



The SKIRMISH

Presented by The Friends of the Indian King Tavern Museum

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EVENTS (April – June 2023)

April 12th @ 6:30 pm

When Religious and Political Beliefs Conflict: The Dilemma of Local Quakers During the Revolution ["Unheard Voices" Lecture]

Location: [Lutheran Church of Our Savior](#) - 204 Wayne Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Website: oursaviorhaddonfield.org

Members of the Religious Society of Friends (or "Quakers") opposed the Townsend Duties along with their neighbors believing the king and Parliament had no right to levy taxes on them. When independence-minded colonists gained control of New Jersey's government and began preparations for war with Britain, unity ruptured. Local Quakers found themselves caught between rebel-controlled local governments and Philadelphia's Quaker Loyalists. While some Quakers abandoned their pacifist views to join the military, others held to their non-violent beliefs and were "martyred" by intolerant rebels. Yet, most Quakers tried to avoid conflict and the Haddonfield Friends Meeting enforced political neutrality.

(Presenter: Garry Wheeler Stone)

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April 19th @ 1:00 pm

Impact of Disease on the Revolution & Local Communities ["Unheard Voices" Lecture]

Location: [Civic Hall – Camden County College](#) - 200 College Dr, Blackwood, NJ 08012

Not only did George Washington's army have to fight British soldiers during the American Revolution they had to fight an even more dangerous foe: disease. Diphtheria, malaria, yellow fever, dysentery, and smallpox all had an impact in one way or another on how the war was fought. Washington also had to fight the state houses in the various states that forbade smallpox inoculation once he decided he wanted to have Continental troops inoculated. The community spread of disease in the Revolutionary period had an enormous impact on how the general timed his battles, where he rested, and how he raised troops.

(Presenter: Kelly Jackson)

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April 26th @ 6:30 pm

Phillis Wheatley: An Enslaved Poet ["Unheard Voices" Theatrical Portrayal]

Location: [Lutheran Church of Our Savior](#) - 204 Wayne Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

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Phillis Wheatley is the first published African-American poet and first Africa-American female public writer. Her poetry dramatized the condition of black Americans during the Revolutionary Era. While still an enslaved person, she met with Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, traveled to London and attended social events with many dignitaries. Although shortly after her manumission she died in poverty at age 31, her poetry remains as an eloquent voice of hope for American liberty.

(Presenter: Daisy Century of the [American Historical Theatre](#))

May 3rd @ 1:00 pm

African Americans in the Age of Revolution ["Unheard Voices" Lecture]

Location: [Camden Conference Center, Camden County College](#)

601 Cooper St, Camden, NJ 08102

Free parking below building; Validate parking ticket as you leave building

This lecture will discuss African Americans during the Revolutionary War, concentrating on New Jersey and Philadelphia. It will cover African Americans' direct involvement in fighting for the patriots, black loyalists who sought freedom by fighting for the British, and African Americans' views on the revolutionary philosophy of freedom that left out both free and enslaved black people.

(Presenter: Kendra Boyd)

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May 17th @ 6:30 pm

Fighting for the Crown: Colonial Loyalists [“Unheard Voices” Lecture]

Location: [Lutheran Church of Our Savior](#) - 204 Wayne Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

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In both schools and in the media, it is argued that with the signing of the Declaration of Independence, American citizens rose up as one to challenge the king and Parliament. However, nothing could be further from the truth. It is estimated that when the war began only one-third of the colonists supported the revolution. What actually began was our first civil war: a very personal war of battles and bitterness, often pitting neighbor against neighbor.

(Presenter: Herb Kaufman)

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May 20th @ 2:00 pm

Colonial Taverns of NJ: Libations, Liberty & Revolution [Author Talk & Book Signing]

Location: [Indian King Tavern](#) - 233 Kings Hwy E, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

May 24th @ 7:00 pm

We Were There Too: Jews & the Revolution [“Unheard Voices” Lecture]

Location: [Cherry Hill Public Library](#) - 1100 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ)

The role of Jews in the events of the American Revolution is largely unrecognized, given that they represented a small percent of the total population and that they were scattered throughout the thirteen colonies. Their loyalties like those of their neighbors were divided with a sizable majority favoring the patriot vision of an independent America. However, some Jewish families were divided within themselves in their loyalties. Their participation marked the first time since their exile from Jerusalem that they could take their place alongside Christian neighbors as equals. This talk will discuss Jewish attitudes toward the Revolution and their contributions to it.

(Presenter: Norman H. Finkelstein)

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May 25th @ 7:00 pm

Mr. President vs. "Mrs. President": John & Abigail Adams [Debate]

Location: [The Haddon Fortnightly](#) - 301 Kings Hwy E, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

\$17.76 - Limited Tickets; Sold Out in 2022

John Adams was a brilliant lawyer and the founding father others "loved to hate." Although he disliked being refuted, one person boldly challenged him: his wife, Abigail. Remembered for warning John to "remember the ladies," her influence led critics to call her "Mrs. President". Join America's original power couple for a lively debate.

Click Here to Register or Visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mr-president-vs-mrs-president-a-debate-between-abigail-and-john-adams-tickets-494101650337>

May 31st @ 6:30 p.m.

Freemasons & the Revolution ["Unheard Voices" Lecture]

Location: [Lutheran Church of Our Savior](#) - 204 Wayne Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

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This talk will provide an overview of Freemasonry's and individual Freemasons' contributions to the independence of the British-American colonies. It will cover such topics as: Why Freemasonry's role has been exaggerated; It's helping to bind the disparate (religious, social, etc.) elements of the Continental army; and Benjamin Franklin's use of masonic networks to help secure French aid. It will also elucidate the prominent roles of individual Freemasons in the fields of art, finance, politics, and war.

(Presenter: John Herd Couch Minott)

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June 2nd from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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June 3rd from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

The Haddonfield Skirmish [Full Day - Colonial & Revolutionary Events]

Location: [Indian King Tavern](#) - 233 Kings Hwy E, Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Town-wide events start at 9 a.m.; Skirmish starts at 2 p.m.