

# Betsy Ross: The Real Story

**A**s we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, join us to hear the story of Betsy Ross (1752–1836), a legendary Philadelphia figure often credited with designing and making the first American “stars and stripes” flag. Historians have pointed out, however, that there is no archival evidence to substantiate this story.

Betsy was one of thousands of average colonists who helped the American cause prevail against the British. Upholsterer, flag maker, seamstress, wife, mother, and Quaker, she contributed to the war effort by making tents and flags and repairing uniforms. There is evidence that she made flags for the Pennsylvania Navy during the American Revolution, and she continued to make U.S. flags for over 50 years.

Hear renowned storyteller **ALISA DUPUY** tell all about Betsy, her husbands (plural), and her contributions to American independence as well as her connections to America's preeminent Founding Fathers. You'll find that the real story is far more interesting than the legend!



Presented by **Alisa Dupuy**



**The Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia**



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**Saturday, March 21, 2 to 3 p.m.**