

The Brandywine Dispatch

Member's Newsletter of the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates

"Keeping the Story Alive and Interesting"

Fall 2018



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Revolutionary Dining Series: A Success!

The first two rounds of our inaugural Revolutionary Dining Series are complete! Dinner was served at the historic [Gables Restaurant in Chadds Ford](#), while guests listened to lectures from two exemplary Historians. On September 18th, [Author Thomas J. McGuire](#) spoke on *How King George III Learned about the Battle of Brandywine*.



Thomas McGuire speaks to a packed house

A captivating story, McGuire recounted how he personally re-discovered the [Archibald Robertson Map](#) in Windsor Castle in the early 2000s. The map is considered to be the Rosetta Stone for interpreting the Battle of Brandywine. Archibald Robertson was the Lieutenant General of the Royal Engineers for King George III - he hand drew the map himself in the days following the British victory at Brandywine. Robertson's maps and sketches are famed for being incredibly detailed and accurate primary sources. Check out more of his works [here](#). Towards the end of the night, McGuire entertained us all during the Q&A portion with interesting details of Colonial America and the Battle of Brandywine. He even told us the real reason for the defeat at Brandywine, which is that half of the Continental army claims to have helped carry Lafayette off of the field!

On October 23rd we welcomed Dr. Robert Selig- who gave a brilliant lecture entitled *Of Skull, Severed Heads and Skeletons: What to do with a Dead Hessian, Brit, Frenchman or American, as the Case May Be?* Selig explained the process of battlefield cleanup immediately following a battle such as Brandywine. Using primary material collected throughout his research for other topics, Dr. Selig discussed a wide variety of aspects concerning the aftermath of battle such as the burying of soldiers where they fell, the impact on the civilian population and their involvement, and other myths and legends surrounding certain recovery procedures. Dr. Selig not only related this topic to Brandywine, but also to other major engagements of the American Revolution from the New England colonies all the way down to the Carolinas and the Southern Campaign. It was a fitting pre-Halloween lecture. Thankfully, Selig saved the majority of gruesome details until after dinner was served!

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From the Educator

Greetings from the Battlefield! 2018 was a great year for the battlefield and we are gearing up for an even better 2019. Over the course of 2018 our park's small staff and dedicated volunteers have provided educational programming for thousands of school students, had over 10,000 visitors from all over the world, and have seen a significant growth in our membership. Awareness surrounding the largest land battle of the American Revolution has also skyrocketed in the region with several successful preservation initiatives of key combat areas through local, state, and federal organizations. The preservation of these important landmarks outside of our park grounds will allow for improved interpretation of the battle and enhance the experience of our visitors.

As 2019 begins, I would like to highlight some new projects at the park. Already, in September 2018, we implemented our inaugural "Revolutionary Dining Series," which is covered in this newsletter. Each month, from September to April (except for November and December), the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates, in partnership with the Gables of Chadds Ford, will be hosting various historians, authors, and other pertinent speakers, as part of a community outreach initiative. This will allow members of our organization and community the opportunity to enjoy a great meal and learn more about the Battle of Brandywine and the American Revolution in general. If you have not purchased a ticket for our next dinner with local artist Adrian Martinez on Tuesday, January 22, I strongly encourage you to do so!

Additionally, visitors can look forward to an enhanced programming schedule this year. Prior to 2019, the BBPA was only holding four annual events/programs. In 2019, there will be nearly four programs a month! As a member, you are entitled to complimentary/discounted admission to most programs and we invite you to come to as many as possible! For a full listing of our events visit:

