

## Enjoying Tea

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### Serenity Tearoom

119 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701

301-695-8327, [www.serenitytearoom.com](http://www.serenitytearoom.com)

In the heart of historic downtown Frederick, this traditional tearoom serves a delightful tea menu. Enjoy afternoon tea or lunch, with exceptional loose tea selections and homemade delights. English golden raisin scones are made in house with lemon curd and clotted cream. Desserts include chocolate-covered strawberries, tea cookies, and French pastries. (\$22-\$35 per person)

### Shannon's Tea House

244 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701

301-898-2517, [www.shannonsteahouse.com](http://www.shannonsteahouse.com)

A new addition to historic Frederick, this wonderful tea house is part of an art gallery displaying photography, paintings, and crafts by local artisans. Traditional afternoon tea with scones, savories, and sweets is available, along with a full lunch menu including salads and paninis. (Menu prices vary)

### Inn at Buckeystown

3521 Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown, MD 21717

301-874-5755, [www.innatbuckeystown.com](http://www.innatbuckeystown.com)

A relaxed atmosphere complements the historic inn where afternoon tea includes personal pots of loose tea, fresh hot and cold soups, creative tea sandwiches, savories, and sweets. (\$25 per person)

### Cozy Tearoom

103 Frederick Road, Thurmont, MD 21788

301-271-7373, [www.cozyvillage.com](http://www.cozyvillage.com)

Part of the established Cozy Restaurant on the outskirts of downtown Thurmont, this tearoom serves homemade soups, salad, fresh scones, sweets, and your choice of hot tea, iced tea, or sparkling cider. (Menu prices vary)

### Beans in the Belfry

122 West Potomac Street, Brunswick, MD 21716

301-834-7178, [www.beansinthebelfry.com](http://www.beansinthebelfry.com)

Open daily as a café, this popular spot offers a unique setting including live musicians and traditional afternoon tea service. Afternoon tea service includes an assortment of teas, cranberry or golden raisin scones, tea sandwiches, petits fours, biscuits, and shortbreads. (Menu prices vary)

By Erin Pelicano

# Major Gallery Renovation to Open at Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum

## "Pioneers of Flight" Has New Exhibits

Nearly 35 years after the opening of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum on the National Mall, one of its original galleries is undergoing its first comprehensive overhaul. "Pioneers of Flight," devoted to the growth and influence of aviation and rocketry in the 1920s and 1930s, will hew closer to its original intention with both a broader collection of artifacts and a more in-depth look at this pivotal period in aviation history. The majority of the gallery will be unveiled to the public on Aug. 30, with the remaining one-third scheduled to open on Nov. 20.

Many of the same aircraft — meticulously cleaned and repaired after decades on display — will be back in the gallery, but now surrounded by artifacts that tell the backstories of these famous flights. "It will be a completely new experience, with more information, artifacts, and interactives," says Dorothy Cochrane, one of the exhibition curators.

Lindbergh's Lockheed Sirius *Tingmissartog* is back, now surrounded by a treasure trove of Lindbergh memorabilia that had been in storage for decades — from



Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Vega is among the exhibits in the "Pioneers of Flight" gallery.

flight suits and packing lists to tins of food and aeronautical tools. "We've got some really cool artifacts that people will be very excited about — artifacts that have never before been on display," Cochrane says. "It was kind of a rediscovery for the museum employees when we opened up all these boxes that had been in storage."

The Lindbergh exhibit uses the artifacts along with excerpts from Anne Lindbergh's books to detail the couple's extensive 1931 and 1933 survey flights to chart aviation routes for various airlines. Many people are familiar with Charles Lindbergh's 1927 transatlantic flight,

Cochrane says, "but they have no idea that Anne Morrow Lindbergh took these long survey flights with her husband, flights that really impacted the future of civilian aviation." Anne was "a marvelous author" as well, Cochrane notes, and her books sparked the public's imagination and deepened its understanding of flight.

The entire exhibition focuses on a series of stories about pioneering individuals and groups, civilian and military aviation, as well as early development of aircraft and rocketry. A five-minute film introduces the exhibition and archival film clips can be seen in kiosks scattered throughout the gallery.

## Engaging Young Visitors

"A special effort has been made to engage children," Cochrane says, "with dual labeling throughout." The "family" labels elaborate on aspects of the stories that should appeal particularly to children. There also touchables and interactives in each section of the exhibit. Visitors, for example, will be able to receive and decode Morse code, fly with the Tuskegee airmen, and help the Lindberghs pack for a long-distance flight.

The most interactive display, a re-creation of a 1930s aircraft hangar, will open in November. On one wall of the hangar will be a mural about air racing; another wall will serve as the backdrop for cartoons and film clips of the era showing the public's fascination with aviation. Kids will enjoy playing with the tools and the workbench in the hangar.

## Space Gallery Opened in November

The revamping of the "Pioneers of Flight" gallery is the second major opening at the Air and Space Museum within the past year. Last November, the museum opened "Moving Beyond Earth," an immersive exhibition that places visitors "in orbit" in the shuttle and space-station era to explore recent human spaceflight and future possibilities.

Artifacts on display reflect the exhibition's three main themes: Moving into Space, Living and Working in Space, and Envisioning Our Future in Space. They include a 12-foot-tall space shuttle model, astronaut gear, parts of the Hubble Space Telescope, and a model of the Ares launch vehicle.

This exhibit, too, focuses on interactives, with a num-



An Amburst Water Cup, worn over the pilot's face, converted condensation from breath into drinking water in emergencies.

ber of computer kiosks where visitors can role-play: serving as mission control's flight director to keep a shuttle mission on track, equipping a new module for the space station, manipulating and assembling space station elements, and exploring the moon and Mars. Armed with all the knowledge they gain from the exhibit, visitors can test their space smarts in the group quiz game SpaceFlight Academy.

By Theresa Gawlas Medoff

## NEED TO KNOW

The National Air and Space Museum building on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., is located at Sixth Street and Independence Avenue S.W. The museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center is located in Chantilly, Virginia, near Dulles International Airport. Both facilities are open daily, 10:00am-5:30pm. Admission is free, but there is a \$15 parking fee at the Udvar-Hazy Center.