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# **Creating Critical Thinkers And Productive Citizens**

Thomas Jefferson believed that a successful republican government required an educated electorate. He famously said, "Whenever people are well-informed, they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights."

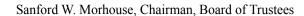


Yet, nearly 250 years into our experiment with republican government, our education system is letting us down. A majority of native-born American citizens could not pass the citizenship test required of foreign nationals seeking to become American citizens. An even larger majority cannot name the three branches of the federal government, and too large of a plurality cannot name their elective representatives. Our public schools are failing our children. Higher education often focuses on priorities other than creating critical thinkers and productive citizens. Antisemitism has gained a foothold in many of our elite colleges and universities. Given the state of our nation,

I fear that Jefferson was right. And, I fear also that an electorate that is poorly educated and uninformed is one of the causes of our current state of affairs.

Fort Ticonderoga is working tirelessly to address this problem. Through our in-person and virtual education programs, we are reaching students, educators and scholars through our 750 affiliates K-12 schools throughout the nation and nearly 200 university partnerships which reach across the globe. With your generous support, that number will grow exponentially over the next few years and will put Fort Ticonderoga into the upper tier of America's educators. We could not do this without you. Your generous support allows us to attract and retain the most amazing staff of historians, educators, museum professionals and interpreters in the nation led by our inimitable President and CEO, Beth Hill. Our primary source is the world's best collection of 18th-century military material culture. This collection informs our programs and our scholarship, both of which play critical roles in our educational outreach. This combination of staff and collections, both of which are the elite in their fields, assures that Fort Ticonderoga's educational outreach will stand above all others in their quality and content and in their unique and inspiring presentation.

I could not be prouder to serve as the chair of our Board and to be part of this remarkable experience. We can confidently assure all of you (including Mr. Jefferson) that we are doing everything in our power to restore an educated electorate.



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working tirelessly to address the national need to better educate students about our nation's founding history. Through our in-person and digital education programs we are reaching students, educators and scholars across the nation and beyond. ??

— Sanford W. Morhouse

▼ Thousands of students each year step into the shoes of Continental soldiers during immersive Fort Ticonderoga programs. These hands-on history programs help students gain a deeper understanding of the fight for liberty during the American Revolution.



### **Power of Place**

Each year visitors from across the globe immerse themselves in Ticonderoga's majestic and storied 2000-acre historic site.

Families, scholars, teachers, and so many others experience the power of place- and the awe- which can only come from walking in the very footsteps where history actually happened. Ticonderoga sits at the nexus of strategic waterways which shaped nations, identities, cultures, and historical narratives.

Ticonderoga's location at the center of lines of travel and communication made it critical to empires and nations during the 18th century. Today, we continue to serve as a node of communication, now one of learning and education, to inspire and engage people of all ages about our nation's founding history.



Historical literacy is needed now more than ever. In the media, Americans are bombarded by sound bites, half-truths, and other distortions. Survey after survey indicates that a large majority of Americans know little about the people, places, and principles that animated colonial and revolutionary war history and forged a new nation. Fort Ticonderoga presents our history not according to a political agenda but based on rigorous research and endless inquiry. Our goal is nothing less than the whole story—the triumphs as well as the tragedies, the successes, and the failures—which form our complex founding story. As our nation approaches its national 250th anniversary, our efforts take on even more significance.

We have accomplished a great deal thanks to your generous support. I am thrilled to share the good news highlighted in this annual report that we have made substantial progress on all fronts including funding the Robert Nittolo Collection acquisition. We have reached the \$10 million mark and closing in on the \$12 million goal for the acquisition of more than 3,000 stunning and rare colonial and revolutionary era objects. Combined with our museum holdings, this collection positions Fort Ticonderoga to be the premier center of learning for colonial and revolutionary war history.

As we savor our success, we seize this moment to envision so much more. Our emerging "battle plan" for the future invests in our historic site, including a new museum facility. Beyond the walls and bounds of our expansive site, we are creating bold new educational programs that will inform—and transform—students, teachers, and learners of all ages.

I offer my deepest gratitude to everyone who has been or is now part of this remarkable effort. I invite everyone who believes in the power of authentic history to join us. On behalf of our staff and Board of Trustees, I share with you our confidence and enthusiasm about Fort Ticonderoga's future and what it means for our nation.



Beth L. Hill, President and CEO



▲ Ticonderoga's history has been defined by its power of place. Recognized as the key to the continent in the 18th century, General Gage stressed Ticonderoga's strategic importance writing in 1774 to the Secretary of State for the Colonies that Ticonderoga "...commands the carrying place between the Lakes George and Champlain, and likewise the waters of Wood Creek, so that it secures every water Communication between Canada, and the Province of New York"

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- Beth L. Hill



online, more and more researchers across the world are able to use our resources for the newest scholarship. From across the US and Canada, to Europe and beyond, our archives, collections, and archaeological material are becoming a key source for historians working in this period. We help facilitate this work by sponsoring graduate students and research fellows, while also assisting genealogical and other research inquiries, fulfilling our mission to not only preserve these collections, but make them a part of our broader national, and international, conversations.

— Matthew Keagle, PhD, Fort Ticonderoga Museum Curator



# Increase Access and Awareness

**FORT TICONDEROGA'S** history, educational programs, and museum collections are increasingly accessible to a national and international audience. 2023 was an extraordinary year that saw the continued evolution of our digital program development and increased direct engagement with audiences who were inspired by our award-winning educational programs and world-renowned collections. Millions of people explored Fort Ticonderoga's defining history through online content, live virtual programs, special events, on-demand educational resources, and social media platforms. Our expanded digital strategy will further advance our educational mission and bring the past forward to new and growing audiences.

