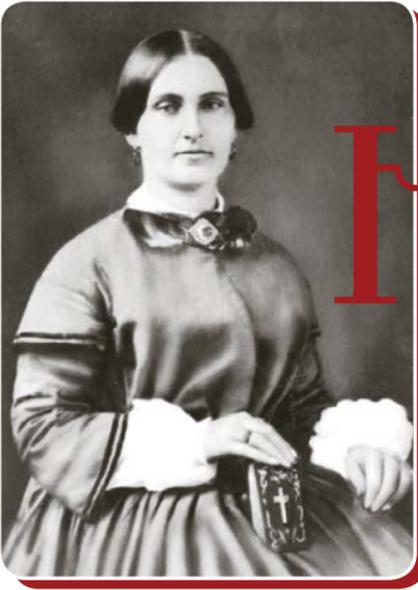


Sarrott House *Museum*

CONSPIRACY, MURDER, & MYSTERY



JANUARY – DECEMBER 2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



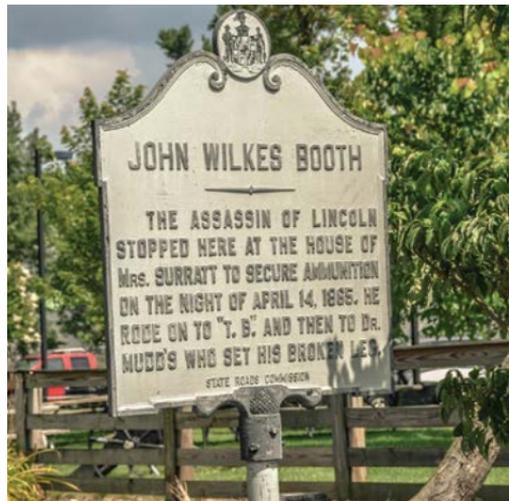
Mary Surratt

Historic Surratt House has national significance due to its role in the dramatic events surrounding the Lincoln assassination conspiracy. Built for the Surratt family in 1852, the house served not only as their home, but as a tavern, public dining

room, and hotel for traveling gentlemen. Outside, the house was the focal point of a 300-acre plantation. A livery stable and nearby blacksmith shop serviced travelers; and in 1854, a post office was added to the tavern, serving the new area of “Surrattsville” with Mr. Surratt serving as postmaster until his death in 1862. The tavern was also the official polling place for the Ninth Election District, created in 1854.

In the fall of 1864, tragedy began to hit the Surratts. Faced with financial difficulties, Mary Surratt rented her country home and moved to 541 H Street in Washington. Here she opened a boardinghouse. Her oldest son was in the Confederate Army, and her youngest had become a Confederate courier. He was recruited by John Wilkes Booth into a plot to kidnap President Lincoln. Various conspirators, including Booth, frequented the boardinghouse; and weapons and supplies were stored at the Surrattsville home.

When the kidnap plot failed, Booth turned to assassination, stopping at Surratt House to retrieve the weapons and supplies. In the ensuing



federal dragnet, Mary Surratt was arrested, tried, and convicted as a conspirator. While her son fled the country, she was sent to the gallows. Her guilt or innocence continues to be hotly debated. A visit to Surratt House in present-day Clinton, Maryland, relives this tragic history.

Waiting to guide you through historic Surratt House will be docents in authentic dress of the 1860s. These guides are members of The Surratt Society, a volunteer affiliate of the museum with worldwide membership. The Society presents a wide range of unique special events and exhibits, portraying the cultural history of the mid-19th century.

For further information on tours and special events, or to become a member of The Surratt Society, please call 301-868-1121.

The Surratt Society offers bus tours over the John Wilkes Booth escape route in April and September each year. Reservations are required.



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Surratt House Museum

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January – December 2018

The Full Story: Maryland, The Surratts, and the Crime of the Century—*An Exhibition*

JANUARY 17–DECEMBER 9

WEDNESDAYS–FRIDAYS, 11 AM–3 PM

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, 12 NOON–4 PM



Tours through historic Surratt House are summarized at the end with an exhibit reflecting the role of Maryland in the conflict, the choices made by the Surratt family, and the after-effects on the family and

the nation. *Regular tour admission price. No reservations required.*

Slavery and Catholic America in the 19th Century

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 4 PM

“Catholicism was deeply entwined with slavery in the colonial Chesapeake and evolved with the changing nature of American society in the 19th century.” Professor Adam Rothman of Georgetown University traces the history of the Maryland Jesuit slave community, whose legacy is still felt today. *Free; arrive early; limited seating*



Nineteenth Annual Symposium Lincoln Assassination Studies: So Much to Think About

FRIDAY–SUNDAY, APRIL 6–8



John Wilkes Booth

Current researchers and authors in the field share thoughts on how a divided nation dealt with the death of Lincoln, how John Surratt interacted with female agents for the Confederacy, the ongoing stories of Dr. Mudd, the illegalities of the Conspiracy Trial, a CSI: Washington investigation of how the evidence was handled, and more. Also included are off-site bus tours and a dinner program. *Reservation and payment required in advance. Cost: \$185/person—bus tours priced separately. Special hotel rates.*

