

# John Adams Unbound

June 23 - August 6, 2010

## Related Programs

**Of the People or for the People: Getting the Government We Deserve**

**Saturday, June 26, 2–3 p.m., U.S. Bank Room**

Do the failures of modern governance and politics have more to do with a crisis of leadership or a crisis of citizenship? What can we as citizens do to improve the political discourse and the quality of public life? Join us for a free conversation with Jeff Golden, former host of Jefferson Public Radio's Jefferson Exchange.

**Opening Reception**

**Sunday, June 27, 1–3:30 p.m., U.S. Bank Room**

Join us for refreshments, music and a bit of American history. William C. Stack, educator and historian, will share opening remarks about John Adams and the exhibit, followed by music from the time of John Adams, performed by the Ensemble De Organographia.

**Paper Crafts for All Ages with Colleen Cavin**

**Sundays, July 18–August 1, 2010, 1–4 p.m., U.S. Bank Room**

Have some papercrafting fun this summer — and learn a little bit of history, too! Colleen Cavin is a fifth generation Oregonian. She studied calligraphy and book binding in Portland and then armed with a BA in art history and a Fulbright scholarship, she went to England to hone those skills. In 2003 she was elected a Fellow into the prestigious London-based Society of Scribes and Illuminators. She teaches calligraphy and book binding (and their respective histories) in the Portland area.

**Paper Marbling: Jul 18 Printmaking: Jul 25 Simple Book Making: Aug 1**



Unknown artist, John Adams, undated

**Central Library · Collins Gallery**

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Believing that an "ample and well chosen Assortment of Books" could serve both intellectual and political purposes, President John Adams (1735-1826) assembled one of the greatest private libraries in early America. The traveling exhibition is based upon the gallery exhibition of the same name mounted by the Boston Public Library in 2006, the first public display of Adams's complete 3,500-book collection. The John Adams Library has been on deposit at the Boston Public Library since 1894.

## Scavenger Hunt

Can you find the following items hidden throughout the exhibition?

THE LIBRARY: Can you spot the upside down book on John Adams's library shelf? (Hint: don't lose your marbles trying to look for this!).



FELLOW MEN: Can you locate all four signatures by John Adams on the "little Cicero" book from his childhood days?

CLIENTS: What is the name of the street where the Boston Massacre took place in 1770? (Hint: it was changed after the American Revolution, for obvious reasons).



COUNTRY: What is surprising about the trees in the "cartouche" depicting Plymouth Rock in the lower right corner of the map? (Hint: the map is of New England).

FORTUNE: Can you find the city of Pompeii on the 1514 Italian Archeology map from De Nola Opusculum? (Hint: it was buried by volcanic ash from nearby Vesuvius.)

POWER: What famous book did Mary Wollstonecraft's daughter Mary write? (Hint: it became a monster best seller).

POWER: How many words did Adams write in the margins of Mary Wollstonecraft's Historical and Moral View of the French Revolution?

FAME: Can you find the following name?

Mr. John Herring, Norwich.

GOD: Locate six titles on religion that are written in French on these panels.

BONUS SEARCHES: Scan the whole exhibition to see if you can find the following images: an anchor, Benjamin Franklin, two horses pulling a carriage, and a carved wooden lion.

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The Branford P. Millar Library Special Collections at Portland State University will be displaying a companion exhibit between June 22–August 17, 2010.

