

Session Six

Saturday, August 2 | 1 PM – 3 PM

1 PM - 2 PM

Educator, historian, and author of the children's book, *Patriots of African Descent in the Revolutionary War*, Marion T. Lane will share the story of her ancestor, Issac Brown, and his experience as a sergeant in General Washington's Continental Army at Valley Forge.

2 PM to 3 PM

Cultural ambassador, choreographer & dancer, Mafalda Thomas-Bouzy, will lead an interactive session of dancing and drumming to demonstrate how the rich heritage of African storytelling, music, and song survived from one continent to another and became sources of strength and courage through the colonial, civil rights, and contemporary eras.



Valley Forge National Historical Park is a place to convene in a community of teaching and learning. We are pleased to offer the park as a venue for the many voices of our shared social history. This second annual series of exploratory workshops feature guest speakers, educators, authors, historians, poets, and performers who will inspire and invite participants to share in the stories of our nation's foundation and the contributions of our diverse communities.

Thank you to our park partners who share the vision and the passion to honor the many cultures of our country through historical and contemporary literature, and visual and performing arts.

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Voices of Valley Forge

Summer Workshop Series

**Many perspectives creating
social history at Valley Forge
National Historical Park**

2014



Voices of Valley Forge is a workshop series which uncovers stories not often present in the traditional historical narrative through place-based workshops in literature, music, drama and art.

All programs are free and take place in the Education Center, located in the building next to the Visitor Center, with the exception of the one o'clock program on July 31st which will take place at the Philander Chase Knox Estate. Light refreshments will be served during each session

For directions and parking visit, www.nps.gov/vafo

Session One

Thursday, June 26 | 1 PM - 3 PM

Participants will learn about the history of Valley Forge and the daily life of the Continental Soldiers with Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Eileen Hutchinson on an interpretive walk from the Education Center to the Muhlenberg Brigade Huts. At the huts Patrick Sullivan, NPS charcoal artist, will lead a charcoal sketching program to inspire creative writing.

Session Two

Saturday, June 28 | 1 PM - 3 PM

Open Mic Spoken Word Poetry

The public is invited to observe or perform dramatic readings of original poetry inspired by Valley Forge history and beauty. Five Visa gift cards, provided by The Encampment Store, will be awarded as prizes.

Session Three

Saturday, July 12 | 1 PM - 3 PM

Historical re-enactor and musician, Joe Becton, will use an array of techniques to illuminate the struggle for African inclusion in the Continental Army and General Washington's involvement in creating an all black regiment at Valley Forge.

Session Four

Saturday, July 26 | 1 PM - 3 PM

Participants will experience three interpretive performances by West Chester Dance Works that are inspired by the history of Valley Forge. Phil Richard, a storyteller for Historic Philadelphia, Inc., will offer dramatic storytelling and a musical performance on his recorder.

Session Five

Thursday, July 31 | 1 PM – 3 PM
Philander Chase Knox Estate

Authors and Book Talks

Educator, Frank Murphy will present little known stories of George Washington during the time of the Revolution. Murphy is a teacher, historian, and author of children's history book, *George Washington and the General's Dog*.

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Education Center

Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Renee Jacobs will partner with the Chester County Library to host a discussion of Reading Olympics book, *Chains*, by Laurie Halse Anderson.

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Education Center

Teacher Reception

Educators come to learn about using park resources to empower teaching. Author Frank Murphy will share about his research and his writing as a children's book author.