‘HEADERS *in the* REVOLUTION

September 21 & 22, 2024
11am - 3pm



For more information about Marblehead and the American Revolution, including related historic sites in town, Glover’s Regiment records, and more, visit
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MARBLEHEAD 250

CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF '76.

A committee dedicated to sharing the history of Marblehead's role in the Revolutionary War and to provide public programming throughout the anniversary.

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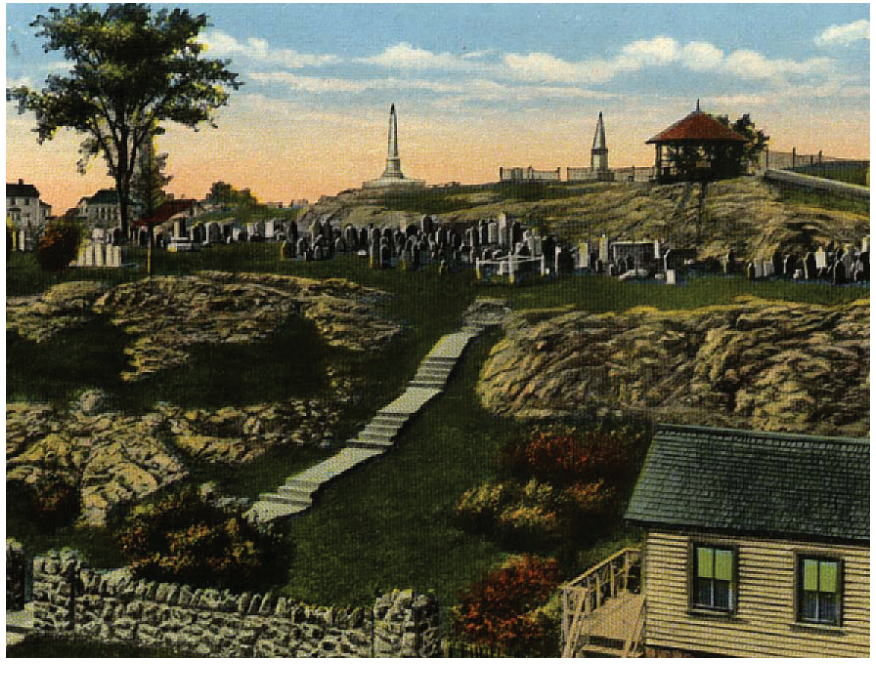
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OLD BURIAL HILL

Self-Guided
Entrance off the intersection of Orne and Pond Streets

Old Burial Hill was the site of Marblehead's first "meeting house" or place of worship and was established in 1638. The graveyard has around 650 marked graves, many with carvings and inscriptions. The oldest dated stone is from 1681. Though not all are marked, six hundred Marblehead Revolutionary War soldiers are buried in Old Burial Hill. These include General John Glover, Marblehead's greatest Revolutionary War hero, who died in 1797. An obelisk commemorating another Revolutionary War hero, Captain James Mugford and the crew of his schooner, the *Franklin*, was erected elsewhere in 1826 and moved to Old Burial Hill in 1876.

Open dawn through dusk, 7 days a week.



POWDER HOUSE

Green Street across from Powder House Court
Not open to the public

The brick Powder House on Green Street, then known as Ferry Road, was built in 1755 to provide storage for muskets and ammunition. One of only three pre-Revolutionary powder houses in the country still standing, Marblehead's features a uniquely-shaped roof. It was used for powder storage during the French and Indian War, the Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812.



MASONIC HALL

62 Pleasant Street

Visit Marblehead's Masonic Hall and its meeting rooms in a former 1870s home, and view artifacts from the history of the Marblehead Masonic Lodge, which was one of the earliest ones to be formed in Massachusetts (c.1760), including items belonging to one of the first heroes and martyrs of the American Revolution, James Mugford of Marblehead.

Open House, 11am - 3pm



ABOVE: Masonic Hall, Marblehead, MA

MEET ASHLEY BOWEN

St. Michael's Church
Enter across from 10 Summer Street

Join historian Donald Friary in St. Michael's churchyard and in the 1714 church for his portrayal of Ashley Bowen, Marblehead mariner and rigger, reminiscing about his long life in Marblehead, especially during the years of the American Revolution. Ashley Bowen wrote an illustrated journal for over 40 years recording his experiences and opinions before, during, and after the Revolution and revealing his ambivalent British-American identity.

Noon and 2pm



ABOVE: Ashley Bowen, Self-portrait, detail. Marblehead Museum Collection.

