

Maps

Finding Our Place in the World

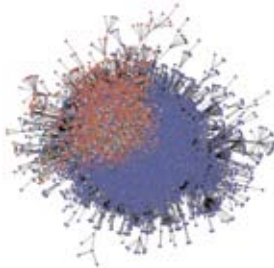


Maryland's Baltimore is hosting a Festival of Maps this spring, with exhibits of maps ranging from ancient Rome to outer space to Baltimore neighborhoods, along with tours and workshops sponsored by more than 20 arts and cultural organizations. The festival was organized by the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance.



The centerpiece of the festival is an exhibit at the Walters Art Museum called "Maps: Finding Our Place in the World," which runs through June 8. That exhibit includes a map of Colonial America from 1784, maps from ancient Rome and Babylonia, a chart used by Charles Lindbergh on his historic flight from New York to Paris, a

Leonardo da Vinci map and a map made by the 16th century Flemish cartographer, Gerardus Mercator. Mercator is credited with developing a way of depicting the globe on a flat surface. His mathematically-based projections made it easier for sailors to navigate.



The Walters Art Museum is also featuring images from the Hubble Space Telescope, through July 27, in a show called "Mapping the Cosmos," and events such as "Watercolor and Line: Techniques for Traditional Mapmaking" (April 25 and May 2). For more information, see <http://www.thewalters.org> or 410-547-9000.

(Admission to "Finding Our Place" is \$12; "Mapping the Cosmos" is free.)



Other exhibitions in the festival are:

- Borders and Boundaries: The Mason-Dixon Line
Literary Mount Vernon
- Mapping Mary Pickersgill's Baltimore: A Walking Tour

- Mapping Science
- Mapping with Radar, and
- Mapping the Underground Railroad.

For a complete schedule of events in Baltimore' Festival of Maps, visit <http://www.BaltimoreFestivalOfMaps.com> or call the Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association, 877-225-8466.

