance* on exhibit in the parking lot next door, made possible by the partnership of Main Street Middletown.

19. South Mountain Heritage Society

3 East Main Street, Burkittsville

- Visit this former German Reformed Church, built in 1829 and later used as a hospital after the Battle of Crampton's Gap in 1862.
- Talk with Burkittsville residents who will share the history of the town and displays in the Society's small museum

20. South Mountain State Battlefield at Gathland State Park

900 Arnoldstown Road, Burkittsville

- The South Mountain Artillery Detachment presents "The Calm Before the Storm." Programs will be at 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM, and 3:00 PM.
- Talk to living historians about Maryland's Role in 1861 as we honor the 150th Sesquicentennial of American Civil War
- Learn about the role of artillery the Maryland Campaign with the South Mountain Artillery Detachment as they portray Battery A, First Maryland Artillery.
- See how artillery was handled, with an opportunity for kids to learn how to load the cannon.

21. Monocacy National Battlefield

5201 Urbana Pike, Frederick

- Special programs and exhibits will explain the role of the telegraph out the outbreak of the Civil and compare this instant communication device to today's internet.
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- Compare the wireless – a 19th century “instant communication” device - to today’s internet.

22. Brunswick Railroad Museum and C&O Canal NHP Visitor Center

40 West Potomac Street, Brunswick

- How well do you know your Brunswick history? Put your skills to the test with the Brunswick Railroad Museum's Ultimate Scavenger Hunt challenge. Search the museum's exhibits to answer questions about Brunswick's past in four challenging levels.
- Successful participants in the easy, medium, and hard levels are invited to record their names in the museum's Ultimate Scavenger Hunt Roll of Honor. Those who successfully complete the expert level challenge will also be entered into a drawing to win an individual membership to the museum
- Special programs in the C&O Canal NHP Visitor Center include “A Trip on the Towpath” presentation and hands-on opportunities for children on the theme, “Family Life on the C&O Canal.”
- While in Brunswick, ring one of the *Bells of Remembrance* on exhibit in the town.