



2025

Public Programs with Judy Anderson

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Many are free / no R.S.V.P.

Others benefit local historical organizations (Mhd. Mus., Pickering Hs., MAA)

➤ **Programs for “the Salem Alarm” (or “Leslie’s Retreat”) ~ Tours & Talks by Judy Anderson:**

Trolley Tours:

Saturday, February 22 afternoon
Trolley tour from Salem to Mhd. & back

2 tours: 12:30 - 2 pm & 2:30 - 4 pm both **SOLD OUT**
starts & ends in Salem ~ at St. Peter’s Church in Salem

Bell Ringing:

Saturday, Feb. 22 ~ 7 am / noon / 6 pm
Annual bell-ringing (30 min. each)

George Washington’s Birthday (a long tradition in Mhd.)
in honor of the 1st U.S. President, George Washington

Sunday, February 23 11 am
Town-wide Bell-ringing (3 minutes)

All Marblehead churches & synagogues plus Abbot Hall
to celebrate no outbreak of war in Mhd. on Feb. 26, 1775

Illustrated Talks:

Sunday, February 23 11:45 to 12:30
“How the Rev. War Almost Began in Mhd. & S”

at Old North Church, Marblehead ~ 35 Washington St.
Talk is in the **main church** / Donations encouraged \$10 p/p

Sunday, March 9 11:30 (noon) to 1 pm
*“Four Colonels & One ‘Retreat’ ~ & M’hd’s
Role in the ‘Salem Alarm’ on 26 Feb. 1775”*

at the Pickering House in Salem ~ 18 Broad St., Salem
\$25 to benefit the Col. Pickering House / P. Hs. Association
Reservations open to public Feb. 22 ~ PickeringHouse.org

Wednesday, April 23 7 pm
“Facing Col. Alexander Leslie of Scotland”

at Tapley Hall in Danvers ~ 13 Page Street, Danvers
Donations to benefit the Danvers Historical Society

Sunday, April 27 11:30 am to 12:30
“How the Rev. War Could Have Begun in M or S”

at Old North Church, Marblehead ~ 35 Washington St.
Talk is in the **main church** / Donations encouraged \$10 p/p

Walking Tours:

Friday, April 25 5 to 6 pm

in Marblehead ~ Meet at Fort Beach / End on Wash. St.

OR

Sunday, April 27 4 to 5 pm

SAME TOUR each time / No restrooms / **No RSVP** /
No rain date / Children are welcome & Dogs on a leash

*“How the First Shots of the Amer. Rev. War Could Have been Fired in M’head &/or Salem on Feb. 26, 1775
Just 7 Weeks before Lexington & Concord”*

Individual or group tours can also be scheduled by appointment

➤ **Other Programs by Judy Anderson ~ TALKS & TOURS ~ in Marblehead ~ April to October:**

Illustrated Talk:

Thursday, April 10 7 to 8 pm
*“Marblehead’s Most Enigmatic Revolutionary ~
Honoring the Life & Legacy of Colonel Jeremiah Lee”*

A tribute to Colonel Jeremiah Lee ~ father, husband, businessman, community leader & rebel (Patriot) leader ~
and the 12 months before the fateful day of April 19, 1775 which led to his premature & long forgotten death on May 10.

Note: Jeremiah Lee was born April 16 & died May 10

at the Marblehead Museum ~ 170 Washington St.
in person or **via zoom** / \$10 members / \$15 public
Reservations ~ MarbleheadMuseum.org / Upcoming progr.

Commemorative program in Lee Mansion:

“Col. J. Lee & His Covert Revolutionary Acts”

Friday, May 9 5 to 6:30 pm
Saturday, May 10 10 to 11:30 am
Saturday, May 10 4 to 5:30 pm

~ because Colonel Lee did far more than anyone realizes

incl. period quotes by & about Lee & his risk-filled role in 1774 & ‘75
Meet at Jeremiah Lee Mansion ~ 161 Washington St.
SAME CONTENT (essentially) each time / \$10 mbrs. / \$15 public
Reservations online at **MarbleheadMuseum.org** / Upcoming progr.