### **OUR DIGITAL REACH, BY THE NUMBERS**

Nearly 33 million viewers were engaged through online content and accessed our digital offerings in 2023

Nearly 600,000 website visitors spent 39.42% more time engaging with content than in 2022

Over 700,000 email newsletters, updates, and fundraising messages



Nearly **500,000** people watched our YouTube videos





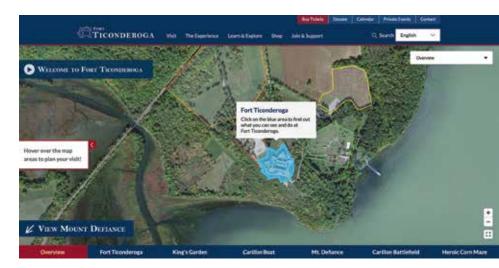
We reached more than 7 million! via Facebook and Instagram

# Digital Innovation

# NEW ICONOGRAPHY AND AN INTERACTIVE MAP IMPROVES PLANNING AND ACCESSABILITY FOR VISITORS

Thanks to support from the New York Council for the Arts we have been able to significantly upgrade the accessibility information on our website, to help prepare guests of all abilities to make the most of their visit to Fort Ticonderoga.

**NEW** videos and an interactive site map feature the diverse offerings Fort Ticonderoga presents each day for visitors of all ages.



### **ACCESSIBILITY & SENSORY ICONS**

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**Lighting Condition** 





### MORE ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COLLECTIONS THROUGH THE CENTER FOR DIGITAL HISTORY

Through the Center for Digital History, we are reaching beyond the historic grounds of Fort Ticonderoga to bring our award-winning educational programs into homes and classrooms online. The Center for Digital History is exponentially expanding access to our educational resources.

### IMPROVEMENT TO THE COLLECTIONS MANAGEMENT DATABASE

The Collections Department began transitioning to a new collections content management database, which allows us to make improvements to the way students, teachers, and researchers access Fort Ticonderoga's online collections.

In 2023, collections staff updated **21,671** records in preparation for the database transition.

Throughout the transition, researchers continued to have access to the 10,738 records in Ticonderoga's Online Collections database with many more being added in 2024! Staff have also been able to provide better information for genealogical researchers by creating short

biographies for nearly 5,000 individual people named within our collection of archival

documents. The usage of our online collections database continues to grow, with 34,958 individual searches in 2023 - this is double the number of searches in 2022.

### **EXPANDING DIGITAL ACCESS**

Access to and awareness of our museum collections is greatly expanding our audience engagement! Support from our donors helps Fort Ticonderoga digitize historical records, including letters, muster rolls, diaries, and account books, and continue to add to these expanding digital resources reaching audiences across the globe. The Collection is an important resource for audiences eager to learn more about early America and the Atlantic world, from students to professional historians.

▶ Archival collections are highlighted through the weekly social media campaign #ManuscriptMonday. This post focused on James Murray Hadden's journal, which covers a period from March 4, 1776 to July 29, 1777. When creating this annotated map of Ticonderoga, Hadden was a lieutenant in the 3rd Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Artillery, serving on Lake Champlain.

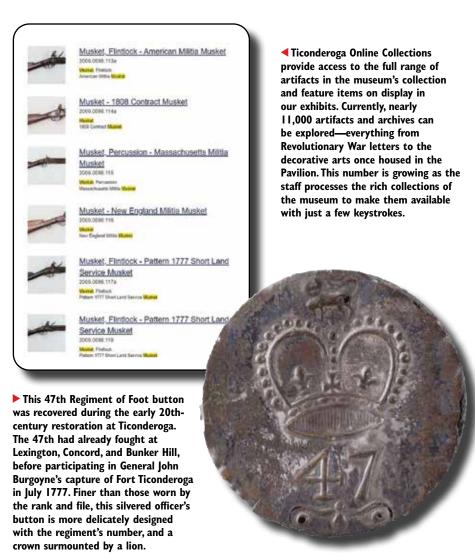


# TOP THREE DATABASE SEARCHES:

- Button
- Musket
- Cannon



▲ To access our online collection, activate the QR code using your phone's camera.



# Ticonderoga Soldiers Project

# ADVANCING RESEARCH AND ACCESS TO ANCESTORIAL STORIES OF SERVICE

A GROWING DATABASE OF SOLDIERS WHO SERVED at Ticonderoga in the 18th century has continued to gain interest and support. Nearly 5,000 names of individuals who were present at Ticonderoga from 1755-1784 are now available to researchers.

Throughout 2023, museum staff scoured the recently digitized archival collections to identify individual Ticonderoga soldiers. As they were identified, short biographies were created which are now publicly accessible and searchable through Ticonderoga's Online Collections database.

A new webpage dedicated to genealogical research and the Ticonderoga Soldiers Project was developed to aid researchers, genealogists, and the public to easily locate their ancestors or people of interest in the database. Users are thrilled with the information provided in Ticonderoga's Online Collections database, saying "excellent and valuable website," "these mini-bios are exceedingly helpful to my research," and "thrilled to find this information on-line about my ancestor!" In addition to the public, the records provide an exceedingly valuable tool for museum staff to delve deeper into their research and integrate into educational programs including educator professional development.

