

THE MASTER  
DOCENT SERIES  
*presents*

## Workshops 2012



February 17 and 18



Frederick Community College  
Frederick, Maryland



*Meet a South Mountain Battle Veteran!  
Friday, February 17, 7 p.m.  
Free – all ages welcome*

*For anyone who loves history,  
especially museum volunteers!*

The Master Docent Series is a program of the Frederick Historic Sites Consortium. This year's program is co-sponsored by the Catoctin Center for Regional Studies, a collaborative effort of the National Park Service and Frederick Community College.

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## Friday, February 17

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*Jack B. Kussmaul Theater and Lobby located in FCC's Visual and Performing Arts Center. This program is free and open to the general public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and early arrival is recommended.*

### **7:00 p.m. Meet Battle of South Mountain Veteran, Captain Richard Manson**

It is 1911, nearly fifty years after the Battle of South Mountain, and Captain Joseph Richard (Dick) Manson, a veteran of service during the War Between the States recounts his wartime experience. In September 1862, Manson was a 1st Lieutenant commanding Company I of the 12th Virginia Infantry Regiment at the South Mountain Battle of Crampton's Gap. He will share insights about the general situation leading up to the Battle of South Mountain, the relative importance of the battle from different points of view, perspectives on the question of victory or defeat, and issues common to all soldiers, north and south – Why do we fight? What do we endure? How do we treat our fellow man? How are we similar and different? The program will be based upon Captain Manson's insightful letters, newspaper articles and other writings and from the personal accounts and official reports of other participants of the battle, from privates to commanding generals.

*Richard Cheatham of Living History Associates portrays his great, great grandfather. He is an independent scholar and educator, a professional speaker and journalist, known for memorable presentations of people from America's past.*

### **8:15 p.m. The public is invited to a reception in the lobby immediately following the keynote program.**

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## Saturday, February 18

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*All programs will be held in the Frederick Community College Conference Center, unless otherwise indicated.*

### **8:30 a.m. Registration Coffee Book Shop**

### **9:00 a.m. Welcome and Orientation**

### **9:15 a.m. War of 1812 Overview**

Later this year, Maryland will kick-off the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 with a commemoration of the U.S. declaring war on Great Britain 200 years ago in June 1812. Learn the basics of this oft-misunderstood war that some historians have called “America's Second War for Independence.” Learn a few of the basics of why this war was fought, and what its outcomes meant to Americans, Canadians, the British, and American Indians. Discover why Francis Scott Key happened to witness the bombardment of Baltimore in September 1814, and how quickly his popular poem was set to the music of a British drinking song.

*Jack Spinnler, former National Park Service Planner at Harpers Ferry Center and War of 1812 Bicentennial Coordinator for the Baltimore National Heritage Area.*

### **10:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (LOCATIONS TBA)**

#### **I. Genealogy for Docents**

Have you ever visited a place connected to your family history? Perhaps you toured an historic site hoping to find a personal connection? Or, maybe you have been the docent assisting someone interested in knowing more about the lineage of property owners, family members, workers, or others associated with the history interpreted at your location. This session will provide some basic information about genealogical research, local genealogical resources, and tips for how to answer “who's who” questions from visitors.

*Mary Mannix, Manager of the Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Public Library; Rebecca Crago, Research Center Coordinator for The Historical Society of Frederick County, Inc.*

#### **II. Being a Presence and Keeping the Visitor's Attention (Limited to 20 participants, also offered at 1:30 p.m.)**

Excellent interpreters “take the stage,” engaging visitors not just by what they say but by how they say it. Using her experience as a professional actor, Lisa Hayes will help participants cultivate their stage presence and their ability to get and keep visitors' attention in this interactive workshop.

*Lisa Hayes, President and CEO of the Accokeek Foundation. She is active with the Prince George's History Alliance and the International Museum Theatre Alliance and its Capital Region Affiliate.*

## 11:30 a.m. Concurrent Sessions (LOCATIONS TBA)

### I. Docents and Visitor Safety

Among their many roles, docents are often responsible for the care and safety of visitors to small museums. After a year of floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes, it makes good sense to provide some advice for docents who may find they must implement their site's disaster plan. While museums will differ in their policies and procedures regarding visitor safety, this session, based on the State Fire Marshal's program on crowd control, offers tools for maintaining calm, directing people away from danger, and assisting in evacuation.

*James Ridgely and Chip Jewell both serve on the Board of Directors of the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Museum.*

### II. Life during the Civil War: Visitation Academy, Frederick

For 9 months each year, Visitation Academy was home to young women from Frederick, surrounding counties and 17 Union and Confederate states. A joint research project of the Academy and the National Museum of Civil War Medicine investigated hundreds of students, teachers, soldiers and family members to tell the story of life on the home front: who they were, how the war affected them and what they became. Based on original letters, diaries, reports and other firsthand accounts, these are very human stories of amazing people in extraordinary times—from John Brown's raid, to the Academy's use as a hospital following Antietam, to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

*Scott Fullerton, Research Volunteer, National Museum of Civil War Medicine.*

## 12:30 p.m. Lunch (FCC COUGAR GRILLE) Book Shop

## 1:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions (LOCATIONS TBA)

### I. A History Of The Great Frederick Fair

This session surveys Frederick County agricultural fairs from colonial beginnings to their later incarnation as the Great Frederick Fair (GFF) as sponsored by the 1822 Agricultural Society in a field adjacent to Martin's Tavern on the Monocacy River to the present, with a preview of planned GFF activities for 2012.