www.brandywinebattlefield.org/events

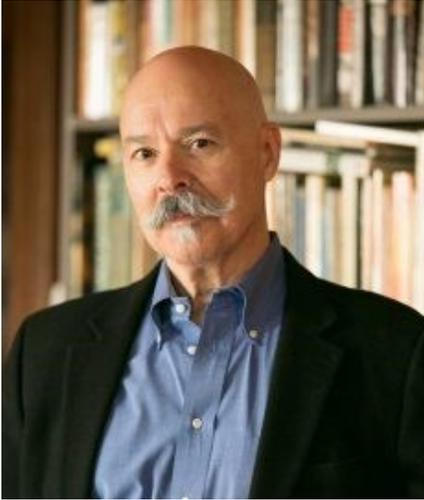
A final highlight for the ensuring year is two new exhibits coming to our museum. Thanks to the Pennsylvania and Historical Museum Commission, we can expect new exhibits focused on the latest acquisition to the collection, the Cheval de Frise, as well as an exhibit highlighting Patrick Ferguson and the reproduction Ferguson Rifle we have on display. Those are due to be installed hopefully in time for the 2019 season!

As you have just read, there are many great things coming down the pike for the park and its visitors and those are just a few. As always, we look forward to sharing our excitement with you and appreciate your continued support of our organization and mission. Without members like you, these great things and more would not be possible!

Andrew M. Outten

Director of Education & Museum Services

Adrian Martinez: Painter, Quaker, Renaissance Man



[Adrian Martinez](#) is an internationally known professional Artist, Quaker, and no stranger to the Battle of Brandywine. He has served on BBPA's Board of Directors in the past, and we are pleased to announce he will be our next Speaker at the Revolutionary Dining Series!

The Facts Remain the Same, Only the Meaning Changes: Picturing the Battle of Brandywine for the 21st Century - featuring Adrian Martinez, will take place on January 22nd at The Gables in Chadds Ford. Adrian plans to discuss his latest series of oil paintings, oil sketches, and drawings which serve as the groundwork for his current project depicting the largest land engagement of the American Revolution, the Battle of Brandywine, and its immediate aftermath.

Beginning with the recently completed "Cornwallis at Dawn" and "Trimble's Ford: 10:00am," Martinez plans to depict *twelve* evocative moments inspired by the day long Battle of Brandywine of September 11, 1777. His presentation will focus on each stage of his process- the inspiration he draws from the rich history of early America, especially in Chester County, the sources for his historical research, and his use of photographs, reenactors, and his own imagination when creating each painting. Martinez will particularly focus on his most recent painting, "Looting of the Gilpin Home." The Gilpin home is located within Brandywine Battlefield Park and was the scene of English and German military confronting the Quaker, Gideon Gilpin, with the consequences of his support for the American cause.



Cornwallis at Dawn

Adrian is not only a professional in Art but also when it comes to the History of the Battle of Brandywine. He has worked together with PHMC and BBPA to further his understanding and set the historical backdrop for these paintings. Adrian has also agreed to let us document some of his work for future planned education programs and events. Nowadays, we still have many Artists frequenting the Park to draw and paint the historic homes. In fact, many do not know that the Gideon Gilpin Home once served as a dormitory for [Howard Pyle's School of Art](#) in Chadds Ford!

So join us on Tuesday, January 22nd at the Gables Restaurant in Chadds Ford to meet Adrian and learn all about his experience in Art and the Battle of Brandywine. Dinner, dessert, and coffee will be provided by The Gables, entertainment provided by Adrian, its going to be a great night!

For more information on Adrian, check out his website: www.adrianmartinez.com

Patriot's Day Recap

November 24th, 2018



The rain held off for us this Patriot's Day, well almost! We still had a great turnout- with many different historical demonstrations and exhibits. The Children's Musket march was a hit; Our Director of Education, Andrew Outten, was able to recruit a number of greenhorns, whip them into shape, and march them around the battlefield like a well oiled machine!

