

## Clinton & Bush 41 Presidential Libraries May Exhibit Historical Figures®



*The Clinton Library & Museum in Little Rock, AR and The George H. W. Bush Library in College Station, TX are the newest of thirteen presidential libraries. Clinton photo by John Groen.*

### ***Largest Ever Exhibit of Stuart Figures Outside Ventura Could Open Six-Month Runs in December 2011 and 2012***

**The Foundation vision to promote travelling exhibits was given a big boost** when the Clinton Library curator contacted HFF in January about an exhibit of Historical Figures. Thanks to Stuart supporter Deborah Carroll of Hot Springs, the Clinton Staff had seen the MVC booklet and had studied the HFF website. In late April, HFF supporters Leroy and Ria Becker, drove Lincoln Era Figures across country to meeting with Library officials.

The Clinton Library could be the first of many presidential sites to feature the art and history of George Stuart. After presenting the "American Treasures" in Little Rock, the Beckers drove to the George H. W. Bush Presidential Library in College Station, TX where the Figures were received enthusiastically.

At this time, MVC is negotiating with the Clinton and Bush Libraries to loan about 45 American Patriots & Founders and Lincoln Era Figures for exhibits in 2011 and 2012.

**George Stuart and his Historical Figures would feel right at home in a presidential library**, where history and art are equally welcome. The Figures loaned from the collections of Mr. Stuart and MVC cover the two great wars fought on U. S. soil.

The Foundation proposes to place the Figures in historical context with several educational programs, including printed and audio gallery guides featuring commentary by Mr. Stuart. In addition, Mr. Stuart will most likely give three performances during opening week. The education specialists at the Clinton Museum regularly design special learning materials and games for young visitors. It will be interesting to see what they create with the Figures and their unique history.

MVC staff will coordinate the loan of the Figures, while Mr. Stuart and HFF volunteers will develop the print and audio guides.



*Examples of the 45 Revolutionary and Lincoln Era Figures to be exhibited.\*\**

# Historical Figures News

## Support Mr. Stuart by Attending Summer Monologs in New 200-Seat MVC Pavilion



Revolutionary rabble rousers spread discontent with English rule.\*\*



English and American warriors of the Revolutionary War.\*\*

As part of the Phase One Expansion, The Historical Figures returned home to the Smith Gallery in time for the Museum's July 4th grand opening.

Performances of the first Stuart Monolog in the spacious new Pavilion is titled "Liberty! The genius of the people." The new venue can seat nearly 200, so there should be room for all.

**"Liberty! The genius of the people!"**

**A George Stuart Monolog**

**Two Performances only:**

**Tuesday, July 27 at 1:30PM**

**Tuesday, August 24 at 7:30PM**

## Final California Street Monolog Focused on Luther



"Ein Brief D. Martin Luther".\*\*



Martin Luther flanked by adversary Pope Leo X and German Language Bible.\*\*

With the completion of Phase One of the Museum expansion, Mr. Stuart's Monolog performances will be moved to the brand new Pavilion in early July. In May Stuart gave one final performance at the MVC California Street site.

Displaying Historical Figures along side period artifacts brings history to life. The Historical Figures of Martin Luther and Pope Leo X complimented an original German language Bible printed in 1478.

# Foundation Projects

## Three New Figure Groups Added to Digital Image Library



*Gettysburg is one of five Lincoln Figures in the Collection.\**

The Digital Image Library is on schedule for completion this year, thanks to contributions from HFF members and a grant from the Smith-Hobson Foundation. In recent months, Figures of the **Lincoln Era**, the **Renaissance and Reformation** and the **Movement West** have been added to the library database.

These new additions take the library to over 300 Figures, with only two groups remaining to be photographed—the Naples Museum’s Collection of French Figures and Mr. Stuart’s Germanic Legend & Myth Collection.

The new images are already playing important roles in HFF and MVC activities. In March and April, the new groups were published on the HFF website at [www.galleryhistoricalfigures.com](http://www.galleryhistoricalfigures.com).

New photography of Martin Luther and Charles V helped promote the current monolog performances and many Reformation Figures were incorporated in Mr. Stuart’s PowerPoint presentation.

Plans underway for the summer exhibit of the American Figures will utilize the Digital Image Library in many ways. Besides event promotion, images will be used extensively in monologs given in the new pavilion. (*See article on opposite page.*)



*Pope Alexander VI, Lorenzo de Medici and the Mayan Prince are striking examples of the diversity of Figures on the HFF website.\**

# Foundation News

## New Tucson Miniatures Museum May Host Historical Figures Exhibit



*Ultra modern exterior belies a premiere miniatures museum . Photos compliments of the museum.*

Foundation Board Member Pat Bergen treated visitors Ria and Leroy Becker to a tour of a beautiful boutique museum specializing in collections of miniatures.

The Mini-Time Machine in Tucson, AZ was created from the imagination and dedication of Founders, Patricia and Walter Arnell. A life-long collector, Ms. Arnell has a fondness for miniatures, especially antique doll houses and collectables.

The Time Machine staff were fascinated by the three Historical Figures displayed by the Foundation team. Soon ideas flew about how to exhibit them.

Because of the Spanish influence on the history of the area, thoughts turned to the Movement West Collection, especially Father Kino, a local hero.

*Father Eubesio Kino, the Austrian Jesuit was dauntless in his travels through the barren deserts of the Sonora and Baja regions of Mexico. His maps and charts were used through the 19th century, and his missions stand today. It is believed that he introduced cattle ranching to the west.\**

## MVC Store to Feature Prints and DVDs during Exhibit of American Patriots & Founders this Summer



*Abigail and John Adams illustrate how Historical Figures look in 12 3/4-inch frames.\*\**

Each of us have our favorite Historical Figures, but the heroes of the American Revolutionary and Civil Wars resonate with everyone. After all, these very special people shaped our history more than any other.

Now images of these Americans will be available in full color 8.5 by 11 prints or in frames.

The MVC Store also has available all of the Foundation's DVD titles about the Figures and their creator.