*John George, Chair of the 150th Anniversary Committee of the Great Frederick Fair, Associate Professor of Education at Hood College.*

## II. Being a Presence and Keeping the Visitor's Attention (see 10:30 a.m. for description; limited to 20 participants)

### 2:30 p.m. Bugles Calls and the History of Taps

The hauntingly familiar melody, *Taps*, turns 150 years old in 2012. This session will examine the early British roots of this tune and the composition of *Taps* during the American Civil War's Peninsular Campaign of 1862. Further, through demonstration and illustration, the session will help participants to understand how the bugle was used in battle, camp life, and ceremony during the Civil War.

*Jari Villaneuva, retired from the United States Air Force Band in Washington DC, is considered the country's foremost expert on military bugle calls.*

### 3:30 p.m. Concluding remarks and evaluation

### 3:45 p.m. BONUS SESSION (ONE HALF HOUR) Crossroads of War: Maryland and the Border in the Civil War Website

Stay for an update on the new Civil War website "Crossroads of War: Maryland and the Border in the Civil War." The website tells the broad story of the Civil War era in this region, from Gettysburg and Chambersburg down through mid-Maryland, and beyond the Potomac into Virginia and West Virginia. Learn about this new resource that includes historical essays, animated battle maps, an interactive map of historic sites, videos, searchable databases of historic newspapers and Civil War soldiers, and a trove of digital images. The website, freely accessible to the public, explores the era's complex interweaving of race, politics, sectional division, and conflict.

*Dean Herrin, National Park Service Historian and NPS Coordinator of the Catoctin Center for Regional Studies.*





The keynote program on Friday, February 17, is free and open to the general public. Registration is not required for Friday, but is requested for the workshops on Saturday. Space is limited, so registration by February 7, 2012 is encouraged. However, registration will be accepted at the door on a space available basis.

A nonrefundable participation fee is charged for the Saturday workshops. Lunch is included.

## REGISTRATION Please print legibly

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you are the spouse or dependent child of another workshop registrant

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a docent in Frederick County? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a docent outside Frederick County? If so, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like more information about docent opportunities? \_\_\_\_\_

Registration confirmations are sent by email.

If you require a paper confirmation, please check here:

Please indicate your choice of concurrent sessions:

(Choose one for each time slot)

10:30 am  Genealogy  Keeping Visitors' Attention

11:30 am  Visitor Safety  Life During the Civil War

1:30 pm  Fair History  Keeping Visitors' Attention

Vegetarian lunch requested, check here:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL PAID (please make checks payable to the Tourism Council of Frederick County)

Payment: (please check all that apply)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Frederick County residents or docents serving historic sites or museums in Frederick County

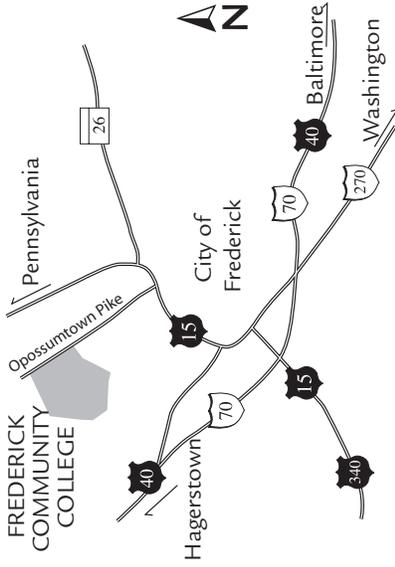
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Spouse or dependent child of the above

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$40 non-Frederick County residents not serving a Frederick County museum

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 spouse or dependent child of the above

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Contribution to the Bertha J. Kennedy Memorial Fund, to support the Master Docent Series program (Please note that fees only cover 2/3 of the workshop costs. The remainder is paid provided by public and private supporters of the Frederick Historic Sites Consortium. A gift to this fund will help assure that we continue to offer high quality programs at the lowest possible cost to participants. THANK YOU!)

# Frederick Highway Map



## Directions:

**From Baltimore** – take I-70 West to Rt. 15 North. Exit at Motter Avenue. Bear right onto Opossumtown Pike. Continue for approximately 1 mile. Frederick Community College is on the Left.

**From Washington DC** – take I-270 North. I-270 North becomes Rt. 15 North. Exit at Motter Avenue. Bear right onto Opossumtown Pike. Continue for approximately 1 mile. Frederick Community College is on the Left.