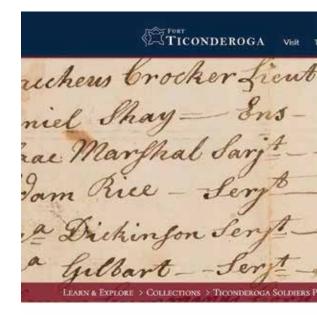
As we march forward into 2024 and expand the database, soldiers identified in the documents from the newly acquired Robert Nittolo Collection will be added to the database. In addition, an inventory of transcripts will be developed to guide additional transcription work. Having transcriptions publicly available will greatly expand research capacity and provide an important step forward toward assisting teachers with an invaluable resource to use in their classrooms.

This project is made possible in part through a grant from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York.



"The DAR continues to be delighted with our collaboration with Fort Ticonderoga on this exciting genealogical project! We look forward to welcoming new members who have researched their family history through the collections"

—Pamela Wright, President General, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.









◆ Scan this QR code to get started or visit: www.fortticonderoga. org/learn-and-explore/ collections/genealogy

■Visit the Ticonderoga Soldiers Project page to learn research tips, explore the database featuring nearly 5,000 people and growing, or start your own genealogy research!





66 Kudos to Fort Ticonderoga and the DAR for their efforts to bring this invaluable material to public access. These ordinary people took part in extraordinary events. As these documents are made more accessible, we can learn so much more about them! 99

—Researcher from Moriah, NY

# **Expand Educational Impact**

# NEW EXHIBITS, GUIDED TOURS, AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES SHOWCASE THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF HISTORY AND PLACE

**GUESTS FIND INSPIRATION** in our story and beautiful 2000-acre historic landscape, year after year. Fort Ticonderoga welcomed **nearly 70,000 visitors in 2023**. With creativity, hard work and passion, the team presented more than 3,500 programs on-site in 2023, including daily tours of new exhibitions and our stunning gardens, historic trades and artillery demonstrations, daily boat tours aboard the *Carillon*, and the delivery of immersive special events and reenactments.

One of Fort Ticonderoga's innovations is to focus each year on a specific moment from Ticonderoga's epic 18th-century history. This approach ensures exhibits, programs, and demonstrations explore the arc of our long history, highlight the newest research, and provide our visitors (on-site and virtual) with new and engaging content.







# BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE EVERY DAY

Hailed as the premier living history program in North America, Fort Ticonderoga's museum staff brings history to life every day! Ticonderoga's epic history and signature stories are highlighted through innovative story telling on a grand scale, historic trades, daily soldiers' life programs, thrilling weapons demonstrations, endless outdoor activities, beautiful gardens, and captivating special events. In 2023, Fort Ticonderoga debuted a new chapter in its story. Visitors discovered the dramatic story arc of 1760 and witnessed the unfolding story as British soldiers and American provincials who during that year ensured military dominance on Lake Champlain and deep into the heart of French Canada.

◆More than 1,000 visitors attended the Defiance and Independence event in July. The Fort Ticonderoga Fifes & Drums lead visitors across the site to experience over 150 reenactors in a running battle through the trees, field artillery demonstrations, draft animals on the move, and hands-on history moments for all ages.

### PREMIUM EXPERIENCES & TOURS!



### **Carillon Boat Tours**

Fort Ticonderoga's strategic location of Lake Champlain is central to its epic history. Getting out on the water with a guided tour aboard the *Carillon* passenger boat is a favorite guest experience and driver for visitor attendance.

### GUNS BY NIGHT EVERY SUMMER

A direct hit! The flash of musketry and roar of the cannon are unforgettable at night!

Over 7,000 guests



enhanced their visit with Premium Experiences & Tours in 2023! The **Pavilion Tour**, exclusive curator-led access to our Collections with **Arming the Red Coats, Sunset Cruises**, early-bird entry and in-depth artillery tour with **Cannon and Coffee**, and **Drinks and Drama** delivered historic libations paired with tawdry stories from 18th-century life at the fort. On the heels of this success and with our visitor feedback, the Premium Tour program for 2024 will offer the new curatorial experience, **A Date with Brown Bess, History Happy Hour** *Carillon* **Cruise**, and a new program based on the food-ways of the Revolutionary era, **A Taste of Liberty.** 

# The Ticonderoga Institute

Enrolled Featured Saved Boards Events









Fort Ticonderoga reaches students in all 50 states through layers of impact, from unforgettable visits, to virtual classroom outreach, to our online lesson plans and videos. Our new Ticonderoga Institute learning platform makes online classroom resources available on-demand, 24 hours a day.

# FORT TICONDEROGA'S NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED DIGITAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE GROWING:

- Ticonderoga Institute Online Learning
- Virtual Classroom Programs
- Webinars for Educators and Pre-Service Teachers
- Hybrid Conferences and Seminars
- Ticonderoga Online Collections database
- Education, Collections, and Public History programs

In 2023, our virtual programs, seminars, and other online engagement through social media channels reached more than 30 million digital visitors. We engaged teachers and students in 50 different states and across the globe. Our programs help develop historical literacy and analytical thinking, which are fundamental building blocks for positive civic engagement.

Fort Ticonderoga launched the first phase of our online Ticonderoga Institute on October 12, 2023. This new learning platform seamlessly integrates videos, lesson plans, & classroom activities into easily navigated bundles for educators to use in their classrooms. This provides on-demand content for educators to enrich field trips, outreach programs, and as a stand-alone resource. As a stand-alone resource, the Ticonderoga Institute has the potential to make Fort Ticonderoga THE go-to resource for educators teaching about the Early American History and the Revolutionary War. This new platform tracks information provided by the educators utilizing our classroom content, helping us refine our offerings through their experience and feedback.

