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Fraunces Tavern® Museum Announces New Exhibition, A Monument to Memory: 300 Years of Living History


Though typically remembered for its significance during the American Revolution, Fraunces Tavern continued to be an active and important social space in the many years following Washington's farewell. On the 300th anniversary of the building's construction, A Monument to Memory explores the many roles 54 Pearl Street has played in the public life of Lower Manhattan.

"This building has seen three centuries of New York City history," says Museum Director, Jacqueline Masseo. "This is our opportunity to tell stories beyond what happened here during the Revolutionary War."

The exhibition will display a chronology of the building's history through a selection of objects from the collection that include photographs and images of the building over time and artifacts uncovered during its early 20th century restoration. In this comprehensive experience, visitors will be able to discover how the stories told through historic preservation and inquiry shape the collective memories of the past.

“A Monument to Memory will be a celebration of the life of the building and its ever changing function; whether it be boarding house, dance school, tavern, Treasury of War, or Museum and Restaurant.” Masseo continues. “Come discover the evolution of 300 years of history through the lens of 54 Pearl Street.”

A Monument to Memory: 300 Years of Living History will be on view in the Museum’s Special Gallery through August, 2020.

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About Fraunces Tavern Museum:
Fraunces Tavern Museum’s mission is to preserve and interpret the history of the American Revolutionary era through public education. This mission is fulfilled through the interpretation and preservation of the Museum’s collections, landmarked buildings and varied public programs that serve the community. You can stand in the room where General George Washington bid farewell to his officers and explore eight additional galleries that focus on America’s War for Independence and the preservation of early American history. To learn more, visit our website at frauncestavernmuseum.org.

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