John Wilkes Booth Escape Route Tours

SATURDAYS, APRIL 14, 21 & 28, 7 AM–7 PM

Follow the trail of President Lincoln's assassin from Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. to his death near Port Royal, Virginia. Relax and enjoy the history and scenery on this 12-hour, fully narrated bus tour. *Reservation and payment required in advance. Cost: \$85/person*



Buffalo Soldiers: Mappers, Explorers, Park Rangers, and Protectors of the West

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 4 PM



Trained and tested by the fires of the American Civil War, African American soldiers moved west to serve as our country expanded. Hardrick Crawford, a member of the Buffalo

Soldiers, 9th and 10th Cavalry Association, discusses how these men served in the harshest conditions and with great distinction, displaying valor in every theater and earning 14 Medals of Honor during the Indian Wars. *FREE; arrive early; limited seating*

Celebrate Our Local Bounty!

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 12 NOON–4 PM



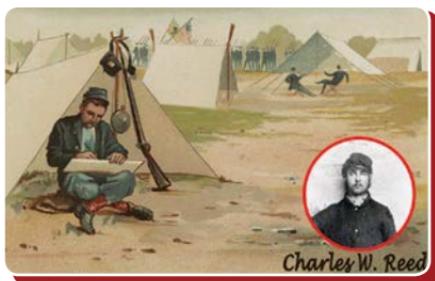
Join us as we celebrate and support the great work of our local farmers and gardeners. Learn from experts on herb, flower, and vegetable gardens. Buy fresh-grown produce and products from local vendors

and enjoy a glorious day outside. While you are here, take a free tour of the museum. *FREE*

The Civil War Through An Artist's Eyes

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 4 PM

While serving with the Army of the Potomac, artist Charles Wellington Reed recorded his observations and experiences of the Civil War through 700+ illustrations. Michelle Krowl from the Library of Congress will discuss Reed and his life through a virtual display of his Civil War art. *FREE; arrive early; limited seating.*



19th Century Hands-On Needlework (needlepoint) Workshop

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 8 AM–4:30 PM

During the mid-19th century, Berlin Wool Work was considered Queen Victoria's favorite needlework and was named after



the thread used to create it. Instructor Carolann Schmitt will teach participants about the history of the art, the yarn and patterns used to create the designs and the techniques used to create a plethora of decorative and fashion accessories.

All supplies will be provided. Advanced reservations and payment required.

Cost: \$70/per person (includes kit)

John Wilkes Booth Escape Route Tours

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 8, 15 & 22, 7 AM–7 PM

Follow the trail of President Lincoln's assassin from Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. to his death near Port Royal, Virginia. Relax and enjoy the history and scenery on this 12-hour, fully narrated bus tour. *Reservation and payment required in advance. Cost: \$85/person*

Bourbon: Sweet, Spicy, and Decadent

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 4 PM

In the 1850s and 60s, the Surratt Tavern provided local patrons with a variety of distilled beverages. Join us as we tempt you with a scrumptious meal and delight in the world of bourbon distilling. Experience the different flavors, aromas and colors of various local bourbons as we taste our way through this spirited evening. *Advance registration required. Must be 21 years or older.*

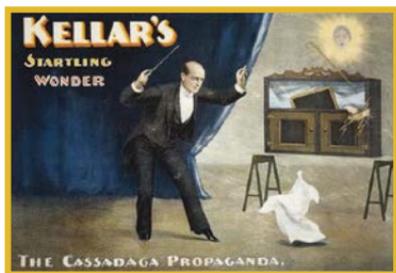


Victorian America and The Golden Age of Magic and Spirits of the Dead

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 4 PM

Please join professional illusionist Michael Cantori for a fascinating journey through the realm of Spiritualism and its affiliation with theatrical magic in 19th- and early-20th century America. This

program will offer both lecture and performance. *FREE; arrive early; limited seating.*



An Old-Fashioned Holiday

NOVEMBER 28–DECEMBER 9

WEDNESDAYS–FRIDAYS, 11 AM–3 PM

SATURDAYS–SUNDAYS, 12 NOON–4 PM

Come celebrate the Christmas of yesteryear amid period decorations, seasonal histories, and holiday discounts in the museum's gift shop. *Regular tour admission.*



Surratt House Museum

9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, Maryland 20735

Directions: From the Capital Beltway (I-95) take Exit 7A, Branch Avenue/Route 5 South. Follow Branch Avenue 3.5 miles and bear right onto Woodyard Road (Route 223). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right and go one mile to the second traffic light. Turn left onto Brandywine Road. Surratt House will be immediately on your left. Follow the fence line to the visitors' center parking lot. Tours begin inside the visitors' center.

Walk-in Tours Available with Costumed Guides January 17–December 9, 2018

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, 11 am – 3 pm*

Saturdays & Sundays, 12 noon – 4 pm*

* Curriculum-based school tours and programs available by appointment.

Admission Fees

Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Children (ages 5–18) \$2,
Under age 5 Free

Special rates for school programs on- and off-site
Gift Shop open during tour hours.

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appointment, 301-868-6185

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