

# The Friends of Hopewell Furnace



**America's 250:**

**Abigail Adams, Founding Mother**

**Dr. Ilise Feitshans, Author, Educator, Lawyer  
Widener University**

**When:** Sunday, May 11, 2025, at 2pm

**Where:** Hopewell Furnace Visitor Center Theatre  
2 Mark Bird Lane, Elverson, PA 19520



**Free**

**Abigail Adams** (1744-1818) 2nd First Lady of the United States and mother of President John Quincy Adams, is perhaps best known as the advocate for independence and equality for women through her famous letters from her home in Massachusetts which is now a national park. Her writings are prized as the conceptual underpinnings of the American Revolutionary War. She beseeched her husband John Adams and his colleague Thomas Jefferson to “Remember the Ladies” noting “**Men of Sense in all Ages abhor those customs which treat us only as the vassals of your Sex.**” ... “**Do not put such unlimited power into the hands of the Husbands. Remember all Men would be tyrants if they could.**” She further wrote regarding slavery among the legislative drafters whose most famous phrase is the “**All men are created equal**” that.... “**the passion for Liberty cannot be Equally Strong in the Breasts of those who have been accustomed to deprive their fellow Creatures of theirs.**” Dr. Ilise Feitshans JD and ScM and DIR, President Virginia Mountain Valley Lawyers Alliance Specialty Bar, Roanoke Virginia, will provide a unique perspective on the legacy of America’s Founding Mother.

*Due to capacity limitations in the park's theatre, those interested in attending are encouraged to arrive as early as possible prior to the advertised start time to ensure a seat.*