

# NOTES FROM THE MOUNT



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## B&O RAILROAD MUSEUM STEAM DAYS MOUNT CLARE OPEN HOUSE

October 8 & 9 are Steam Days at the B&O Railroad Museum and they will be bringing several trains of passengers to



Mount Clare over those two days (Saturday & Sunday.)

Passengers will ride to the Whistle Stop platform at Mount Clare where they will disembark the train and visit a Civil War camp where members of the 20<sup>th</sup> Maine Volunteer Infantry, Company E, will be on hand to talk about the life of Union soldiers

during the war, conducting demonstrations and military drills. The Blacksmith Guild of Maryland will also offer demonstrations of their skills that were so vital to the railroad. Mount Clare will be open both days with free admission.

On Sunday, October 9, Mount Clare will offer a free fun day of family programming at the Mount Clare Stable with a Civil War themed hands-on demonstration by a costumed interpreter entitled "What's in Mrs. Smith's Basket?" Mrs. Smith will discuss the care package she's sending off to her son in the Union Army, followed by a children's craft activity from 11am-3pm.

To accommodate our visitors and the B&O Railroad Museum passengers, we will be welcoming visitors for self-guided tours, requiring a docent in each room. If you can volunteer to staff the rooms on either of those two days please call Brianna Arnold. Shifts are from 10am-1pm and 1pm -4pm. Please call 410-837-3262.

## NEW ADOPT-AN-OBJECT PROGRAM

Mount Clare Museum House is fortunate to have so many objects that help us tell the story of the Colonial and Federal periods during the Carroll family history. Many of these objects are Carroll family pieces and were used at Mount Clare.

We must make sure that our treasured objects are properly cleaned, restored and stabilized so that we can continue to interpret and exhibit them for many generations to come. We have contacted professional conservators and acquired

estimates for the repair and cleaning of some of our objects.

You now have the opportunity to partner with Mount Clare Museum House to help save the past by "adopting" one of the conservation projects!

We will be publishing more details in future newsletters, but if you are interested in learning more about the program or about adopting an object, please contact Debbie Farthing at 410-837-3262 or [curator@mountclare.org](mailto:curator@mountclare.org).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Saturdays in October—Free admission and lectures at Mount Clare
- Oct 8 & 9 - B&O Steam Days and Mount Clare Open House
- October 29 - West Baltimore Civil War History by Bike Tour
- November 12 - Civil War exhibit closes
- December 3—Colonial Christmas Open House

## SUMMER AT MOUNT CLARE

We've had a busy summer here at Mount Clare!



Our Civil War Encampment and Family Day was held on July 9 in the park and at the Stable. Soldiers and civilians from the Maryland 1st (Union) set up their tents and equipment and offered demonstrations of marching, drills, and other activities

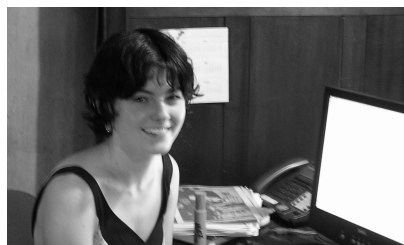
of daily camp life in 1861. They also staged a re-enactment of the flag presentation ceremony that took place on the steps of Mount Clare in 1861 when the "patriotic ladies of West Baltimore" presented a flag to Col. John Kenly, the first commander of Camp Carroll. Music was provided by the Ft. McHenry Fife and Drum Corps Guard and noted Civil War historian Dan Toomey was on hand for a book signing.

A flag making activity was offered at the stable for children. April Smith dressed in Civil War attire, presented "What's in Mrs. Smith's basket?", sharing items that a woman in the Civil War era might send to a husband or son who was away fighting in the war.



The 8th annual "Tour dem Parks, Hon" bicycle tour took place on June 12. Over 1,000 bicyclists took one of four routes through Baltimore parks and neighborhoods. The tour began at the Mount Clare stable and ended in Carroll Park with a barbecue and live jazz.

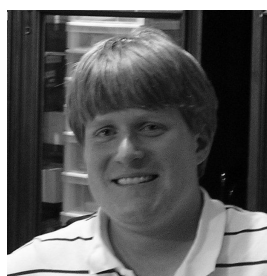
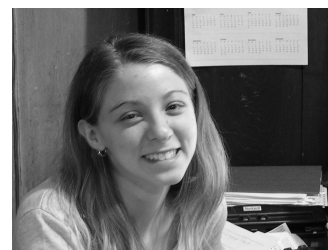
This summer we've been fortunate to have 3 college interns helping us.



Megan Carlucci, of Pleasantville, NY did a research project that will help us more accurately interpret Mount Clare's kitchen. She also designed and lead the flag-making

activity during our Civil War Encampment and Family day. Megan is a history major at Loyola University and is spending the next year studying abroad in Ireland.

