

THE BIRTH OF FREEDOM: A FRESH LOOK AT THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (163)

Fridays, 1:00 - 2:30 (6 Classes 2/2 thru 3/8) in Room 19

Tuition \$45

Walk-in \$12 Pay prior to the class in the Center 4Life Learning office.

Update your grasp of the American Revolution with the new documents discovered since we went to school. The founding of our nation as a democratic republic is a watershed event in world history. Thomas Paine urged us to “begin the world over again.” Take a second look at this era and your understanding and respect for the founders will grow. You will start with the rich European roots of the Revolution. From this broader perspective, the flaws of our founders’ pale in comparison with their gigantic achievement. Follow their struggle as they decide to establish 13 republics in a world of otherwise absolute monarchy and Established Religions. Along this pathway, we meet colorful and charismatic characters like the philosopher John Locke, Madame Pompadour, England’s great prime minister William Pitt, enlightenment thinker Benjamin Franklin, the revolutionary spark plug Sam Adams, and his foil Lord Hillsborough. It will be a blast!

Dan Madden, PhD, grew up in Salem Massachusetts where THE PAST was everywhere. He earned his BA at Boston College, focusing on Medieval and European History. For his master’s and PhD, he travelled to the far distant land of the UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN in MADISON. There, he specialized in American Constitutional History. Dan worked for thirty years as an Economic Development Consultant. Upon his retirement, for reasons unclear to him, he started writing books on History. His first was THE TWISTY TRAIL FROM HOMER TO COPERNICUS. Undaunted by weak sales, he forged ahead and authored two books on the era from 1745-1789. They are ROOTS OF THE FIRST AMERICAN REPUBLICS and BEGINNING THE WORLD OVER AGAIN. These books led to popular lectures at Aston Gardens here in Sun City Center. Dan has also served as a panelist at the Dahlonega Literary Festival in Georgia and has introduced his Books to a ZOOM audience in Waunakee Wisconsin. Dan has taught American Revolution for three years at Aston Garden, three semesters at the Center 4Life Learning, and the Freedom Plaza Graduate School. Recently, he addressed the Sons of the American Revolution and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Dan lives at Freedom Plaza in Sun City Center with his wife, Judy, and a precocious lovebird named Sunshine. The couple have two children and two grandchildren. Dan loves birdwatching, Mexican Train dominoes, and learning Spanish.