**From Hagerstown** – take I-70 East to Rt. 15 North. Exit at Motter Avenue. Bear right onto Opossumtown Pike. Continue for approximately 1 mile. Frederick Community College is on the Left.

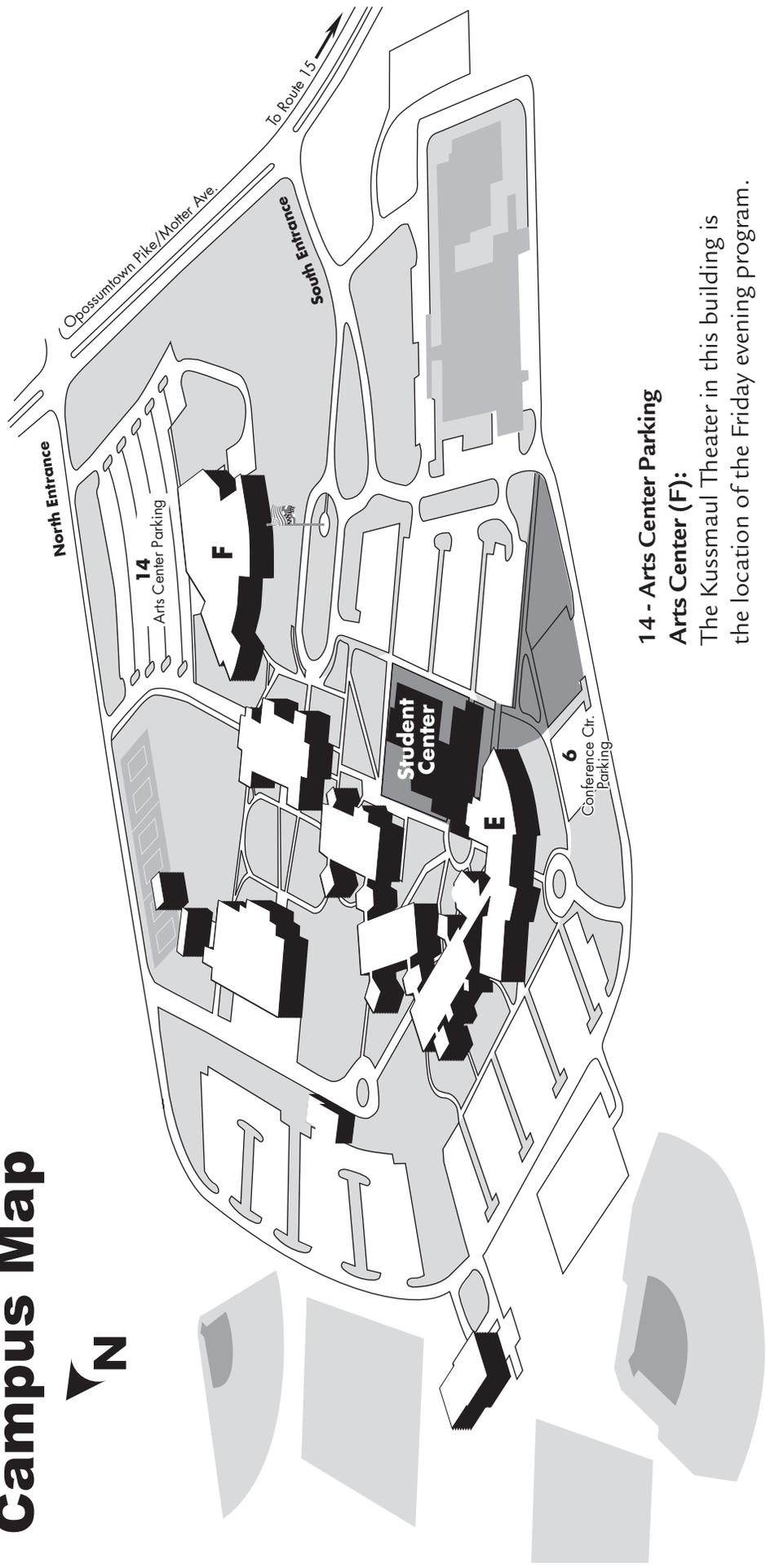
**From Gettysburg, PA** – take Rt. 15 South. Exit at Motter Avenue. Turn left onto Opossumtown Pike. Continue for approximately 1 mile. Frederick Community College is on the Left.

**Mail registration form and payment to:**  
Master Docent Series Registrar, Frederick Historic Sites Consortium,  
Tourism Council of Frederick County, 151 S. East Street, Frederick, MD 21701

For more information, contact the Consortium Coordinator, Liz Shatto, at (301) 600-4042, lshatto@fredco-md.net.

# Frederick Community College Campus Map

## Campus Map



### 14 - Arts Center Parking

#### Arts Center (F):

The Kussmaul Theater in this building is the location of the Friday evening program.

### 6 - Conference Center Parking

#### Conference Center (E):

Saturday programs will take place in this building.

#### Student Center:

Lunch will be served in the dining hall.