



THE BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIPSSM & MUSEUM & SAMUEL ADAMS BREWERY HONOR NEW TEA-INFUSED 'BREWER PATRIOT ALE' WITH SPECIAL FREE VIRTUAL EVENT ON MARCH 23, 2021

New 2021 Monthly Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum 'Tea Talks' Series Also Launches in March 2021

BOSTON (March 18, 2021) - The **Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum**, a floating museum dedicated to accurately reliving and representing a key time in history from 1773 to 1775, is launching a NEW monthly 'Tea Talks' virtual series in 2021, beginning in March, covering the myths, truths, and untold stories of the Boston Tea Party that can be enjoyed from the comfort and safety of viewers' homes (\$15/talk). A special FREE virtual event will kick-off the series in conjunction with Boston's Samuel Adams Brewery announcing a new tea-infused ale as an ode to Patriot Samuel Adams.

The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum's new 2021 in-depth one-hour virtual monthly 'Tea Talk' series will begin on March 24, 2021 exploring the role of women leading up to and during the American Revolution. April's talk will cover the myths of the Boston Tea Party and in May the focus will be on artist John Singleton Copley who painted portraits many Boston Tea Party Patriots. October's talk will explore the clash in ideologies between Patriots and Tories; and, in November, slave Phillis Wheatly and her intriguing Boston Tea Party will be highlighted. December will mark the Boston Tea Party's 248th anniversary and will be commemorated in telling the dramatic details and compelling stories of this historic event. These 60 minute specialized Zoom webinars, led by Boston Tea Party experts from the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, are designed to be informative, engaging and fun, and ideal for curious minds of all ages -- from parents with kids at home, students, seniors, history buffs and folks looking to learn and expand their horizon with regard to American history.

MARCH 23, 2021 - "SOMETHING NEW IS BREWING IN BOSTON" - FREE SPECIAL VIRTUAL EVENT WITH SAMUEL ADAMS' BOSTON TAPROOM HEAD BREWER HIGHLIGHTING NEW BEER WITH HISTORIC NOD

A special one-hour free online event with the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum and Samuel Adams Brewery will "steep" in history and put focus on the **new Brewer Patriot Ale**, a specialty beer brewed with an historic tea blend of Lapsang Souchong, one of the five tea blends that were thrown overboard during the Boston Tea Party, and will launch the reopening of Samuel Adams Brewery's Boston Taproom on March 24, 2021! Join Samuel Adams' Downtown Boston Taproom Head Brewer Megan Parisi and Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum Creative Manager Evan O'Brien for a live virtual discussion that will highlight the process of brewing Samuel Adams' new tea-infused 'House Ale', discuss the instrumental role that Patriot Samuel Adams played in the Boston Tea Party and weave in fun facts from the Boston Tea Party, "the single most important event leading up to the American Revolution". There will also be a live Q&A session with Megan and Evan open to all following the discussion. Only one date/time available:

- Wed., March 23, 2021: 7 p.m. EST

How to participate:

- This FREE virtual one-hour event will be live-streamed via the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum's Facebook page - @bostontea partyships.

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NEW 2021 BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIPS & MUSEUM VIRTUAL MONTHLY 'TEA TALKS' SERIES

Beginning in March 2021, the following NEW virtual 'Tea Talks' will be presented by the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum. All 'Tea Talks' will run for one-hour, from 7 - 8 p.m. EST each month:

March 24, 2021 - *Remember the Ladies: Women of the American Revolution*

"I desire you would remember the ladies, and be more generous and favorable to them than your ancestors" – Abigail Adams - This 'Tea Talk' will highlight the role of women in Colonial America, specifically during the time of the Boston Tea Party and the American Revolution, and will uncover the contributions and sacrifices made by the Daughters of Liberty during America's struggle for independence.

