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“The Battlefield at Gettysburg preserves one of the largest collections of outdoor sculpture in the world, with over 1,300 monuments and markers, some of which were created by well-known American sculptors.”, states Sue Boardman, Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg since 2001 and current Leadership Program Director for the Gettysburg Foundation. She will make a return visit to Cornwall March 10 to lecture on “Monuments of Gettysburg”. This is part of an annual lecture series sponsored by The Friends of Cornwall Iron Furnace. It is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. on the 10th in the Freeman Hall auditorium on the campus of Cornwall Manor Retirement Community. Last March Ms. Boardman shared the history and restoration of the Gettysburg Cyclorama, America’s largest oil painting.

Boardman says the monuments are as much a part of the Gettysburg story as the battle itself. “We will discover who put them there and when. We will also look at the symbolism found on the monuments and what that represents,” she explains, with the goal that when we visit Gettysburg we will then know how to “read” the battlefield and understand what happened there through the stories the monuments tell.

She is also responsible for a program entitled “In the Footsteps of Leaders”, which has been well-received by corporate, non-profit and educational groups. She is a two-time recipient of the Superintendent’s Award for Excellence in Guiding. In 2004 she began to serve as historical consultant for the Gettysburg Foundation for the new museum project as well as for the massive task of conserving

and restoring the Gettysburg cyclorama. She has authored books and articles on the history of the cyclorama and other Civil War topics. Her articles have been published in several Civil War journals.

Boardman, a native of Danville, PA graduated with honors from Penn State/Geisinger Medical Center School of Nursing and spent 23 years as an ER nurse before her involvement in the historical field. She has served as president of the historic Evergreen Cemetery Association as well as adjunct instructor for Harrisburg Area Community College and Susquehanna University.

The program is open to the public in a handicap-accessible venue, with the opportunity to give a freewill monetary gift during the lecture. For more information please contact the Cornwall Iron Furnace at 717-272-9711 or visit the website at www.cornwallironfurnace.org.