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**Schedule of Events:
Winter and Spring 2012**

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

- Saturday, February 4, 2012

Not Available

- Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Washington's Headquarters Open House

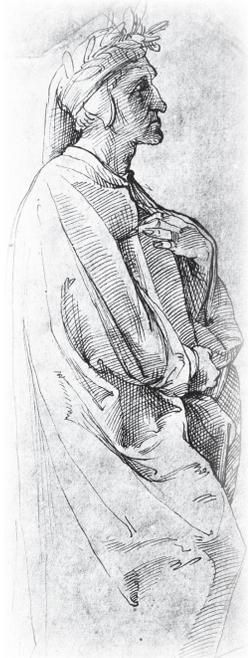
On Washington's birthday, join NPS staff as they guide visitors through the General's Brattle Street headquarters. Tours every half hour.

- Friday, February 24, 2012

Henry W. Longfellow & Dante

Longfellow was the first American to translate *The Divine Comedy* of the Italian poet Dante Alighieri. Special theme tours at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 p.m. Space is limited; first-come basis.

Celebrate Henry W. Longfellow's Birthday



- Saturday, February 25, 10:00 a.m.
Longfellow and the Legacy of the Dante Club

In honor of the most recent publication of *Dante Studies*, an issue which is dedicated to Longfellow and his interest in the classic Italian poet, this year's annual celebration features a talk by **Christian Dupont**. A rare book librarian and independent scholar, Mr. Dupont has published extensively on reading and collecting Dante in America. His essays and catalogues on Longfellow and Dante appear in *Dante Studies*. A wreath-laying at the Longfellow family plot on Indian Ridge Path will follow. This program is co-sponsored by **The Dante Society of America** and the **Friends of Mount Auburn Cemetery**.

*Held in Story Chapel,
Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge*

Image: from an 1833 sketch by R. Robbins, now hanging outside Longfellow's study

MARCH AND APRIL EVENTS

- Thursday, March 15, 2012, 6:00 p.m.

Washington's Artillery: Remaking the Regiment between Bunker Hill and Dorchester Heights

For Evacuation Day, historian **J. L. Bell** presents an illustrated talk on one of George Washington's biggest challenges during the Siege of Boston: strengthening the Continental artillery. This required finding engineers, easing out established commanders, and ultimately sending Henry Knox on a quest for heavy cannon. RSVP recommended.

Held in the historic Longfellow Carriage House

- April 5, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

The Poet and the Blacksmith

Rob Vellella discusses Longfellow's poem "The Village Blacksmith" and the man who inspired it. Sponsored and hosted by the **Cambridge Center for Adult Education**. Part of a series "If These Walls Could Talk," a celebration of the history of the Blacksmith House. Donation suggested. See list of all events in this series at www.ccae.org.

Held at Spiegel Auditorium, 56 Brattle Street, Cambridge

April is National Poetry Month

• Weekly Poetry Discussion Group

Join us for what has become an annual tradition: brown bag lunch discussions of 19th century poetry. Gatherings will be held every Thursday in April at noon. This year's theme is "The Fireside Poets" (a group that includes Longfellow) and each week will focus on a specific poet:

April 5:	William Cullen Bryant
April 12:	John Greenleaf Whittier
April 19:	Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr.
April 26:	James Russell Lowell

Poems will be presented at the gathering; there is no need to read ahead. If you have your own favorite, feel free to bring it along.

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*Programs are free. Call 617-876-4491 to RSVP.
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