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GRAND OLD FLAGS ON EXHIBIT AT THE FLAG HOUSE

The Flag House and Star-Spangled Banner Museum is proud to announce its newest exhibit, Grand Old Flags; *American Maritime Flags of the 19th Century*. Eleven very large and very old flags make up this stirring display. The flags date from 1818-1893. This is the first time that so many large flags have been displayed in one place. Sally Johnston, Executive Director, says, "This is a unique opportunity to see these kinds of flags. Due to their large size, they are rarely seen on display."

The flag collection is on loan from the Zaricor Flag Collection from Santa Cruz, California. Ben Zaricor is a member of the Flag House Association's Board of Directors.

Most of the flags are hand-sewn and all are made of wool bunting. Their large size makes them very unique. Ships and coastal installations required the flags to be made very large so that they could be identified from great distances. The largest flag in the exhibit measures 17 X 20 feet, still small in comparison to the 30 X 42 foot Star-Spangled Banner sewn by Mary Pickersgill.

All of these flags are American Flags and they all have a special meaning. Some flags are dated from the Civil War. The flags have a variety of star patterns including grand illumination, shooting star and concentric circle patterns.

The exhibit runs through July 10, 2004. Several educational and family programs are running in conjunction with the exhibit. On Saturdays in June, from 10am to 12noon, special children's



Above: Museum visitors taking in the size of the largest flag in our newest exhibit.

activities including songs, storytelling, parades, coloring and games will be offered. On Saturday, June 19th, at 1pm, Larry Leone of the Office of Education Development in Baltimore City will give a short talk with demonstrations about flag etiquette. On Saturday, June 26th, a brief talk will be given on the flags in the exhibit. Following the talk, a representative from the Smithsonian's Star-Spangled Banner Project will discuss the conservation progress of the original Star-Spangled Banner Flag.

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Planned gifts are a way to help the Flag House & Star-Spangled Banner Museum meet its financial goals well into the future. These contributions provide donors with the satisfaction of knowing that the Flag House will continue to educate students, tour groups and visitors from all over the world for years to come. In addition, they provide an added charitable income tax deduction. For more information, please contact Sally Johnston at 410-837-1793.



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Free Parking on Albemarle Street
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UPCOMING EVENTS - SUMMER 2004*

Grand Old Flags Exhibit & Programs

*19th Century American Maritime Flags
Through Saturday, July 10th*

Eleven flags make up this stirring display. All the flags are over 100 years old and most are hand sewn. This is the first time so many large flags have been displayed in one space.

Star-Spangled Saturdays

*Saturday, June 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
10am - 12noon*

Visit the Flag House for fun, interactive family programs! Children can participate in activities such as storytelling, parades, costumes and games.

Be Right on Flag Etiquette!

Saturday, June 19th, 1pm

Just in time for Independence Day, the Flag House will host a local flag etiquette expert. Flag etiquette will be discussed, followed by demonstrations and questions.

Grand Old Flag Talks

Saturday, June 26th, 1pm

The Flag House's Curator will give a talk on the Grand Old Flags exhibit. Following the talk, a representative from the Smithsonian's Star-Spangled Banner Project will discuss

progress on the flag's conservation.

Flag Day Weekend Events

War of 1812 Reenactment & Encampment

Saturday, June 12, 10am - 1pm

Step back in time as the Flag House garden transforms into a military encampment. War of 1812 reenactors will be on hand setting up camp, cooking on the open hearth and performing drill and musket demonstrations.

7th Annual Star-Spangled Banner Singing Contest

Saturday, June 12, 1pm

Amateur singers from across the region will gather at the Museum to compete in the Star-Spangled Banner Singing Contest.

Contestants will sing the first verse of the National Anthem before a panel of judges.

2004 Flag Day Ceremony

Monday, June 14th, 10am

Begin Flag Day with a moving Flag Raising ceremony. This is part of a national celebration of the birthday of the American Flag. The event includes a Presentation of Colors, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and

singing the National Anthem. The Maryland Rose Society will dedicate and plant the Veterans' Rose Bush in the garden.

Get Ready for the 4th!

Saturday, July 3rd, 12noon - 4pm

Our youngest patriots can get ready for Independence Day with fun, patriotic activities. Crafts and refreshments will be offered. The Friendly Thyme Herb Club will offer demonstrations.

Follow the Flag to the Fort

Friday, September 10th, 5pm

Kick off the Star-Spangled Banner Weekend at the Flag House! Mary Pickersgill will present a replica of the Star-Spangled Banner to War of 1812 reenactors who will march the flag past the Harbor to Fort McHenry.

General Motors' Star-Spangled Family Day

Saturday, September 11th, 12noon - 6pm

Stop by the Flag House for an old-fashioned family day. Children's crafts, animals, live music, magicians, face painters, food and drink, raffles and more! *The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. For more information, call 410-837-1793 or visit www.flaghouse.org.*

*unless otherwise noted, programs are free with Museum admission