

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



A full day of family fun with live music, games, entertainment and a spectacular fireworks show comes to the Fort Vancouver National Trust for the 50th anniversary of Independence Day at Fort Vancouver on Thursday, July 4.

## Independence Day at Fort Vancouver

50th anniversary celebration at historic site

Independence Day at Fort Vancouver presented by Bank of America, takes place on Thursday, July 4 at the Fort Vancouver National Site.

Families will find a full schedule of activities, culminating with an impressive fireworks show. The event is produced by the nonprofit Fort Vancouver National Trust.

Fort Vancouver has a 49 year history of providing the community with an exceptional fireworks display - and the best is yet to come for this year's 50th Anniversary celebration!

Using state of the art fireworks synchronized to music, the 2013 display will once again be launched from Pearson Air Field, providing attendees an exciting fireworks show. Fireworks may not be visible from Portland or the Columbia River.

"The Independence Day at Fort Vancouver firework show is a beloved and long-standing community tradition," said Brandi Campbell, southwest Washington consumer banking manager, Bank of America. "Bank of America is pleased to play a role in ensuring that this important economic engine and community event continues, and we're especially proud to have helped bring the fireworks back to the community."

Featuring live music, games, entertainment, food and more, this event has something fun for everyone. It all begins Thursday, July 4, with gates opening at 8 a.m. Entertainment kicks-off at Noon, the Kids' Patriotic Parade presented by Fred Meyer begins at 4 p.m. and the spectacular fireworks show launches at 10:05 p.m.

The Vancouver Toyota Main Stage will feature a wide variety of local and regionally recognized entertainers, including Beat Frequency and Hit Machine.

General admission is \$5 in advance and \$7 at the gate for those 13 and over. Kids 12 and under are free. Purchase tickets online at [fortvan.org/fourth](http://fortvan.org/fourth) or at any southwest Washington Fred Meyer location.

## Exhibit Open on July 4 Holiday

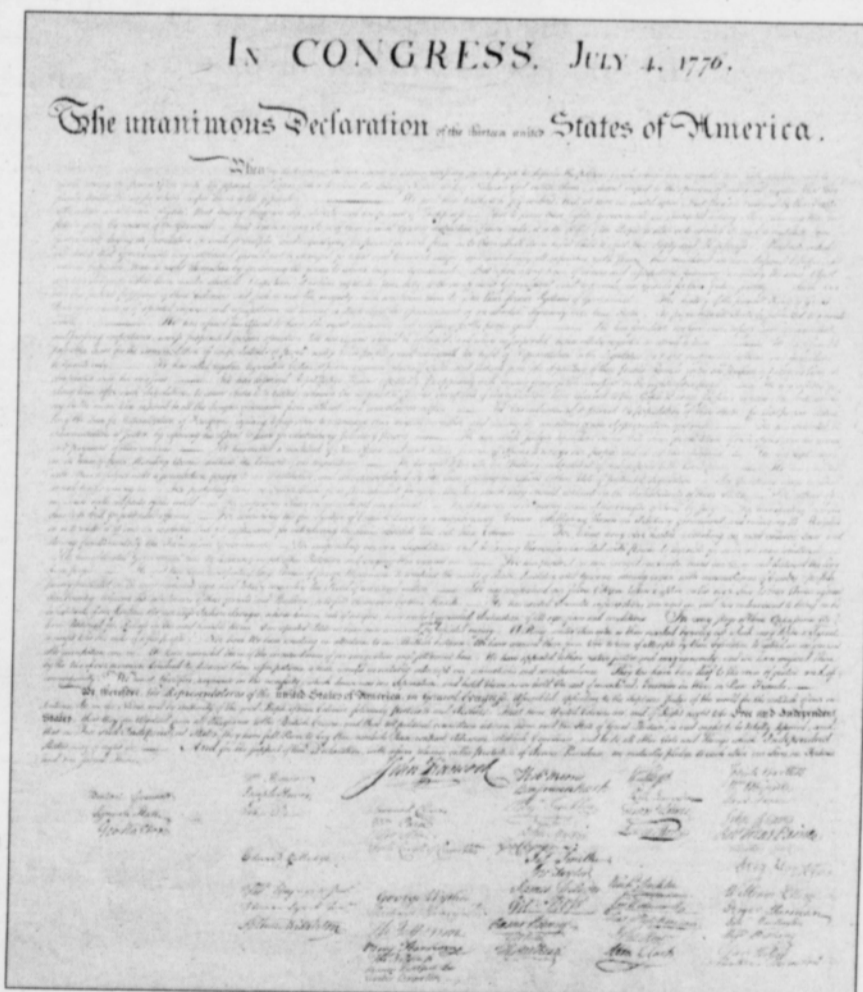
In celebration of the Oregon History Museum's new presidential exhibit "Windows on America," the museum will be open on Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On exhibit are two rare copies of the Declaration of Independence, never before on public display.

Americans treasured the declaration of July 4, 1776, asserting their independence. However, it was not until 1818 that Americans were able to see the text in engraved writing as opposed to print.

One of the copies of the document on display is from John Binns, a publisher of newspapers and engravings of famous Americans, whose illustrated work was reproduced in 1872 as the first photo-engraving in the world.

The second is a rare stone copy of the original Declaration. In 1802, John Quincy Adams hired William J. Stone to create an exact facsimile of the Declaration of Independence.

Another priceless treasure of American democracy on display is a hand-written letter from Thomas Jefferson to legislative leaders in the state of Georgia, expressing his appreciation for helping elect him to the presidency.



Two rare copies of the Declaration of Independence will be on display as part of a new presidential exhibit 'Windows on America,' at the Oregon History Museum.

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