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# July 2011

A MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

## *"Be a Victory Canner" Poster*

"Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses, yearning to breathe free,  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

These words, written by Emma Lazarus, are found inscribed upon the tablet held by the Statue of Liberty, given as a gift to the United States from France in 1886. Located on Liberty Island, New York (formerly known as Bedloe's Island), this iconic statue has symbolized patriotism and freedom often associated with the United States. Found in the records of the National Archives at Kansas City is this "Be a Victory Canner" poster. Created by a child during World War I, it evokes similar patriotic undertones with the depiction of Lady Liberty as a Victory Canner.

The poster is found in the Records of the U.S. Food Administration, a short-lived Federal agency created in 1917 as a part of the Food and Fuel Control Act. During World War I this agency was responsible for regulating the supply, distribution, and conservation of products for the Allies. Such items needed for conservation were fuel, wool, sugar, and wheat.

This "Be a Victory Canner" poster is one of eight created by elementary students in Iowa as a part of the publicity and propaganda activities coordinated by the U.S. Food Administration. The intent was to encourage the community to not only understand why food conservation was important, but to appropriately conserve items, which included canning, that could be needed for war efforts.

The Federal Government had already turned to its citizens and encouraged them to plant "Liberty Gardens." The goal was to encourage individuals to provide their own fruits and vegetables while appealing to their sense of patriotism. Canning was an important part of the liberty garden program, as it allowed the bounty of the harvest to be preserved for the winter.

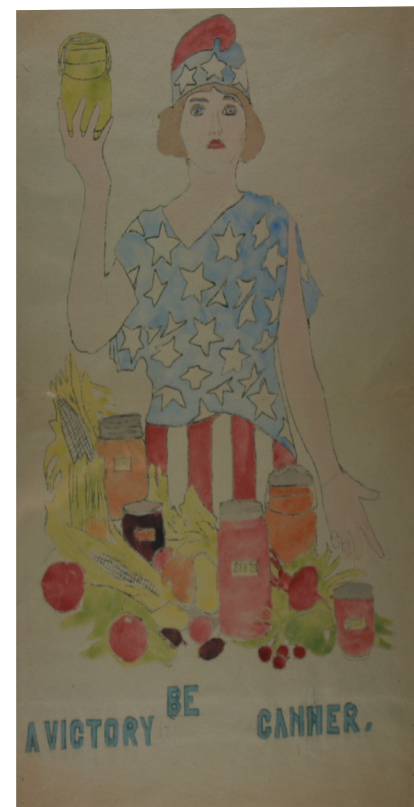
Planting such gardens was commonplace during both World War I and II. In addition to indirectly aiding war efforts, the gardens and canning were considered a civilian morale booster, in that gardeners and canners would feel empowered by their contribution of labor and rewarded by the produce grown. By the end of World War I, there

were over 5.3 million "Liberty Gardens" in the United States. The program was so successful that it was reinstated during World War II as the Victory Garden Campaign.

The U.S. Food Administration was rendered obsolete by the armistice in Europe. President Woodrow Wilson promoted its transition in a new agency for the support of the reconstruction of Europe. It became the American Relief Administration on February 25, 1919.

Textual records from the U.S. Food Administration can be found in all the regional archives locations within the National Archives. In addition, *What's Cooking, Uncle Sam?* is an exhibition currently available for viewing, through January 3, 2012 at the National Archives in Washington, DC, which highlights additional food and drink items found throughout the entire National Archives regional facilities and the Presidential Libraries.

*Below:* Records of the U.S. Food Administration, poster designed by Burton Magee of Monroe, Iowa, Record Group 4



# NARA WestCoast July 2011

**Alki Point Lighthouse, July 21, 1944**  
Records of the United States Coast Guard  
Record Group 26  
Courtesy of National Archives at Seattle



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>Exhibit:</b> <b>Seattle, WA</b> <b>"Woman's Suffrage in Washington"</b> <b>7/1/-8/20/11</b>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					<b>San Bruno, CA Federal Land Records</b> 9 A.M.-1 P.M. Reference Workshop Genealogists 650-238-3501	<b>Seattle, WA Overview of the National Archives</b> 10-11:30 A.M. Workshop Genealogists 206-336-5115 <hr/> <b>Seattle, WA The National Archives Online</b> 1-2:30 P.M. Workshop Genealogists 206-336-5115
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	<b>Anchorage, AK Campfire Summer Program Tour</b> 10:30-11:30 A.M. Tour K-12 Students 907-261-7800			<b>Seattle, WA "Brick Wall" Genealogical Discussion Group</b> 11:30 A.M.-1 P.M. Workshop Genealogists 206-336-5115		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
					<b>San Bruno, CA Freedmen's Bureau Records</b> 9 A.M.-Noon Reference Workshop Genealogists 650-238-3501	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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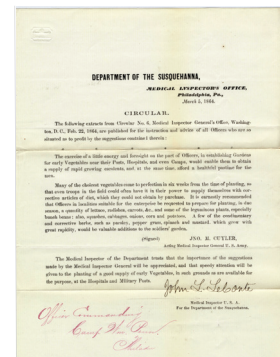
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# NARA East Coast July 2011

Memo received at Camp William Penn,  
Records of the Provost Marshal General's  
Bureau (Civil War), Record Group 110  
Courtesy of National Archives at Philadelphia



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			<b>Exhibit: Philadelphia, PA "Civil War Road Show" 7/1-7/5/11</b>		Philadelphia, PA <b>First Friday Genealogy Open House</b> Noon General Public 215-606-0100	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
					New York, NY <b>New York's National Treasures</b> Noon-2 P.M. General Public 866-840-1752  Morrow, GA <b>Open Ceremony: Slavery and Freedom in Black and White</b> 6 P.M. General Public 770-968-2555	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Washington, DC <b>The Frozen Sucker War: Good Humor v. Popsicle</b> Noon Lecture General Public 215-606-0100  Waltham, MA <b>Introduction to Genealogy</b> 2 P.M. Workshop and Tour General Public 866-406-2379	Waltham, MA <b>Immigration, Migration, &amp; American Identity</b> 8:30 A.M. Workshop K-12 Teachers 866-406-2379  Philadelphia, PA <b>Saluting Camp William Penn</b> 6 P.M. Open House General Public 215-606-0100			Waltham, MA <b>Mass Memories Roadshow</b> 10 A.M. General Public 781-663-0130  Brentwood, NY <b>Intro to Genealogy at NARA</b> 10 A.M. Workshop Genealogists 866-840-1752
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Quincy, MA <b>Teach the Constitution: It's the Law</b> 8:30 A.M. Workshop K-12 Teachers 866-406-2379		New York, NY <b>Family History Game Show at Ellis Island Museum</b> Noon-3 P.M. Workshop General Public 866-840-1752  Bedford, MA <b>Using Docs Teach in the Classroom</b> 8 A.M. Workshop K-12 Teachers 866-406-2379	<b>Exhibit: Boston, MA "Documented Rights" Ongoing</b>	
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31					<b>Exhibit: Philadelphia, PA "Documented Rights" 5/13-8/19/11</b>	

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