Special Thanks:

Heritage Dancers

1st DE & NJ Regiments

9th PA Light Infantry Company

Mike Kochen (Benjamin Franklin)

Gene Pisasale (Alexander Hamilton)

Noah Lewis (Ned Hector)

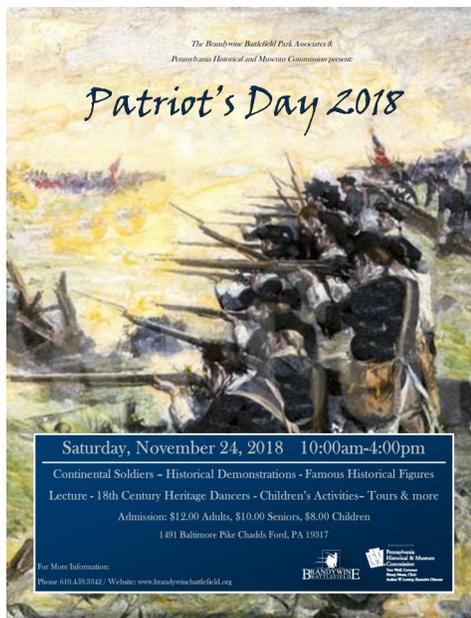
Linn Trimbell (Blacksmith)

John Gras (Carpenter)

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Charter Day 2019

March 10th, 2019

Come and help us kick off the 2019 season this coming March! Charter Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of March, and signifies King George III's Royal Charter given to William Penn for the Province of Pennsylvania.

Date: March 10th, 2019

Time: 12PM - 4PM

Admission: Free!



[Check out more on the Founding of Pennsylvania](#)

2019 Revolutionary Dining Schedule

January 22

The Facts Remain the Same, only the Meaning Changes: Picturing the Battle of Brandywine for the 21st Century

Adrian Martinez, Artist

February 19

The Siege of Yorktown: The Decisive Engagement of the American War for Independence

Glenn Williams, Ph.D.

March 19

Beneath the Snow: Myths and Realities of the Valley Forge Encampment

Nancy K. Loane, Ed.D.

April 23

Founding Martyr: The Life and Death of Dr. Joseph Warren the American Revolution's Last Hero

Christian Di Spigna, Author

*RevWar
Dining
Series*

RDS takes place at [The Gables at Chadds Ford Restaurant](#). Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased through PayPal from our website. For more information including lecture previews, Speaker profiles, purchasing tickets, and more; please visit:

www.brandywinebattlefield.org/revwardining



2018 Volunteer Luncheon

December 21st, 2018



Volunteer of the Year,
Nick Rodia, cutting the cake!

It was a good time had by all at the annual Volunteer Luncheon. Held just before the Holidays, BBPA's past & present Volunteers are invited for a Holiday Luncheon and awards ceremony for the Volunteer of the Year! The Brandywine Battlefield Park would not be able to do the things we do if not for our dedicated and talented Volunteers. We have many Volunteers at the Brandywine Battlefield Park that assist us in daily operations. Brandywine Battlefield's Volunteers serve as tour guides through Washington's Headquarters and the Gideon Gilpin home. They also assist in the Gift Shop, annual events, school field trips, and weekend days at the Park. From the Brandywine Battlefield Park to all Volunteers, THANK YOU!



2018 Volunteer of the Year

Nick Rodia has been working tirelessly as a Volunteer Guide since February 2016 for the Brandywine Battlefield Park and we are pleased to announce that he has been named the 2018 *Volunteer of the Year!* Nick is a Delaware County native and American History aficionado. He graduated with a BA in Political Science from Ursinus College and has worked at a Central City Philadelphia Law Firm for over 30 years. In Nick's free time, he enjoys reading History, primarily American, and being a fan (usually frustrated) of Philadelphia Sports. Nick's dedication, steadfastness, and knowledge have made him an asset to the Brandywine Battlefield. He has received high praise from visitor's for his robust tours of Washington's Headquarters and always goes above and beyond the call of duty. Brandywine Battlefield is sincerely grateful for his outstanding service.



