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Crest Arts Pavilion to host performance of ‘Margaret’s Diary During a Revolution’ on June 5 as part of its 250th celebrations

WILDWOOD CREST – The Borough of Wildwood Crest and Classic American Tales are set to host a free performance of “Margaret’s Diary During a Revolution” on Friday, June 5, at 2 p.m. at the Crest Arts Pavilion at 6301 Ocean Avenue.

The performance is free and open to the public. No pre-registration is necessary.

Written and performed by seasoned actor and playwright Gayle Stahlhuth, “Margaret’s Diary During a Revolution” is based on a diary kept by Margaret Morris when tensions between Hessians and patriots were escalating near Trenton in December 1776. As many of Morris’s neighbors fled the Burlington, N.J., area, she decided to stay and write her story.

The scene for the performance is set in the lecture hall in 1795 so Stahlhuth can use Margaret’s diary along with later historical facts. The focus is from Dec. 6, 1776, through Jan. 3, 1777, which includes General George Washington’s triumph at the Battle of Trenton. Nearly all of the narrative from the performance comes straight from Margaret’s diary.

To learn more about other locations for “Margaret’s Diary During a Revolution” and the 2026 season, visit ClassicAmericanTales.org. Classic American Tales (CAT) is a nonprofit theater with the mission to “Tell America’s stories one tale at a time.”

Gayle Stahlhuth is an actor, director, playwright, producer, storyteller, and teacher. From 1999 through 2022 she was producing artistic director of East Lynne Theater Company and currently is founding artistic director of Classic American Tales in Cape May, NJ. She has performed off-Broadway, in tours, regional theater, TV and film, and toured the country with one-person shows she created. Gayle is a member of The Dramatists Guild, SAG-AFTRA and AEA. The National League of Professional Women honored her in 2016 for her work in theater, and she is listed in the newest edition of *The Cambridge Guide to American Theatre* (2008). She lives in New Jersey and Manhattan.

The performance of “Margaret’s Diary During a Revolution” is the first of a number of events planned by the Borough of Wildwood Crest in conjunction with its celebrations surrounding the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Other events include a Flag Day Ceremony at Sunset Lake on June 12, a lecture on the Battle of Turtle Gut Inlet at the Crest Arts Pavilion on June 23, a Reenactment of the Battle of Turtle Gut Inlet at Sunset Lake on June 28, a Patriotic Drone Show at Sunset Lake on June 29, a patriotic baby parade at Centennial Park on July 1, a live reading of the Declaration of Independence ahead of live music by the Legacy Band at Centennial Park on July 4 and more.

For more information, call (609) 522-0221 or call (609) 523-0202.