• Over 1,700 Virtual Classroom Students were reached in NY, VT, CT, IN, PA, FL, WI, WA, & ME

# FORT TICONDEROGA'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS WERE MADE POSSIBLE IN PART BY FUNDING FROM:

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South Lake Champlain Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation

Stewart's Shops

Sylvamo Foundation

Sylvamo Ticonderoga Mill

The Glenn and Carol Pearsall Adirondack Foundation

TrailNorth Federal Credit Union

Walter Cerf Community Fund of the Vermont Community Foundation

# SHAPING YOUNG HEARTS AND MINDS! BY THE NUMBERS

Overall, Fort Ticonderoga engaged with more schools than ever before, with 748 K-12 affiliate schools as of the end of 2023. This represents an 11% increase in the breadth of our reach from 2022.

- 2,293 In-Person Outreach Students, 173% increase over 2022.
- 1,258 Students participated in the program To Act As One United Body, 41% increase over 2022.
- Nearly 400 Students participated in Maritime Artificer's Apprentice or Artificer's Apprentice,
   30% increase over 2022
- ▲ Nearly 4,000 Students & Scouts came to Fort Ticonderoga for a field trip and overnight experience, 13% increase over 2022.
- ► Artillery Academy explains the chemistry of Henry Knox's recipes for artillery compounds and the history detective work to recreate this today.





### **CELEBRATING A MUSICAL LEGACY**

The Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga marked their 50th Anniversary in 2023! Alumni from the earliest years to the summer's newest students, came together during the Sound of 1776 event to celebrate this incredible musical legacy.



The Fifes & Drums of Fort Ticonderoga have been the sound of our epic story every year since 1973, inspiring our visitors and making life-long friendships among generations of musicians. Fort Ticonderoga offers regional youth free historical music

instruction in fife & drum, marching, reading music, provides uniforms, and cross-trains students in historical trades. It is a unique mentoring program, offering a pathway to employment and college readiness, funded by our generous donors and sponsors of our education programs.



### **ENGAGING THE NEXT GENERATION OF HISTORIANS** AND MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS

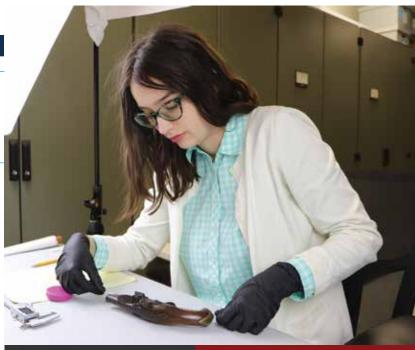
We continue to inspire the next generation of museum professionals, providing the opportunity to learn collections management, explore stunning artifacts, and research in our rich archives and library.

### THE EDWARD W. PELL FELLOWSHIP

Fort Ticonderoga offers four graduate fellowships for students seeking a practical, hands-on experience at a historic site and museum with cutting-edge programs each year. Positions include fellowships in Exhibitions, Collections, Archaeology, and Education. Since 2015, we've engaged 36 students from 30 different universities nationwide!

### 2023 Edward W. Pell Fellowship recipients:

Cady Hammer, University of Houston; Brendan Quinn, University of Toledo; Nico Riley, Skidmore College; and Mary Schrader, North Carolina State University.



Graduate Fellow, Mary Schrader helps catalog and photograph a rare pistol from the Robert Nittolo Collection.

**Educational** Affiliates Around the World

748 Affiliate K-12 in all 50 states!

**188 Universities** 

Affiliate Programs in:



**United States** 



Canada



Germany



France



India



United Kingdom



England



Scotland



Belgium



Spain



Serbia

66 My time at Ticonderoga as an Edward W. Pell Graduate Fellow changed the way I look at history. While I have always delved into the stories of the people, being part of an institution that marries the depth of collections and the historic landscape so well with public history continues to amaze me. As I prepare to enter the museum field, I aspire to take the lessons learned here with me. This has been a fabulous experience I will never forget. >>

-Cady Hammer, University of Houston, 2023 fellowship recipient

### **HUNGRY FOR KNOWLEDGE OMOHUNDRO FELLOWSHIP**

Fort Ticonderoga's third Omohundro Short-Term Visiting Fellow, Sara Evenson, completed her research at the museum this year. A Doctoral Candidate at the University at Albany, she explored the cultural creation of kitchen spaces in 18th-century New York, emphasizing nontraditional kitchen environments like those found at Fort Ticonderoga. Her research involved



not only traditional archival sources, but also examining the museum's wealth of archaeological material related to the remains of food preparation and eating on the site. She also explored how such objects and spaces have been preserved and reinterpreted at museums and historic sites. Sara's work will contribute to the scholarship of these often underappreciated environments, by thinking broadly about the sources used to better understand them.

# EDUCATION FOR EDUCATORS

More than 350 educators from across the United States have participated in an intimate and unforgettable Fort Ticonderoga Teacher Institute since 2013. In 2023, teachers participating in "Exploration, Empire, and Revolution: American Origins, 1609-1815" engaged with Ticonderoga staff and visiting scholars, participated in experiential and immersive opportunities, and worked with documents and artifacts from the Fort Ticonderoga Collection, including the newly acquired Robert Nittolo Collection.