FORT SEWALL

Glover's Marblehead Regiment
8 Fort Sewall Lane

Tour the Fort and meet members of Glover's Marblehead Regiment as they prepare for war with drills, musket ball making, musket cleaning and repair. You can learn about their contribution to the War, including the regiment's three rescues of General Washington and his army during the later part of 1776. Colonel Glover and his nearly 600 men and boys, almost exclusively from Marblehead, were true heroes of the revolution.

Open House, 11am - 3pm



ABOVE: Photo by Glover's Marblehead Regiment.

TOWN MEETING REENACTMENT

The Old Town House
1 Market Square

Join Town Historian Don Doliber at Marblehead's Old Town House (built 1727-29) and take part in the November 9, 1774 Marblehead Town Meeting. This was a critical meeting setting Marblehead on the road to revolution. Take part in and/or listen to the reasoning and emotions experienced by the residents.

11am and 1:30pm



ABOVE: Old Town House, photo by Rick Ashley.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Enter across from 10 Summer Street or from 26 Pleasant Street

Visit St. Michael's Episcopal Church to learn about Patriots and Loyalists in Marblehead's Anglican church. Tour the church building erected in 1714 with a rich history through the American Revolution up to today. View the diary of Loyalist Rev. Joshua W. Weeks, begun as he escaped from Marblehead in 1778. On Sunday at 11am, attend a pre-Revolution Anglican service with music.

Open House, 11am - 3pm



ABOVE: Detail of Ashley Bowen watercolor, 1763.
Marblehead Museum Collection.

JEREMIAH LEE MANSION

Marblehead Museum
161 Washington Street

MARBLEHEAD
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Tour the first floor of the home of one of Marblehead's leading Patriots, Colonel Jeremiah Lee, and learn about his efforts to secure arms and supplies for the rebels. Also, see General John Glover's desk and a letter written to him by General George Washington. Representatives of Save the Glover Farmhouse will be on hand to share more information about their preservation efforts.

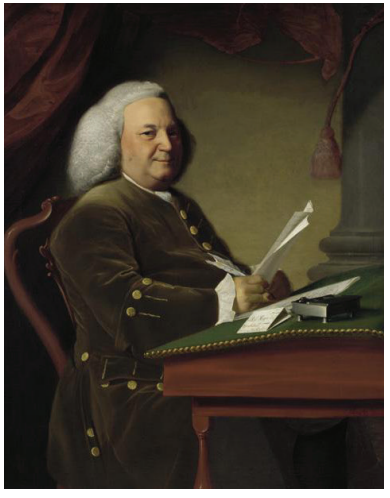
First-Floor Open House, 11am - 3pm



ABOVE: Jeremiah Lee Mansion. Photo by Standley Goodwin.

KING HOOPER MANSION

Marblehead Arts Association and Judy Anderson
8 Hooper Street



At the mansion of Marblehead's famous Loyalist, Robert "King" Hooper, find out who in town were Loyalists (aka "Tories") and who were not, and why. Also learn about King Hooper's political stance, and about his 7 sons and 4 daughters, half of whom were Patriot leaders in Newburyport while one Tory son in Marblehead was forced to leave.

Drop-in, 11am-3pm



ABOVE: Robert "King" Hooper, John Singleton Copley, 1767, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Robert "King" Hooper Mansion

ABBOT HALL

188 Washington Street

All of Abbot Hall is a museum, with the Spirit of '76 painting in the Select Board room, alongside documents and paintings from Marblehead's founding, the American Revolution, and the War of 1812. Display cases throughout the building highlight aspects of Marblehead history, as do the 1934 WPA wall murals.
The Maritime Museum is focused on Marblehead's naval history. A docent will be on hand in the Select Board room. A scavenger hunt is available for children and families to explore the building. The new Sign Museum with interactive displays is open in the basement. The gift shop is open Saturday and at noon on Sunday. It is stocked with great gifts, books, and souvenirs.

Open House, Saturday 11am – 3pm; Sunday 12pm – 3pm



ABOVE: *"Spirit of '76,"* Archibald Willard, 1876.

MEET SARAH MUGFORD

Jeremiah Lee Mansion
161 Washington Street

Local historian Meghan Boehmer portrays Sarah, the young widow of one of the American Revolution's first heroes and martyrs, privateer ship Captain James Mugford. Learn about Sarah's life before and after James' death, as well as life in Marblehead during the Revolutionary War.

11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm
Marblehead Historical Commission



ABOVE: Meghan Boehmer as Sarah Mugford. Photo by Meghan Boehmer.

MAP



Key:

A. Masonic Hall
B. St. Michael's Church
C. Jeremiah Lee Mansion
D. Abbot Hall
E. King Hooper Mansion
F. Old Town House
G. Fort Sewall
H. Old Burial Hill

Map courtesy of Suzanne Naudin Graphic Design Studio.