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SPRING 2014

PARKER'S REVENGE UPDATE

Millions of Americans are familiar with the history of the action on the Lexington Green and at Concord's North Bridge. We are now seeking to "uncover" an additional heroic battlefield that marked an important component of the action on April 19th – the restoration of Parker's Revenge. The Friends are sponsoring a major fundraising effort to pay for archeological research, site restoration and the development of educational resources centered on this largely unknown but very important battle site.

The Parker's Revenge initiative is being guided by an advisory committee of prominent historians, military representatives, academics and civic leaders.

Susan Bennett, Executive Director of the Lexington Historical Society

Joel Bohy, Captain David Brown's Company and living historian

Edward Davey, History teacher in Lexington school system, Massachusetts Historical Society

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Jack MacLean, Former President of the Lincoln Historical Society, author of *A Rich Harvest: The History, Buildings, and People of Lincoln Massachusetts*

Bill Poole, Historian and Captain of the Lexington Minute Men

We will continue to update you as this exciting project evolves.

PATRIOT'S DAY 2014

Spring is here and Patriot's Day is just around the corner. Many area events commemorate this historic day. Please consider walking with the Friends of Minute Man National Park in the Concord Parade on Monday, April 21. This 3-mile parade takes us from Concord through the Park; it's a great family event. Please contact Betsy at info@friendsofminuteman.org to join our group or for more information.

For information about the many area Patriot's Day events visit:

www.nps.org/mima or www.battleroad.org.

FRIENDS IN ACTION

Colonial 12th Night Celebration



Our annual Colonial Twelfth Night celebration was “crashed” by 18th century mummies. It was a festive evening to end the holiday season.

Winter Lecture Series



We are grateful to Cranberry Hill Associates for their ongoing support of the Friends Lecture Series. Jayne Gordon welcomed historian Gary Shattuck. Director Kristin Canty presented her film Farmageddon.



Halloween Tales Lantern Walk

Halloween Tales was followed by a lantern-lit walk from Hartwell Tavern to Bloody Angle and a skit by two colonial ghosts.

Save the Date!
Buttrick Garden Party
Wednesday, May 28 5:00—7:00 pm



Please help the Friends of Minute Man National Park in our work to be an effective partner, ally and supporter of Minute Man National Historical Park in its efforts to preserve the birthplace of the American Revolution.