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David Library Announces Schedule of Fall Programs on American History

WASHINGTON CROSSING, PA -- The David Library of the American Revolution has announced its schedule of educational programs that will be offered admission free in the Library’s lecture hall over the autumn months.

The David Library, located at 1201 River Road, Washington Crossing, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study of American history between 1750 and 1800.

“This fall we will present a series of lectures titled ‘Framers, Founders and Confounders: Architects of a New Nation,’” said Meg McSweeney, Chief Operating Officer. “With the election in November, I think it will be interesting to consider some of our nation’s early leaders and the issues they faced in our founding era.”

Lecture topics include founders James Madison, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, George Washington, the framers of the Constitution, and artist Gilbert Stuart. While not a “Founding Father,” Stuart was the leading portrait artist of the Revolutionary era, and his portraits of the Founders burnished their public images for all time.

The series will begin on Tuesday, September 20 at 7:30 PM with a talk by David O. Stewart, author of Madison’s Gift: Five Partnerships That Built America. Subsequent lectures in the series include:
• Robert M. S. McDonald: “Confounding Father: Thomas Jefferson, Revered and Reviled” on Sunday, October 2 at 3:00 PM.
• Richard Alan Ryerson: "John Adams' New Aristocracy, 1777-1815” on Wednesday, October 19 at 7:30 PM.
• Paul Staiti,: “Gilbert Stuart: Washington’s Master Imagist” on Friday, October 28 at 7:30 PM.
• Edward G. Lengel: “‘Money is the Sinews of War’: George Washington, Money, and the Revolutionary War” on Wednesday, November 9 at 7:30 PM –
• Michael J. Klarman, Kirkland & Ellis Professor, Harvard Law School: “The Constitution as a Coup Against Public Opinion” on Sunday, November 13 at 3:00 PM.

There will also be a military history lecture on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 PM. J.L. Bell, author of *The Road to Concord: How Four Stolen Cannon Ignited the Revolutionary War* will give a lecture titled “The Guns of the Boston Train.”

Additionally, the David Library partners regularly with the Lower Makefield Historical Society Events on historical programs that are not necessarily related to the American Revolution. This fall, the library and the society will partner on two events. On Sunday, September 18 at 3PM, actor and historian JoAnn Tufo will explore piracy in the Caribbean during the late 17th and early 18th when she a female pirate in a program titled, "The Pirate Wife: Anne Bonny." On Sunday, October 23 at 3PM, Rebecca Urban will share the story of her grandfather’s “Trip Around the World in a Locomobile, 1909-1910.”

For detailed descriptions of the programs, visit www.dlar.org/events.htm

Reservations are required for all programs at the David Library. Call 215.493.6776 x 100 or email rsvp@dlar.org. All programs will be held in Stone Hall inside the Feinstone Conference Center on the David Library campus. ###