Sarah Marvin, from Baltimore, attends Yeshiva University and majors in English Literature. Sarah did many different tasks for us this summer including, research, preparing materials for our summer programs, working on our Facebook page as well learning to use Past Perfect museum software to update the information in our room information binders.



Kurt Waters, of Baltimore, is a recent graduate of MICA with a BFA degree in environmental design. Kurt's project is to continue in more detail a class project to re-design the interior by adding a roof to enclose the interior courtyard at the Mount Clare Stable. It also includes adding an open hearth fireplace and bake oven, expanding our educational programming (18th century hearth cooking) and rental space. Kurt works part-time and volunteers at Mount Clare three days a week.

## BALTIMORE HERITAGE CIVIL WAR BIKE TOUR

West Baltimore neighborhoods served a central role in the Civil War in many ways such as housing troops passing through Baltimore, caring for injured soldiers and as home to the B&O Railroad supporting the movement of troops and helping protect against invasion by the Confederacy through a series of camps, hospitals and fortifications in Carroll Park, on Baltimore Street, and in Lafayette Square among others.

This 90 minute bike tour lead by Eli Poussin of Baltimore Heritage starts and ends at Mount Clare Museum House. Come learn about the Confederate spies of Waverly Terrace, the historic artifacts recently dig up in Lafayette Square, the workers who built the railroad the Union army depended on, and the places where people lived and worked during the Civil War. Thanks to the support of Free Fall Baltimore participants can take a free tour of Mount Clare Museum at the end of the bike tour.

The tour takes place on Saturday, October 29 starting at 10am and costs \$10. For more information and to RSVP, please go to [www.Baltimoreheritage.org](http://www.Baltimoreheritage.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 24— Museum Day** offering Free Admission to ticket holders. Official tickets can be found on the Museum Day website, [www.smithsonianmag.org/museumday](http://www.smithsonianmag.org/museumday) . Sponsored by the Smithsonian Magazine.

**October 8 and 9 — Mount Clare Open House for B&O Railroad Steam Days & Civil War encampment**  
Volunteer room docents needed! Saturday and Sunday 11am-4pm. Admission: free

**October 29 —Civil War Bike Tour through West Baltimore** 10am-11:30am. See page 2 for details.

**November 12 —“Personal Accounts of the Civil War Experience”** exhibit closes.

**November 19 — “A Carroll’s Christmas”** Visitors to Baltimore’s oldest home can escape the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and experience a colonial American Christmas with the Carroll family. Mount Clare will be decorated for the winter holidays in the traditional 18th and 19th century style, using greens and dried plant materials accented with fruits, nuts, feathers and pine cones. A visual delight! Exhibit is included with regular admission to the museum.

**December 3 — Colonial Christmas at Mount Clare** from 10am-4pm. The mansion will be decorated in 18th century yuletide splendor with self-guided tours from 10am-3pm. Entertainment will be provided by the *Singers Madrigale* and *The Monumental City Ancient Fife and Drum Corps*. Get your fresh cut greens for holiday decorating. Find the perfect gift from a selection of new merchandise in the museum store!

## CIVIL WAR LECTURE SERIES

Lecture and discussion on Civil War topics presented at the Mount Clare Stable at 12 noon. \$5.00 per lecture. Discounted admission to museum offered to lecture participant. Registration is recommended. No refunds.

**September 17, Lincoln and Emancipation Proclamation** by Lester Brooks the coordinator for the Chesapeake Civil War Round Table and teaches courses on American Civil War era at Anne Arundel Community College.

**September 24, Civil War Archeology in Lafayette Square** In July, Baltimore Heritage and volunteers with the Archaeological Society of Maryland conducted an archaeological investigation of Lafayette Barracks, a Union camp and hospital located in West Baltimore's Lafayette Square park during the Civil War. Join the project leaders to discover what Civil War history might lie just beneath your feet, as we explore the history and artifacts left behind by this significant Civil War encampment. Presented by Dr. David Gadsby and Eli Pousson.

**November 5, Black Military Experience** by Leslie Rowland (Ph.D.) Associate Professor, University of Maryland.



## FREE ADMISSION SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER FREE PROGRAMS IN OCTOBER

### Free Admission on October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Enjoy three lectures for Free. Call 410-837-3262 for reservations.

**October 1, The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad During the Civil War** by Dave Shackelford , Chief Curator, B&O Railroad Museum.

**October 8, Women and sexual assault during the Civil War** by Dr. Susan Barber Associate Professor of History at Notre Dame College.

**October 15, Medical Women of the Civil War** by Lesley Wood, Medical Historian

### Lectures presented at the Mount Clare Stable at 12 Noon.

**October 9, Family Day activities at the Mount Clare Stable 11-3.** Join us for a fun day of family programming – hands-on demonstration by a museum interpreter in Civil War period clothing and craft activity at the Mount Clare Stable 11-3. Free! Call for reservations.

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