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BRICK STORE MUSEUM TO HOST LECTURE ON LAFAYETTE

KENNEBUNK, MAINE – On Thursday, September 25 at 7PM, the Brick Store Museum is pleased to host Alan R. Hoffman for an evening lecture entitled, “Lafayette, the Farewell Tour, and the New Hampshire and Maine Visits.”

In 1824-1825, the aging American Revolutionary War hero General Lafayette made a triumphal return to America and toured all 24 United States to accept the accolades of his former comrades at arms and the American people. At every stop, including Kennebunk, Maine, in 1825, he was greeted by adoring throngs. The impact of Lafayette and his visit is still seen today in the number of places bearing his name. Lafayette’s private secretary Auguste Levasseur chronicled the year-long tour in his journal, which was published in French in 1829. Today, thanks to Alan R. Hoffman, the first unabridged English translation of Levasseur’s journal is enjoying renewed and widespread acclaim.

Passionate about American history and Lafayette, Hoffman will speak about this epic translation project and recount Lafayette’s historic journey, with particular detail given to his stops in New Hampshire and throughout southern Maine. The lecture and book signing are offered free of charge, with donations gratefully accepted. Advance reservations are not required. Hardcover copies of the translated book, *Lafayette in America in 1824 and 1825*—already in its second printing—will be on sale at the event for \$30. This lecture is made possible by the Museum’s John Rogers Memorial Lecture Fund.

About the Speaker

Alan R. Hoffman, translator, holds a B.A. degree in history from Yale University and a J.D. degree from Harvard Law School. He lives in southern New Hampshire and practices law in Boston. Hoffman spent three years working on the English translation of Levasseur’s journal and readying it for publication. He is a member of the American Friends of Lafayette and the Massachusetts Lafayette Society. Hoffman is well on his way to reaching a personal goal of lecturing about Lafayette in all the same states that the general visited during his farewell tour.

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The Brick Store Museum is located at 117 Main Street in Kennebunk’s historic district and for more than seventy years has been dedicated to preserving and exhibiting the region’s rich cultural heritage. Its galleries and research archives are open to the public year-round: Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 – 4:30 and Saturdays, 10 – 1. Admission to the Museum is by donation, suggested \$5 per person. Visit www.brickstoremuseum.org or call 207.985.4802 for further information.

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