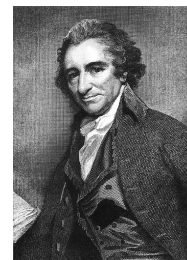


Thomas Paine Observances

Will Be Held in New York City and New Rochelle NY

Marking the 200th Anniversary of His Death on June 8, 1809 in Greenwich Village, and NYC
Sponsored by Thomas Paine Friends, Inc. and others; Events are free; the public is invited

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Saturday, June 6, 2 pm, lecture about Paine by historian and actor J. Ward Regan, at Jefferson Market Branch of New York Public Library, at Sixth Ave. & W. 10th St. ~ Co-Sponsor: Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation ~ J. Ward Regan is a regular lecturer on Paine with New York Council for the Humanities and National Endowment for the Humanities "On the Road" program. He lectures on history and philosophy at New York University. His one-man show, "A Paranoid's Guide to History," had a recent off-Broadway run.

Saturday, June 6, 3:30 pm, following the lecture, a short walking tour to Paine's last two residences, 293 Bleecker St. and 59 Grove St., where he died. Both are close by the Jefferson Market Branch Library. We will depart from the Library at 3:30 pm and the first stop will be 293 Bleecker St. Highlight of the tour is a pair of rarely seen art works housed in 59 Grove St., the site now of Marie's Crisis Café. One piece is an etched glass of marching revolutionaries; the other is a large wood engraving of Danton, Paine and Robespierre. The guide will be Mariam Touba, Reference Librarian at New-York Historical Society and Curator of the memorable Thomas Paine Exhibit at NYHS.

Sunday, June 7, 1 pm, Memorial Observance at the Thomas Paine Monument, New Rochelle NY, North Ave., near Paine Ave., close to the original gravesite. ~ Co-sponsors: City of New Rochelle, and Huguenot & New Rochelle Historical Association ~ Paine Monument, Paine Cottage and Paine Museum comprise the Paine Historic Site at the western edge of what was his farm, awarded to him in 1784 by a grateful New York State Legislature for his eminent services in the struggle for independence.

[At 2 pm, the Huguenot & New Rochelle Historical Association holds a gala lawn party / fundraiser at Paine Cottage grounds, \$45 each (\$50 at the door). Funds are for the Cottage restoration. Contact executive director John Wright, 914-633-1776 or <mailto:PaineCottage@optonline.net> .]

Monday, June 8, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, commemoration at Thomas Paine Park, also known as Foley Square, across from the courts in lower Manhattan; the Park is bound by Centre, Worth, Pearl, Lafayette Sts. ~ Co-Sponsors: Center for Inquiry-New York City Chapter and Humanists of Metropolitan New York ~ Dedication of a new Thomas Paine historical sign installed by New York City Parks Dept. and the planting of a Liberty Tree, a symbol of our Right to gather and to protest tyranny

~ Speakers ~

John Nichols, prolific writer and journalist; Washington correspondent with *The Nation* magazine; associate editor of *The Capital Times* [Madison WI]; author of *The Genius of Impeachment*, and books on media, political and social reform.

Eric Foner, DeWitt Clinton professor of history, Columbia University; former president of the Org. of American Historians and president of the American Historical Association; his many books include *Tom Paine and Revolutionary America*, and *Paine: Collected Writings*.

Craig Nelson, historian, eclectic writer and editor; author of *Thomas Paine: Enlightenment, Revolution and the Birth of Modern Nations*, which won the 2007 Henry Adams prize.

Frances Chiu, faculty in Humanities at the New School for Social Research, where she teaches a course on Paine; editor and scholar on 18th and 19th century literature for Valancourt Books.

Michael De Dora, executive director of Center for Inquiry-New York City chapter, which presents an annual Thomas Paine Memorial Lecture every January.

Michael Miscione, Historian of the Borough of Manhattan.

Barbara and Graham Dean will perform songs-- guitar and vocal-- from their collection, "Tom Paine's Blues: Common Sense Songs"

A Number of Organizations and Individuals are expected to join in to offer a few words of homage to Thomas Paine and especially to the late Paul O'Dwyer whose initiative and energetic work as City Council President led to the naming of Thomas Paine Park.

More information: Thomas Paine Friends, Inc. Website: <http://www.thomaspainefriends.org>