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**The Old North Church & Historic Site Kicks Off Independence Day Weekend with Paul Revere Readings, Live Music and a Book Signing featuring Make Way for Ducklings Sculptor Nancy Schön
Saturday, July 3**

- WHAT:** On Saturday, July 3, Old North Church & Historic Site will celebrate Independence Day weekend with a one-day family friendly event. Known for “One if by land, and two if by sea,” and the midnight ride of Paul Revere, the legacy of Boston’s oldest surviving church as a symbol of freedom is discussed in history and civics classrooms nationwide.
- This year’s event will include the **MIT Guild of Bellringers** ringing of Old North Church’s eight change ringing bells, dramatic readings of Longfellow’s Paul Revere’s Ride poem, an organ performance featuring patriotic music by **Dr. Libor Dudas**, the Middlesex County Volunteer Fife & Drums, and a book signing with **Nancy Schön**, best known for her Make Way for Ducklings sculpture.
- WHO:** **Nikki Stewart**, Executive Director of the Old North Church & Historic Site, will be onsite for interviews and can speak to Old North’s place in American history. **Nancy Schön** is also available to discuss her new book, Ducks on Parade.
- WHEN:** Saturday, April 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
***Best interview/photo/filming opportunities**
- **10 a.m.:** Bellringing by the MIT Guild of Bellringers
 - **11:30 a.m.:** Dramatic reading of Longfellow’s Paul Revere’s Ride
 - **Noon:** Organ performance featuring patriotic music by Dr. Libor Dudas
 - **1 p.m.:** Middlesex County Volunteer Fife & Drums
 - **1:30 p.m.:** Dramatic reading of Longfellow’s Paul Revere’s Ride
 - **2:30 p.m.:** Book signing with Nancy Schön
- WHY:** Old North Church is a beacon of American independence.
- The Old North Church & Historic Site and its Foundation work to promote the values of freedom, liberty, and active citizenship through the interpretation and preservation of the Old North Church, K-12 educational experiences, site-specific programming, and historical analysis. The organization facilitates dialogue around the ongoing impact of slavery and racism in the U.S. and promotes active citizenship to create a more perfect union that reflects the promise of liberty and justice for all. For more information, visit: www.oldnorth.com.
- WHERE:** Old North Church & Historic Site, 193 Salem St, Boston, MA 02113
- SOCIAL:** Old North Church on social media: Facebook ([@oldnorth1723](https://www.facebook.com/oldnorth1723)); Twitter ([@OldNorth1723](https://twitter.com/OldNorth1723)); Instagram ([@oldnorth1723](https://www.instagram.com/oldnorth1723)); and YouTube ([Old North Church & Historic Site](https://www.youtube.com/OldNorthChurch&HistoricSite)).
- HOW:** For interview opportunities, call Allison Epstein at 203-915-8364 or email allison@teakmedia.com. | **Onsite media contact: Nikki Stewart: 617-513-5999.**

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