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News from the American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events



Join us for our Winter Programs!
Beginning January 14

Highlights for our upcoming season include:

- **January 27**, an author's talk by Lauren Duval discussing her new book, *The Home Front: Revolutionary Households, Military Occupation, and the Making of American Independence*;
- **February 17**, the From the Vault series continues with a presentation of library collection items relating to Maj. Gen. Henry Knox and artillery of the American Revolution;
- **March 10**, a lecture given by Eric Jay Dolin discussing privateering during the American Revolution;
- **March 19-22**, Art in Bloom DC; and
- **April 10**, a Lunch Bite given by the Institute's library director, Thomas Lannon, examining Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*.

[Explore our winter programs](#)

Register for our winter programs



Art in Bloom Returns, March 19-22

Tickets on sale beginning January 15!

Join us for the sixth year of Art in Bloom DC hosted at our headquarters, Anderson House. Art in Bloom DC celebrates the art and architecture of Anderson House with floral sculptures inspired by the collections displayed throughout the museum.

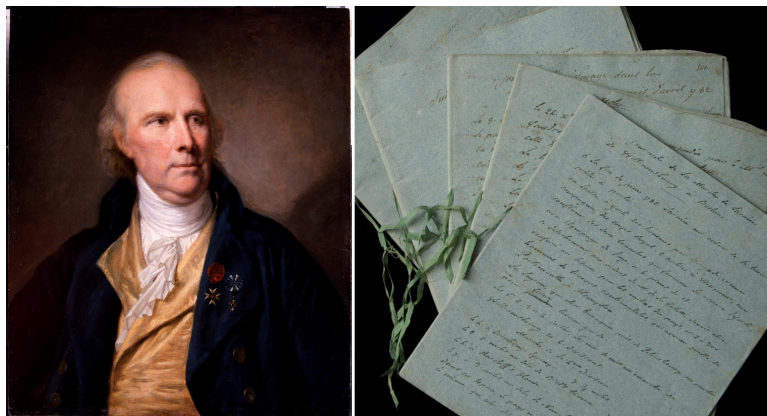
This limited four-day event allows visitors to explore the floral arrangements, tour the museum, and participate in demonstration sessions with featured floral designers.

And join us for two evening receptions—the opening party on Thursday, March 19 and Date Night at Art in Bloom DC on Friday, March 20.

Tickets for Art in Bloom DC go on sale January 15!

[Learn more](#)

Collections



A French Voice of the Revolution

Voices of Revolution opens on February 28

Our upcoming exhibition, *Voices of Revolution*, will explore the variety of people who participated in the Revolutionary War, from a range of backgrounds and on both sides of the conflict, and some of the battlefields where their paths crossed.

One Frenchman featured in the exhibition is François-Ignace Ervoil, chevalier d'Oyré. The son of a high-ranking officer in the French army, Oyré came to America in July 1780 with Rochambeau's force, serving as a captain in the royal corps of engineers. The following year, Oyré and his fellow engineers played a key role in the planning and conduct of the Siege of Yorktown, Virginia, designing and directing the construction of complex siege lines, trenches, batteries, and redoubts that allowed the allied soldiers and their artillery to approach closer to the British lines.

The exhibition will include an original portrait of Oyré as well as letters he wrote home from Virginia in October 1781. Oyré and his men worked tirelessly to support the allied capture of British Redoubts Nine and Ten on the night of October 14-15—"this attack, which was carried out with great vivacity and in the greatest order, succeeded perfectly," wrote the Frenchman. On October 20, the day after the British surrender at Yorktown, Oyré wrote, "the siege is finished. I have seen the English garrison pass and surrender its arms. I am going to go to bed after having spent more than fifty hours working."

Oyré's writings, held in our library collections, will be joined by a 1798 oil portrait by Jean-Baptiste Greuze picturing the French officer later in life, on loan from the Schorr Collection.

See Oyré's portrait and letters on display when *Voices of Revolution* opens on February 28.

Voices of Revolution

Education



2026 Teacher Professional Development Programs

As we embark on the 250th anniversary year celebrating America's independence, we are pleased to announce several teacher professional development programs scheduled for the first quarter of 2026. We hope to see you this winter!

- **January 6**, Institute staff will be in historic Camden, South Carolina, to deliver a day-long workshop for South Carolina teachers at the Revolutionary War Visitors Center sponsored by the Society of the Cincinnati of the State of South Carolina and the SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission (SC250).

