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AMERICA'S TURNING POINT PRESENTS: REVOLUTION ON THE HUDSON SPEAKER SERIES

America's Turning Point is excited to announce the upcoming summer speaker series, Revolution on the Hudson. The series aims to educate the public about our revolutionary past while enjoying beautiful public parks located along the Hudson River. All three events will begin at 6pm, weather permitting, and the public is encouraged to bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the grounds.

The series will feature 18th-century living historians who will be on hand to answer questions and provide demonstrations before the speaker program begins at 7pm. Children will have the opportunity to try out 18th century toys and games, along with replica colonial clothing.

The first event will take place on June 27 at Halfmoon Lighthouse Park located at 597 Hudson River Road in Halfmoon, NY. Living historians from the His Majesty's 24th Regiment of Foot will be present, and the following speakers will provide insight into the revolutionary history of the area:

- Sean Kelleher, "Incident at Jones Mill"
- Don Carola, "Sanbun Ford: Forgotten Patriot Rediscovered"
- Rick Reynolds, "Joe Bettys: Patriot and Traitor"

The series will continue July 25 and August 1 at other locations along the Hudson River.

"This series offers a great opportunity for the public to enjoy the beauty of the Hudson River while learning about our revolutionary past," said Lauren Roberts, Saratoga County Historian and Chair of the Saratoga County 250th Commission. "It's a great way to engage with local historians and hear about why our area played such an important role in the War for Independence."

July 25th at Stillwater Riverfront Park 1940 US Route 4, Stillwater with living historians from the 2nd Continental Artillery. Please note: There will be cannon firing as part of this demonstration. Speaker: David Pitlyk, "Revisiting the Battle of Bennington."

August 1st at Hudson Crossing Park County Road 42 Schuylerville with living historian Anne Clothier, Experiences of Loyalist Refugees. Speaker: Bruce Venter, "The Battle of Hubbardton: The Rear Guard Action that Saved America."

Please bring your own chairs to the events. Admission is free, and donations are appreciated to support future events.

These events will take place outdoors. In case of inclement weather, the program will be cancelled.

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.

For more information, visit saratoga250.com or contact the Saratoga County 250th Commission at saratoga250th@gmail.com or by phone at 518-884-4749.

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