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RAISE A PINT TO GEORGE!

INDULGE IN COLONIAL-THEMED FOOD AND LIBATIONS DURING GENERAL GEORGE'S BEER GARDEN AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

***Includes exclusive access to Discover the Real George Washington exhibition
before it opens to the public***

Philadelphia, PA (June 6, 2011) – George Washington: Commander in Chief of the Continental Army. Leader of the Constitutional Convention. America's first president. Accomplished whiskey distiller and beer enthusiast? That's right – Washington owned one of the largest, most successful commercial distilling operations of his day and brewed his very own beer during the Revolutionary War. Guests can raise a glass in tribute to the "Father of Our Country" during **General George's Beer Garden** at the National Constitution Center. The fun-filled event will take place on the Center's outdoor terrace on Thursday, June 30, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. In addition to the festivities, participants will have the opportunity to see the *Discover the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon* exhibition the day before it opens to the public.

General George's Beer Garden will feature General George's Tavern Porter, part of Yards Brewing Company's popular "Ales of the Revolution" series. The recipe closely follows that of Washington's beer, which he created to satisfy the thirst of his field officers during the war. Guests can enjoy a pint or create refreshing ice cream floats using the molasses-based porter. Yards Brewmaster Steve Mashington will be on hand to discuss the brewing process. In homage to Washington's background as a whiskey distiller, specialty cocktails featuring Jack Daniel's new Tennessee Honey Whiskey also will be served.

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To compliment the beverages, the Center's exclusive caterer, Max & Me, has created a special colonial-inspired menu featuring tasty fare that Washington and his fellow delegates might have indulged in: smoked trout, corn chowder, Welsh rarebit, shepherd's pie, and apple cobbler. While savoring these tasty treats, guests also can go head-to-head during a Washington-themed Quizzo game.

Special tours of *Discover the Real George Washington* exhibition will take place at 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Admission to General George's Beer Garden is \$15 for museum members and \$20 for non-members (ages 21+) and includes advanced access to *Discover the Real George Washington* and admission to the Center's core exhibition, *The Story of We the People*. Reservations can be made by calling 215.409.6700 or online at www.constitutioncenter.org.

General George's Beer Garden sponsors include: Yards Brewing Company, Jack Daniel's, Max & Me Catering, Rolling Barrell Events, and T & J Plant Rentals.

From July 1 through September 5, 2011, the National Constitution Center will host *Discover the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon*. Organized by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association and funded by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, the exhibition provides a new and refreshing perspective on Washington, his achievements, legacies, family, intellectual pursuits, and entrepreneurial ventures. Full-scale figures of Washington, architectural models, decorative and fine art items, maps, manuscripts, and paintings reveal his personal side and uncover his roles as an entrepreneur, farmer, and businessman.

Admission to *Discover the Real George Washington* is \$15 for adults and \$14 for seniors (ages 65 and up) and students. During the Center's first-ever Kids Free Summer, children ages 12 and under are FREE. Active members of the military are also FREE. Group rates also are available. Admission to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, including the award-winning theater production "Freedom Rising," is

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included. iPod audio tours cost an additional \$5. For ticket information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive, multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising." The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit www.constitutioncenter.org.

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