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AMERICA'S TURNING POINT OFFERS WOMEN IN WAR SYMPOSIUM; HISTORICAL TROLLEY TOUR

Event Part of Saratoga County's commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and Battles of Saratoga

SCHUYLERVILLE, NY – America's Turning Point today announced registration is open for the 2nd Annual Women in War Symposium. The two-day event features a historical trolley tour and a speakers' symposium focusing on the roles women played during the American Revolution.

The trolley tour, titled "Through the Baroness' Eyes," traces the route traveled by the Baroness Frederika von Riedesel and her three young daughters as they followed the British Army during the Saratoga Campaign. It is being led by Saratoga Battlefield Licensed Guide Pat Niles. The tour is offered on Friday, May 5, 2023, leaving at 1PM from Fort Hardy Park (Reds Road, Schuylerville, NY), and returning at 5PM. Registration for the trolley tour is \$60.

The Symposium takes place on Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 9AM to 3PM at the Town of Saratoga Town Hall (12 Spring Street, Schuylerville, NY). Registration for the Symposium is \$50 and includes morning refreshments and lunch.

Space is limited for both the symposium and the tour. Those interested can register for either event at www.saratoga250.com.

The events are part of Saratoga County's commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution and Battles of Saratoga and is coordinated in partnership with the Marshall House, Inc.

The Women in War Symposium features five dynamic speakers who will present on topics related to the roles women played during the American Revolution and will be emceed by Bruce Venter. Whether patriot or loyalist, wealthy or impoverished, females were deeply affected by the war in all aspects of their lives. These presenters offer new scholarship unearthing relatively unknown stories that broaden our understanding of the revolutionary era.

Lauren Roberts, Saratoga County Historian and Chair of the Saratoga County 250th Commission said, "Too often, the important roles women played during the American Revolution are not widely known. Their experiences, whether in following the army or managing their homes, help to inform the larger narrative of what life was like for those not on the battlefield. The Saratoga County 250th Commission is excited to sponsor this symposium by welcoming leading scholars to speak about these women and increase our understanding of the parts they played in gaining American Independence."

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Women in War Symposium Speakers:

Don Hagist: "Killed, Imprisoned, Struck by Lightning: British Soldiers' Wives on Campaign"

Don Hagist is a historian and author of seven books and numerous articles dealing with the British army and common soldier during the Revolutionary War. His most recent books are *Roger Lamb's American Revolution: A British Soldier's Story*. and *These Distinguished Corps: British Grenadier and Light Infantry Battalions in the American Revolution*.

Dr. Philip Hamilton: "The Excitement and Perils of War: Henry and Lucy Knox's Revolutionary War"

Dr. Philip Hamilton is a history professor at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia where he teaches courses on the American Revolutionary and Early Republic periods. He has published widely on this period, including his books *The Making and Unmaking of a Revolutionary Family: The Tuckers of Virginia* and *The Revolutionary War Lives and Letters of Lucy and Henry Knox*.

Katy Turner Getty: "In the Greatest Terror: Women and Children in Crisis After Lexington and Concord"

Katy Turner Getty is an independent scholar and attorney who specializes in topics related to the Boston area during the American Revolution. Her articles have appeared in the *Journal of the American Revolution*. She frequently speaks at conferences, including the Fort Plain Museum and Fort Ticonderoga. She recently started her own YouTube channel.

Alexander Cain: "I Have Scarcely a Mouthful of Bread for Myself or Children: Mary McAlpin and The Plight of Loyalist Women During the Saratoga Campaign"

Alexander Cain is an author, attorney and re-enactor who is a founding partner of Untapped History, a historical walking tour company based in Newburyport, Massachusetts. Alex writes articles relevant to New England militias and loyalists during the American Revolution. His two books are *We Stood Our Ground* and *I See Nothing but the Horrors of a Civil War*.

Jenna Schnitzer: "After Burgoyne Surrendered: Women of the Convention Army"

Jenna Schnitzer is a re-enactor who specializes in women during the Saratoga campaign of 1777. She authors a blog featuring stories about women in the American Revolution. Jenna served on the Marshall House board and presented at the first Women in War symposium in 2022.

Dr. Bruce M. Venter is president of America's History LLC and author of the award-winning book, *The Battle of Hubbardton: The Rear-Guard Action that Saved America*. America's History annually offers the premier conference on the American Revolution. Bruce serves on the boards of the Marshall House Inc., Saratoga County 250th Commission and the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance.

Through the Baroness' Eyes Tour: given by Saratoga Battlefield Licensed Guide Pat Niles

This four-hour tour, "Through the Baroness' Eyes," will follow the events surrounding the Burgoyne Campaign as experienced by Baroness Frederika von Riedesel, wife of General Friedrich von Riedesel, Commander of the German Division of Burgoyne's Army. The Baroness, along with her three young daughters, accompanied her husband during the campaign and left a journal and letters that describe her experiences living with the army during the summer and fall of 1777. The Baroness provides a running commentary on the events, people, and surroundings of this historic campaign. The tour will follow her path from Fort Edward (The Red House) through Saratoga (now Schuylerville) to Saratoga Battlefield (Taylor House) and finally the back to the Sword Surrender Site where, for the first time in world history, a British Army was surrendered.

America's Turning Point is a multi-year celebration of Saratoga County's pivotal role in the American Revolution culminating in 2027 with the 250th anniversary of the Battles of Saratoga.

To register or for more information, please visit www.Saratoga250.com.