"As I look ahead to the upcoming school year, I am excited to integrate the insights I gained into my teaching. This experience will help empower my students to develop source analysis and critical thinking skills, enabling them to analyze and interpret historical events with a deeper context." -high school teacher from Colorado

### INSPIRING FUTURE EDUCATORS

As part of its "Ticonderoga Tuesdays" teacher webinar series, Fort Ticonderoga offers webinars for pre-service teachers, those students at the undergraduate and graduate level, training to become classroom teachers. These webinars provide the next generation of educators with strategies for incorporating historic documents and objects into the social studies classroom.

"Ticonderoga Tuesdays" teacher webinars reached over 150 educators from 25 different states in 2023.

### TEACHER ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Fort Ticonderoga's Teacher Advisory Board works with Fort Ticonderoga's Public History and Academic Programs departments to provide professional expertise for our students and teacher professional development programs.

#### 2023 Members

Dr. Kristi Fragnoli, College of Saint Rose, Albany, New York
Carol Grossi, Tower Elementary School, Torrance, California
Steve Kruger, Arlington Middle-High School, Arlington, Vermont
Sarah Malerich, Kiowa High School, Kiowa, Colorado
Tim Potts, Monticello High School, Monticello, New York
Kevin Wagner, Carlisle High School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania



Since the first War College of the Seven Years' War, held in 1996, over a hundred scholars from around the globe have spoken at Fort Ticonderoga's conferences and symposia. Among these speakers at the 2023 War College are scholars from the United States, Canada, Scotland, France, and Serbia.

### Lifelong Learning

Nearly 3,000 students, teachers, & lifelong learners attended an online program from Fort Ticonderoga.

Nationally recognized historians took part in the online Fort Ticonderoga Author and Fort Fever Program Series. The live digital broadcasts directly reached online participants from 28 states and Canadian provinces in 2023.

Participants joined us onsite and online for our annual weekend symposia and conferences including the Annual Garden and Landscape Symposium, Material Matters, War College of the Seven Years War, and the Seminar on American Revolution.

# **Success!**

As with every year, 2023 saw exciting new exhibits open at the museum that display the richness of Fort Ticonderoga's Collections and provide new perspectives on the past. As the interpretive department focused on the later campaigns of the French and Indian War, new exhibits explored different facets of this titanic struggle and its global breadth to provide context to daily interpretive programming.



### A WORLD WAR

Never-Before-Seen Artifacts From The Robert Nittolo Collection On Exhibit In The New 2023 Exhibit "Success: The End Of The Seven Years' War"

"The end of the global Seven Years' War is not immediately familiar to many Americans, but is full of drama and daring, and deeply significant to the history of North America," said Fort Ticonderoga Curator, Dr. Matthew Keagle. "We are thrilled to place a range of objects in dialog that show the extent of the conflict and exceed the battlefield to show how these campaigns impacted lives across the Atlantic Ocean and beyond."

The end of the Seven Years' War saw its greatest expansion across the world. Spain's late entry into the war expanded the conflict, even as New France fell and while fighting in Europe raged on. The later stages of the global war saw fighting spread to the Pacific and the Caribbean. The British campaign against Havana, Cuba was arguably the most important for Fort Ticonderoga as many British regulars and American provincials, veterans of campaigns in the Champlain Valley, were deployed against the Spanish. They captured the city, the 3rd largest in the hemisphere, crowning a stunning series of victories going back to 1758. This was the peak of British power, with "victories everywhere" according to one medal, seen here through popular consumer goods like punchbowls and that allowed everyday subjects to share in Britain's success.



The exhibit design team carefully combined archival images from our collections with period artifacts, like this rare punchbowl fragment recovered at Fort Ticonderoga celebrating the victories of Jeffery Amherst at Ticonderoga in 1759 and Montréal in 1760. Fort Ticonderoga Museum Collections

# Underwater Ticonderoga: Archaeology the King's Shipyard





A new exhibit highlighting archaeological finds from off the shores of the Ticonderoga peninsula opened in the Mars Education Center in May 2023. **Underwater Ticonderoga: Archaeology from the King's Shipyard** features a selection of artifacts from the sloop Boscawen, the brig Duke of Cumberland, and the recent 2019 survey performed by Texas A&M University and Lake Champlain Maritime Museum. The King's Shipyard was quickly established by British forces in 1759 to counter French naval presence on Lake Champlain and was used through the American Revolution. The shipyard finds offer an incredible, and wellpreserved, view into ship construction and day-to-day life aboard vessels on the lake.



### **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to these organizations and individual donors for their support of our exhibition program in 2023:

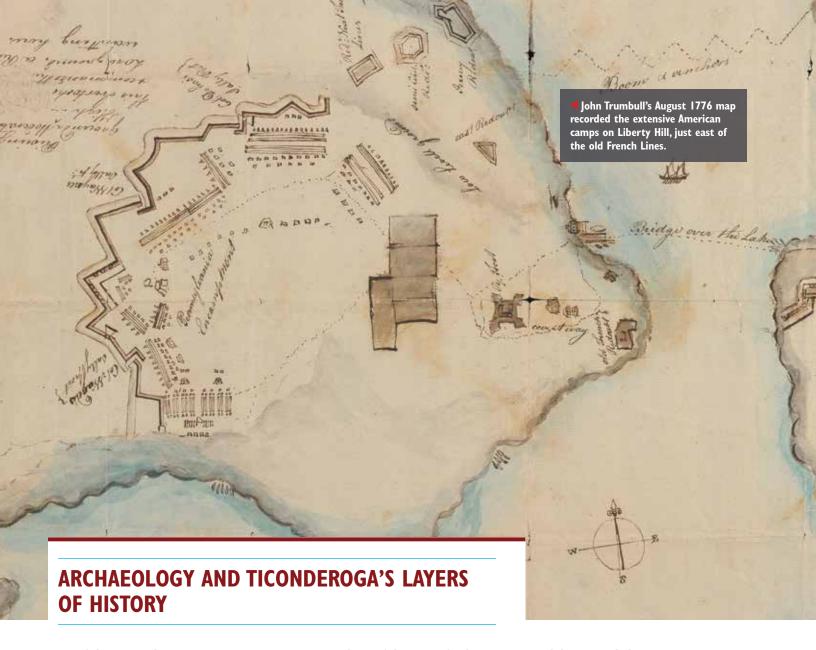
**General Society of Colonial Wars** 

Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New York

Institute of Museum & Library Services, Museums for America 66 It brought so much pleasure to me as a teacher, seeing my students joyfully immersing themselves in learning. They were captivated by the history that surrounded them and they didn't want to leave! I appreciate all the hard work by the staff members to make these moments possible. The "To Act as One United Body" program was a hit and I want to commend our guide for working so well with the students. I look forward to bringing classes in the future. 99

-4th/5th grade teacher from Vermont



### UNCOVERING LIBERTY HILL: AN AMERICAN SOLDIERS' CAMP AT TICONDEROGA

At the end of 2023, Fort Ticonderoga was awarded an American Battlefield Protection Program Preservation Planning Grant to survey the American encampment on Liberty Hill. Thousands of soldiers lived in semi-permanent huts of board, log, and sod just east of the French Lines from the summer of 1776 up to the evacuation on July 6, 1777. They named this position "Liberty Hill." This exciting new project will enhance our understanding of the daily life of soldiers and their families during the fight for independence and the impact of the Continental Army on our historic battlefield. Through comprehensive analysis and subsurface testing, we will measure the level of preservation of the encampment and create guidelines for stewardship and future archaeological programming. With the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Uncovering Liberty Hill project offers an incredible opportunity for research and access to a pivotal chapter of Fort Ticonderoga's history.



# WHO USES OUR COLLECTIONS

- K-12 Teachers and Students
- Historians
- Archaeologists
- College Students
- Librarians and Archivists
- Museums
- Publishers
- Media
- Genealogists

# Strengthen Collections and Historical Resources

### PASSION FOR PRESERVATION AND PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

**SINCE OPENING TO THE PUBLIC ON JULY 6, 1909**, the Fort Ticonderoga Museum sought military and related artifacts of the Colonial and Revolutionary periods at a time when few other institutions cared about such material.

Fort Ticonderoga continues to build unparalleled collections that are fundamental to our scholarship and to our partners. We preserve material culture, historic structures and landscapes, and also ensure they are managed and appropriately accessible.

Our rich collections of manuscripts, rare books, archaeological materials, clothing and textiles, weaponry, paintings, accoutrements, and decorative arts provide the foundation of all we do as an educational institution and museum.

### **LOWER TOWN SMITH'S FORGE**

2023 saw a crucial step forward for the preservation of our significant cultural heritage resources. With support from a Preservation League of New York State Technical Assistance Grant and individual donors, a condition report was created for the remaining wall of the Smith's Forge in the Lower Town, also known as the French Village. The French army began construction of a series of industrial buildings in 1756 in the *Basseville*, or Lower Town. Following the British capture, structures were added to meet the needs of the new occupants including the "Smith's Forge" which was completed by 1761. This important first stage of study, completed in partnership with John G. Waite Associates, Architects, lays a foundation for future stabilization and eventual public visitation.



◆Team members from John G. Waite Associates, Architects, visit the remaining wall of the Smith's Forge in the Lower Town. We continue to acquire museum collections across the wide period covered by our mission to give context and depth to the military experience of the early modern era and the site's history of preservation.

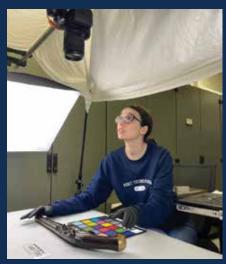
# The Robert Nittolo Collection

Inspired by a childhood visit to Ticonderoga, ROBERT NITTOLO collected more than 3,000 individual objects spanning the 17th-18th centuries. Considered the most comprehensive private collection of militaria in North America, in 2017 Fort Ticonderoga committed to acquire, preserve and make accessible the collection to transform the museum experience, create an unparalleled research institute, and contribute to on-site, remote and digital education programs across the world.

# PRESERVING A NATIONAL TREASURE

2023 was a monumental year for the museum seeing the final movement of the Robert Nittolo Collection to storage here at Fort Ticonderoga. The last artifacts were returned from cleaning at the Williamstown Art Conservation Center. The Collections staff have continued to catalog, photograph, research, and document the collections as the funding for the acquisition continues.

In the summer of 2023, two Edward W. Pell Graduate Fellows had the privilege of working directly with the Nittolo Collection. Brendan Quinn (University of Toledo) and Mary Schrader (North Carolina State University) spent 10 weeks with the longarms and pistols within the collection, over 220 pieces together! Brendan worked specifically measuring, compiling publication histories, and researching the muskets, rifles, and fowling pieces while Mary cataloged and photographed the collection of pistols. Together their work has enhanced the museum's ability to access and display this material and make it more accessible. For Brendan and Mary, it offered a once-in-a-lifetime experience to work closely with one of the best collections of its kind in the world.