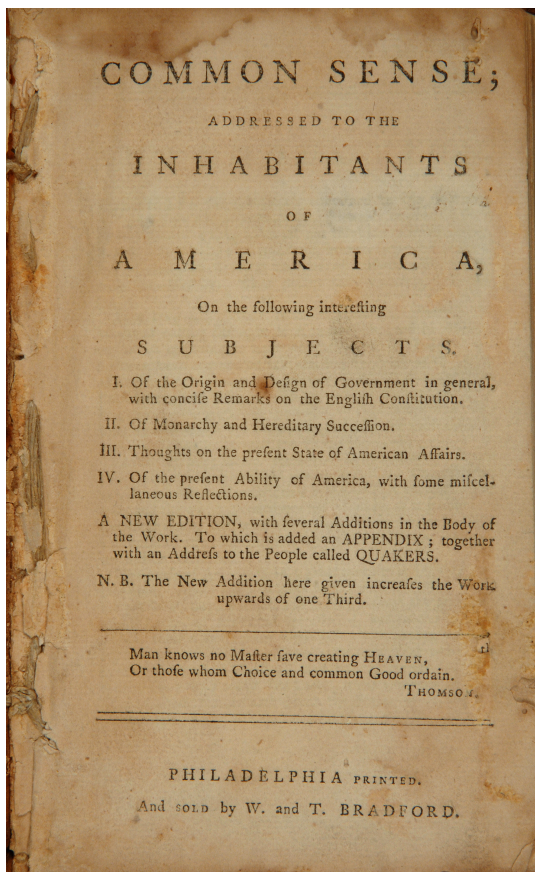
- **February 21**, Institute staff will lead a day-long workshop for Virginia teachers sponsored by the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Virginia at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library in Staunton, Virginia.
- **February 26**, the Institute will co-host a full-day workshop with George Washington's Mount Vernon for Washington, D.C., teachers at our headquarters, Anderson House.
- **March 26-28**, Institute staff will be at the 36th annual National Council for History Education Conference in Montgomery, Alabama.

Workshops for teachers

This Month in Revolutionary History

'Tis Time to Part: Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*

January 10, 1776



250 years ago, Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* was first published by Philadelphia printer Robert Bell. This pamphlet appealed to the colonial audience with a clear outline of the problems caused by the British government and presenting the solution as independence. And, to achieve independence, the colonists needed to unify.

"'Tis not in numbers but in unity that our greatest strength lies...the whole, when united, is able to do anything."

In the pamphlet's first three months, it sold around 120,000 copies and was reprinted in the first year alone around 25 times, with a second and third edition produced by February 1776. The pamphlet was reprinted by small presses and excerpts were published in newspapers. The Institute's edition (pictured here) was printed on February 14, 1776, printed and sold by W. and T. Bradford in Philadelphia. This version of the pamphlet also contains Paine's addition of "An Address to the People Called Quakers."

Common Sense encouraged Americans to commit to independence and sent [shockwaves throughout 1776](#).

The Institute is hosting two upcoming events highlighting *Common Sense* and the year 1776:

- [February 5](#), Edward Larson discussing his new book *Declaring Independence: Why 1776 Matters*
- [April 10](#), a virtual Lunch Bite examining Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*.

Historical Programs This Month

All programs are held in-person at Anderson House unless otherwise specified. Virtual options are available. Admission is free unless otherwise specified and registration is requested. Click the images below to learn more and register, or [click here to view our full calendar of upcoming programs](#).

Virtual Author's Talk

Money and the Making of the American Revolution

Andrew David Edwards, Ph.D.

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
6:30 P.M.
Virtual on Zoom

Author's Talk

The Home Front:

Revolutionary Households, Military Occupation, and the Making of American Independence

Lauren Duval, Ph.D.

Tuesday, January 27, 2026
6:30 P.M.
Anderson House



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The American Revolution secured our independence, created our republic, established our national identity, and expressed ideals of liberty, equality, natural and civil rights, and responsible citizenship that have defined our history and will define our future. The American Revolution Institute of the Society of the Cincinnati promotes knowledge and appreciation of those achievements, fulfilling the aim of the Continental Army officers who founded the Society of the Cincinnati in 1783 to perpetuate the memory of that vast event. The Institute supports advanced study, presents exhibitions and other public programs, advocates effective classroom instruction, and provides resources to teachers and students to enrich understanding of the American Revolution and the principles of the men and women who secured the liberty of the American people.

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