Illustrated Talks at King Hooper Mansion: *Note: ‘King’ Hooper was 68, & a moderate Loyalist or ‘Tory’*

Sunday, May 18 **1 to 2 pm** **at the King Hooper Mansion** ~ 8 Hooper Street
“*The Loyalist / Patriot Divide in Mhd. in 1775*” Donations to benefit Marblehead Arts Assoc. / **no RSVP**

On the eve of the Revolutionary War, Marblehead was a thriving & prosperous international Atlantic seaport, and a town of nearly 5,000 people ~ (perhaps the sixth or at least tenth most populous metropolis in British North America) ~ with about 950 families (living in about 525 houses ~ apprx. 300 of which still survive). About 90% of those 950+ families were “rebels” (Patriots). Only about a dozen heads of families can be clearly identified as **Loyalists** (“Tories”)

Sunday, June 1 **1 to 2 pm** **at the King Hooper Mansion** ~ 8 Hooper Street
“*Marblehead Loyalists & their Homes*” Donations to benefit Marblehead Arts Assoc. / **no RSVP**

Town tensions came to a head in May 1775 ~ after the battle shots of April 19, 1775 ~ (and devastating economic Parliamentary sanctions that took effect in March 1775, and would have spelled ruin for Marblehead ~ as the war did). Many Loyalists were run out of town in May. But by the war’s end, nearly a decade later, most (tho not all) would return.

Sunday, September 7 **1 to 2 pm** **at the King Hooper Mansion** ~ 8 Hooper Street
“*The Lee & Hooper Families and the Revolution*” Donations to benefit Marblehead Arts Assoc. / **no RSVP**

With visuals, this program will illuminate the lives of the families of Marblehead’s two most prominent merchants — rebel (Patriot) Colonel Jeremiah Lee & moderate Tory Robert ‘King’ Hooper — in the Revolutionary era (1763–83). Both families lost everything due to the war (as most ‘Headers did) — Col. Lee losing his life to the cause after he sacrificed his fortune to help supply and arm it, and ‘King’ Hooper losing his fortune as he watched the collapse of everything that he had worked for a half-century to build. (‘King’ Hooper was in large part responsible for much of Marblehead’s mid-1700s prosperity (1720s to 1750s), along with a few dozen other merchants (esp. 1750s to 70s), but those to a lesser extent). Three of Hooper’s four wives and many of his grown children died before Hooper did, and most who lived longer lost their financial resources due to the war as well — as the Lees’ grown children and their spouses did also, along with most of Marblehead. Interestingly, most of King Hooper’s offspring were Patriots (as was M’hd’s *other* principal Hooper family network, which thrived after the war and led the revival of the town’s commerce).

Programs at Fort Sewall: *Note: Fort Sewall was not called that until about 1800*

“*The ‘Marblehead Fort’ in 1775*” ~ *Before it was ‘Fort Sewall’* (... and ~ *Who was Samuel Sewall?*)

Thursday, May 22 **5:30 to 6:30 pm** Meet at Fort Beach on Front Street / No RSVP
Saturday, May 24 **9 to 10 am** **Memorial Day weekend** (Thurs. eve, Sat. & Sun.)
Sunday, May 25 **4 to 5 pm** **SAME CONTENT** (basically) each time / Donations

Thursday, Sept. 5 **5:30 to 6:30 pm** **SAME TOPIC** Meet at Fort Beach on Front Street
Saturday, Sept. 7 **9 to 10 am** **Labor Day weekend** (Thurs.eve & Sat. morning) Donations

For more than a century after it was first built in 1644, the earthwork “Marblehead Fort” occupied only the very end of the headland. And it had at least 4 renovations after that, all directed by professional military engineers under Crown and military orders. **The Fort was enlarged to its current footprint in 1775, as the war began** ~ again under the direction of professional military engineers. But this time, they were officers in the Continental Army. The fort was under local Marblehead jurisdiction only briefly — during that transition time in 1775.

The white brick structure so visually prominent now was not built until the later 1790s, due to tensions and threat of war with France, just a decade after France helped the new U.S. win its war against France’s old enemy. The talk will discuss why ~ and the answer’s roots lie in the American Revolution.

Walking Tours: (architecture & social history) *Note: Nearly 300 houses survive from before 1775*

“*Revolutionary Dwellings*” **June thru October** ~ **First weekend of every month**
first Fridays each month **5:30 to 7 pm** **in downtown M’hd.** ~ Meet at Abbot Hall / No restrooms
first Sundays each month **4 to 5:30 pm** **SIMILAR TOUR** each time / No RSVP / No rain dates

Homes of prominent individuals in the Revolution, their lives, & how the town developed before & after 1775

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