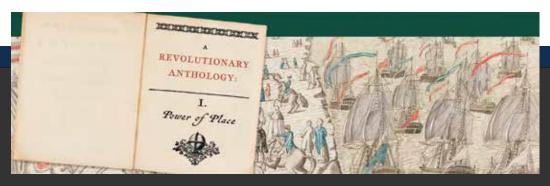


Mary Schrader carefully sets up a record photograph of a James II horse pistol from the 1680s

Parts from a similar pistol have been recovered from the ruins of Fort Ticonderoga, further highlighting the utility of the Robert Nittolo Collection.



▲ Brendan Quinn examines the action of a rare Ferguson patent breechloading rifle. Brendan joined a special Graduate Showcase at the 2023 Material Matters Virtual conference to further explore the collection.



A selection of artifacts from the Robert Nittolo Collection will be on display for the very first time during our 250th anniversary Revolutionary Anthology exhibit series. This exhibit is the result of over a decade of research, cataloging, and advancement of Fort Ticonderoga collections and the monumental support for the acquisition of the Nittolo Collection. Combined with Fort Ticonderoga's pre-existing collection, the museum now holds one of the most significant collections of Revolutionary War artifacts. The national 250th anniversary is an opportunity to share this with the world, displaying hundreds of rare and compelling artifacts over the five years of this rotating exhibit, and beyond, as a permanent resource for students and scholars.

An officer's coat of the French Touraine Regiment, which served at the Siege of Yorktown. This is the only garment of its kind in the U.S. In 2024, this coat will be on public display for the first time in the new exhibit, "A Revolutionary Anthology: Power of Place."

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION: THE FORT FORTY

Thank you to the Fort Forty members who have so generously given \$100,000 or more to support this acquisition and our broader capital campaign. \$10 million has been raised of the \$12 million goal.

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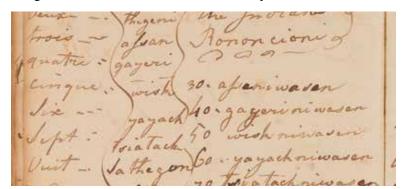
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### STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS WITH TRIBAL NATIONS

Fort Ticonderoga is making great strides in strengthening relationships with Tribal Nations whose homelands include Ticonderoga and the Champlain Valley. Through consultation and compliance with the National Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), we are taking the necessary steps for the repatriation of Native ancestors, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony. Consultation on Native American history and collections extends to our exhibition and public history programming, as well. Whether to better understand key pieces of the collection, such as the Mohawk language lessons in Ensign William Johnson's 1776-77 diary or sharing Native histories through upcoming exhibits, the museum continues to consult with tribal communities, museums, and recognized scholars of Native American history.



▲ Ensign William Johnson, of the British 29th Regiment, recorded lessons in Mohawk and French in his diary as he prepared to campaign with Mohawk forces during the Revolutionary War. This detail covers the translation of various numbers in the two languages which were taught to him by Margaret Byron, a French Canadian woman, in Akwesasne in late 1776. This diary will be on display in 2024 in the new exhibit, "A Revolutionary Anthology: Power of Place."

# 2023 Recent Acquisition Highlights

# THE EARLY MODERN ATLANTIC WORLD

Fort Ticonderoga continues to develop our extensive collections spanning the military experience of the early modern Atlantic World. In addition to extensive work on the Robert Nittolo Collection, targeted acquisitions, donations, and bequests help us strengthen our ability to document the past for exhibits, publications, programs and education.

▲ This pistol was made by Johann Ulrich Mäntz in Braunschweig Germany, sometime between 1713 and 1755. Mäntz was perhaps the most prolific gunmaker in the small German Duchy, and was appointed the court gunsmith in the 1730s. Mäntz worked during the reign of Duke Carl I who sent Brunswick troops to America in the Revolution, and the officers of those forces would have been familiar with Mäntz's work, and may have owned similar pieces. This pistol was a gift to Fort Ticonderoga from Don Troiani.





▲ George Couch's War of 1812 uniform coat and pension certificate. Fort Ticonderoga Museum Collections

Couch was a 20 year-old from Ovid, New York who mustered for a 3 month tour in late 1813 with a volunteer artillery company. They marched to the Niagara River front, guarding Fort Niagara while US regulars were marching into Canada. His coat was passed down in the family until it was donated by the Couch family In Memory of Charles Agnew "Charley" Couch to Fort Ticonderoga in 2023 to preserve it for posterity. The coat was accompanied by George's pension certificate.



2023 Edward W. Pell Graduate Fellow, Nico Riley of Skidmore College is seen here utilizing the onsite library references to assist in cataloging artifacts and making note of cross-reference publications.

In 2023, Stefan Bielinkski, former Senior Historian at the New York State Museum and Founder of the Colonial Albany Social History Project, generously donated his personal library of 1,187 items including books and periodicals. With other recent acquisitions from H. Nicholas Muller III and James F. Sefcik, Sr., Fort Ticonderoga's reference library continues to grow, providing valuable research opportunities for students, staff, teachers, and visiting scholars.





### PRESERVATION FOR POSTERITY

Fort Ticonderoga proudly leads the nation with one of the earliest historic preservation endeavors when William Ferris Pell purchased the historic garrison grounds in 1820 and committed to its protection. For centuries, Ticonderoga has been a place of pilgrimage, offering a reminder of the struggles and sacrifices of those who have gone before us who gave us the freedom we cherish as a people. Today we continue the preservation mission because Ticonderoga must remain an important national touchstone, a place of remembrance, learning and inspiration for generations to come.