April 28, 2021 - *The Myths of the Boston Tea Party*

The Boston Tea Party is one of the most recognizable moments in American history, yet it is also one of the most misunderstood. While many artistic depictions of the destruction of the tea exist, they often show an inaccurate or highly romanticized version of the event, and none tell the full story. Were there 342 chests of tea destroyed or 340? Were there three ships involved or four? Were the Sons of Liberty disguised? If so, what did they actually wear? These are just a few of the questions that will be answered and myths that will be dispelled.

May 26, 2021 - *John Singleton Copley and the Boston Tea Party*

The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is thrilled to welcome special guest Tamar Avishai, creator and host of the popular art history podcast, *"The Lonely Palette."* Boston's own John Singleton Copley is often referred to as the finest portrait artist of Colonial America and he painted many of the "patriot heroes" including Samuel Adams, Paul Revere and John Hancock. Copley left Boston in 1774 and relocated to London at the outbreak of the American Revolution. This 'Tea Talk' will explore his American works versus those produced while in Britain which portray black and white assessments of the choices made by Patriots, Loyalists, and the politically neutral in Colonial America.

October 27, 2021 - *The Consignees & Loyalist Perspective*

History is often complicated and complex and the time leading up to the American Revolution was no exception. In the late 1770s, Boston was divided. Many were enraged by "taxation without representation" and supported the protests led by the Sons of Liberty including the "Destruction of the Tea". Others were still very loyal to the Crown and viewed the protests and the tea's destruction as steps gone too far. None felt this tension more than the Tea Consignees, those put in charge of the shipments of tea being sent to the Colonies. This 'Tea Talk' will explore this clash of ideologies, focusing on the Consignees' involvement in the tea crisis of 1773. The differences between the Patriot and Tory perspectives will be explored along with central figures of the Loyalist cause.

November 17, 2021 - *Phillis Wheatley and the Dartmouth*

There were three ships that brought the infamous tea cargos to Boston late in 1773 -- the *Beaver*, the *Eleanor* and the *Dartmouth*. Nestled among the *Dartmouth's* cargo of East India Company tea was a crate of another kind, one that would hold a shipment of the newly published Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral written by Phillis Wheatley. Wheatley was the first woman of African descent, slave, and only the third woman in America to publish a book of poetry. Ms. Wheatly wrote her first poem in 1765 and in 1773 she would publish her famed book of poetry. This 'Tea Talk' will highlight Ms. Wheatly's connection to the Boston Tea Party and her lasting legacy as a poet.

December 8, 2021 - The Boston Tea Party Story

This December 16 marks the 248th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, an event that was described by Founding Father John Adams as, “*the most magnificent movement of all*”. Members of the Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum’s Creative Team will commemorate this historic event and anniversary in highlighting the dramatic details of the *Destruction of the Tea* and discuss the compelling stories of those involved.

How to participate:

- Each ‘Tea Talk’ costs \$15. Participants must register at <https://www.bostontepartyship.com/virtual-museum>.

ABOUT BOSTON TEA PARTY SHIPS & MUSEUM:

The Boston Tea Party, “the single most important event leading up to the American Revolution,” occurred the night of Dec. 16, 1773. Opened in June 2012, The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum, owned and operated by Historic Tours of America, is dedicated to accurately reliving and representing a key time in history (1773-1775). Through actors, tea throwing reenactments, high-tech interactive exhibits, authentic replica ships: the Beaver and the Eleanor, and an award-winning multisensory film, *Let it Begin Here*. The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is open 7 days/week from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Summer/Spring) and from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Fall/Winter). Tours run every 30 minutes in fall/winter and every 15 minutes in spring/summer and last 1 hr. Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum was voted ‘Best Historical Experience’ in *Yankee* ‘2017 Best of New England’, #1 ‘Best Patriotic Attraction’ in *USA Today*’s 10Best Readers' Choice Awards 2016, ‘Best New Museum’ by *Yankee* in 2012 and ‘Best of the New 2012’ by *Boston Globe Magazine*. To learn more visit www.bostontepartyship.com or call 1-855-(TEA)-1773. The Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is located at on the Congress Street Bridge at 306 Congress St., Boston, MA.

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