

River Raisin National Battlefield Park Presents the First:

WOMEN'S HISTORY DAY & TEA

Saturday, April 20, 2013

Open House: 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Featuring Guest Speakers:

12:00: **Mary Ellen Van Wassenova, Educator, co-author of "Women on the Raisin"**

Book signing and talk about the brave women of Frenchtown that stood fast and survived the War of 1812.

Monroe County Community Players recreate scenes from Frenchtown

2:00: **Cheri Maitland, Horticulturist, Master Gardener, Educator**

Presents the history of the Native Herbs & Plants of the Frenchtown area, their uses and importance to the local inhabitants and Native Americans.



OLD WORLD CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS: 12:00-4:00pm

French Lace and Bobbin Lace Making & Tatting; Weaving; Quilting; Knitting

*Find out what a French "Chatellaine" is with **Joan Pashaian**, River Raisin beading professional, as she demonstrates the craft and its usefulness.*

INTRODUCING: THE RIVER RAISIN & MAJOR MUSKRAT TEA BLENDS

Sara Christianson, Herbalogist, presents teas made from native herbs grown in the Visitor Center gardens and native to southeast Michigan Territory, 1812

Gayle Simmons, Nationally known Clothier of 1795-1812 clothing will have a display on women's period clothing

