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December 2011

MD Humanities Council Lecture by Dr. Robert Selig



Dr, Robert Selig

**Saturday
December 10
3:30 - 4:30 PM
Fell's Point
Visitor Center
1724 Thame St.
\$10 per person**

On Saturday, December 10, 2011, from 3:30 to 4:30 PM at the Fell's Point Visitor Center, Baltimore Heritage and The Preservation Society will host a lecture by Dr. Robert Selig, National Park Service consultant, on the French involvement with the Colonial forces in the American Revolution as

they marched through Maryland to their decisive victory at Yorktown, VA. Dr. Selig will also suggest how communities can get involved in and benefit from a National Historic Trail such as the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route (W3R). The lecture will be followed by a discussion and a short candlelight tour of the Robert Long House, ca. 1765.

This National Historic Trail commemorate the story

of the journey of the allied forces against a background of intrigue and spying... grand aspirations... global diplomacy...subterfuge...bold and brave actions...treason... clever inventions... foolish mistakes...negotiations in the courts of European kings... and thundering navel battles between sixty ships-of-the-line in American waters, the Caribbean Sea, and in the Indian Ocean. There is much to be learned of the human condition and spirit along the course of this exciting journey.

In keeping with the spirit of the season, colonial egnog will be served. All lecture attendees are also invited to take advantage of a 10% discount on dinner after the lecture at John Steven Restaurant. To receive the discount, tell the server you are with the Washington Rochambeau National Historic Trail group.

This lecture is made possible by a grant from the Maryland Humanities Council, through support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this lecture do not necessarily represent those of the National Endowment for the Humanities or the Maryland Humanities Council.

Fee for the lecture is \$10. To reserve a space, contact [Baltimore Heritage](#) today.

**LU FISHER
Memorial Service
Towson Unitarian
Universalist Church
Sunday, Dec 11,
3 PM**

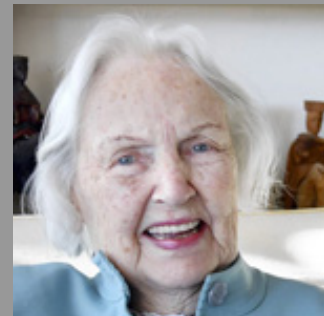


Photo from the *Baltimore Sun*

A memorial service in honor of Lucretia Billings Fisher, preservationist, real estate entrepreneur, and friend of The Preservation Society, will be held at Towson Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, December 11, 2011, at 3 PM.

In 1966 she wrote in a letter to the *Baltimore Sun*, "Baltimore,

born on the harbor, should make the most of its colorful past. Perhaps no other town on the eastern seaboard boasts Eighteenth Century houses facing the water such as we have here in Fell's Point. ... Here people could enjoy a village atmosphere of old Baltimore and visit the same houses, utilized for shops and restaurants, which were built by the early shipbuilders who made the Baltimore clipper famous the world round."

Lucretia (Lu) died of renal failure at her home in Towson. She was 98.

The Amazing Story - War of 1812

Two Saturdays:

January 21, 1:00 PM (part 1)

January 28, 1:00 PM (part 2)

On each of two Saturdays in January (Jan 21 & 28) at 1 PM at the Fell's Point Visitor Center, Jack Trautwein will give a 90 minute, illustrated lecture covering the latest research on the War of 1812. These lectures will give attendees a new appreciation of the pivotal role played by Fell's Pointers in the winning that war and are a great way to begin celebrating its bicentennial.



Here are the outlines of the two lectures:

I. Lecture #1

A. Prelude to the War: Revolutionary War - 1812

1. Tumultuous World
2. Affects on Baltimore and Fell's Point

B. The war of 1812 - Part #1

1. Causes
2. The American Scene
3. Declaration of War
4. Impact on Baltimore and Fell's Point
5. The Privateers

II. Lecture #2

1. The War of 1812 - Part#2

- a. The Border War
- b. The Chesapeake Campaign
- c. The Defense of Baltimore
- d. Sudden end to the War

2. The Rest of the Story

- z. The Rest of the Story
 - a. The Fell's Point Connection
 - b. The War's Lingerin' Tragedy

Lectures are \$10 each. Society members are free. To reserve a place, call 410-675-66750, ext 16.

2011 Holiday Ornament Ready for Sale

The Preservation Society's Holiday Ornament for this year is a special 1812 Commemorative Edition. It features *Chasseur* - an archetype of the topsail schooners built in Fell's Point that helped bring the War of 1812 to a close - and Captain



Thomas Boyle. Captain Boyle, in a particularly daring voyage, piloted *Chasseur* to the shores of the British Isles which he declared "blockaded" with his single ship. The declaration caused panic among British and Scottish shippers, insurers, merchants, and manufacturers - causing the Admiralty to bring British warships home to serve as escorts for shipping to the European continent. *Chasseur* was dubbed "the *Pride of Baltimore*" in 1814 when it returned from that voyage.

The ornament is 3.5" x 3", gold colored, with a gold string to hang it from the tree. The price is the same as it has been for the past several years - \$20 plus tax. The ornament, along with previous editions, is available at the Fell's Point Visitor Center, 1724 Thames Street.

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