Interested in Volunteering? Check Out: www.brandywinebattlefield.org/volunteer

History for the Holidays

December 26 - 29, 2018

This year we celebrated the Holiday season at Brandywine with some specialty programming. Each day from Dec. 26 - 29 was dedicated to a different aspect of the American Revolution. We were glad to see visitors actively participate and give them a break from opening presents! Pictured at right, Andrew Outten delivered a brilliant presentation on *Destruction & Wanton Waste* - the unbelievable losses sustained by the local Quaker population directly after the Battle of Brandywine.



Director of Education, Andrew Outten

Check out what's in the Gift Shop: www.brandywinebattlefield.org/giftshop/

Winter at the Brandywine Battlefield



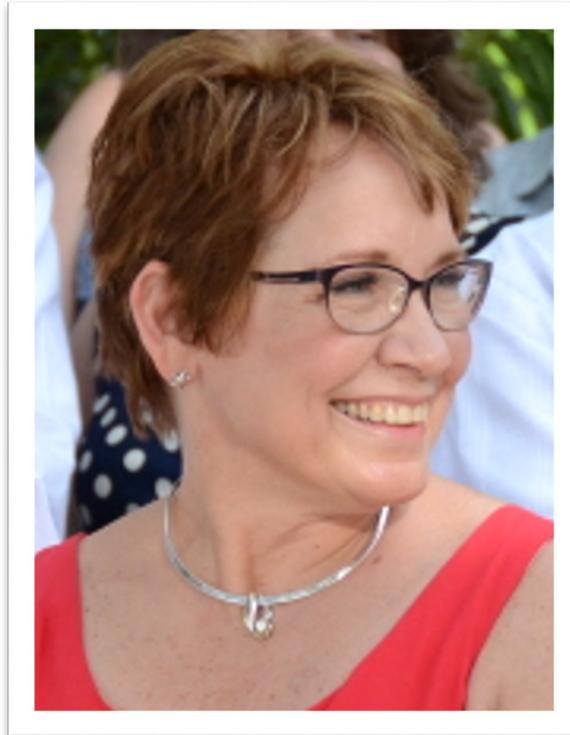
The Gideon Gilpin Home after a snowstorm

Our 2018 season is coming to an end and Brandywine Battlefield Park will be closed for the Winter months. We will be closed from New Year's Eve - Charter Day (March 10, 2019). This "winter session" is a time for us to catch up with in-house work at the Park, which includes wrapping up the 2018 season and getting ready for the 2019 season.

Even though the Park will be closed, it should be noted that we are still available for private group tours and school programming. Walking the grounds is also permitted during the winter months, one will just have to park below the gates near Rt. 1. The Park *will be open* on February 23 for Washington's Birthday Celebration and March 2 for Casimir Pulaski Day.

Brandywine Battlefield will officially reopen on March 10th for Charter Day! Huzzah!

In Memoriam: Kathy Massey



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dear friend and former board member Kathy Massey. Kathy was a loving, caring, funny, charismatic, and motivating person and then some. She was instrumental in bringing our park to where it is today. A former teacher and school librarian at a local elementary school, Kathy was a vital asset when it came to the education of our youth visitors whether it was for students on field trips, summer history campers, or children attending our weekend programs. We are grateful for your friendship and the tireless work you put forth at the park over these many years. We will forever miss you and will always keep you in our hearts and minds as we continue our mission at the park. Our hearts also go out to the entire Massey family.

Rest in Peace, Kathy.



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Take Notice! Volunteers Wanted:

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Brandywine Battlefield Park or know someone who might, please visit our website for more information and to fill out a registration form!

www.brandywinebattlefield.org

Contribution Form

Yes! I would like to offer additional support to the Brandywine Battlefield Park and Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates by making a tax-exempt donation!

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To make an Online Donation, visit our website: www.brandywinebattlefield.org, and click the “Donate link on the home page. All donations are very much appreciated and go towards bettering educational and interpretational components of the Battlefield Park! Thank you!