The major restoration project on the fort's north demi-lune continued in 2023 funded in part by a \$465,000 Save America's Treasures Grant. Additional funding will continue the project through 2024 made possible by a federal appropriation made possible by Senator Chuck Schumer through the Save Americas Treasures grant program, a grant by the New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Properties, The Perkin Fund and individual donor support.

The south walls of the north demi-lune are almost completely restored. Only a small amount of repointing remains. The south west parapet was entirely restored both inside and out, as part of that process. The procedures we've developed and the lessons learned at the north demi-lune will be used in restoration efforts throughout all of Fort Ticonderoga.

Originally constructed in the 18th century, the north demi-lune was used to defend Fort Ticonderoga against invaders and was part of the fort's outer defenses that Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold saw as they crossed Lake Champlain on their journey to capture the fort in May of 1775, securing America's first victory in the Revolution.

### PRESERVATION IS ALWAYS!

The Log House Welcome Center received much needed preservation and restoration in 2023 including a new roof and wall repairs. Funded in part by the New York State Council on the Arts, this project is addressing priority structural repairs and the much-needed remodeling of the bathrooms. Built in the first quarter of the 20th century, and expanded several times, the Log House is part of Fort Ticonderoga's layers of historic architecture and is considered one of America's oldest continuously operating

▲ Successful repairs to The Log House Welcome Center wall were made while preserving original timbers and its unique windows.

"roadhouses" associated with a destination.

► The Log House Welcome Center, silver gelatin print, c. 1930–1950, Fort Ticonderoga Museum Collections.





# **Expand Resources Through Organizational Excellence**

# SECURING THE FUTURE AT FORT TICONDEROGA

**OVER THE NEXT DECADE,** we will see several significant capital and programmatic investments intended to substantially enhance educational reach, preservation, financial sustainability, and the overall guest experience at Fort Ticonderoga. This strategic vision positions us as a national leader in historical education and a multi-faceted destination experience which will continue to generate major economic impact for our neighboring communities.

66 Fort Ticonderoga continues to significantly advance its mission of preservation and education. We march forward with audacity and purpose because we realize the urgency of our work. Our commitment to excellence is rooted in our passionate desire to best honor the past, inspire and educate audiences today, and ensure our nation's founding history of hard-fought liberty is never forgotten. As we prepare for our national 250th, we are harnessing the power of place and history in this seminal moment to help shape the hearts and minds of present and future generations.

-Beth L. Hill, President and CEO



### Fort Ticonderoga's Economic Impact

By 2030, it is estimated that Fort Ticonderoga will contribute \$77 million to the regional economy with our planned additions. Other economic impacts through 2030 include: •\$549 million in total economic output •\$56 million tax revenue benefit • 678 direct and indirect jobs created.

# The Grants That Help Make Our Work Possible

Fort Ticonderoga, a nonprofit educational organization, is supported in part through generous donations and with some general operating support made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Legislature.

We received many prestigious state and federal grants that allow us to better serve our mission, including:

- Federal Appropriation thanks to Senator Chuck Schumer made possible through Save America's Treasures: \$500,000
- American Battlefield Protection Program: \$147,151
- Institute of Museum & Library Services, Museums for America: \$237,630
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- Empire State Development, I LOVE NY, Market New York: \$211,700
- New York State Council on the Arts, General Operating Support: \$30,000
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- New York State Office of Parks,
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### SURVEY SAYS: FORT TICONDEROGA IS VERY HIGHLY RATED BY VISITORS!

In 2023, Fort Ticonderoga participated in "Visitors Count!" a national survey developed by the Association of State and Local History and in partnership with the Center of Non-Profit Management. Guests reported on a scale of 1–10.

- Guest satisfaction continues to improve beyond our previous high ratings, with 19 specific aspects higher in 2023 vs 2019.
- Staff received the highest rating: 9.7. In fact, the staff had the most mentions when visitors were queried about what was best about their visit.
- Personal impact on visitors was high and visitors are likely to visit again.
- Interest in a NEW museum facility was high at 81%; visitors are eager to see more exhibitions and artifacts.
- 87% of visitors came from more than 120 miles away.

66 My fam loved it! Great demos, beautiful gardens, tasty food and informative and kind staff! >> 
—Visitor from Fultonville, NY

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Like learning new things

A good place to visit with others



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The Fort Ticonderoga Association attained another perfect score of 100% for 2023! According to Charity Navigator which currently rates 225,000 charitable entities: "Less than one-tenth of one percent of charities we rate earn a perfect score". Since 2017, Fort Ticonderoga has been awarded consecutive 4-star ratings from Charity Navigator, the leading Charity evaluator in America. This is the highest possible rating, indicating that Fort Ticonderoga adheres to sector best practices and executes its mission in a financially efficient way. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets The Fort Ticonderoga Association apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness as a leading non-profit organization.

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Champlain Orchard

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# FORT TICONDEROGA'S 2023 Finances & Operations

## A POSITION OF STRENGTH

# FORT TICONDEROGA IS IN A STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION THANKS TO THE UNWAVERING COMMITMENT OF OUR SUPPORTERS

Nearly 70,000 visitors from across the nation and beyond visited Fort Ticonderoga last year. Admission revenue remained strong generating nearly \$1.2 million. Thanks to a growing national donor base of more than 6,800 donors who give to our Annual Fund (up 28% vs. 2022), operating contributions have grown significantly over the past 5 years and total \$2,376,608 in

2023. Total support and revenue was \$5,624,181, up 10%

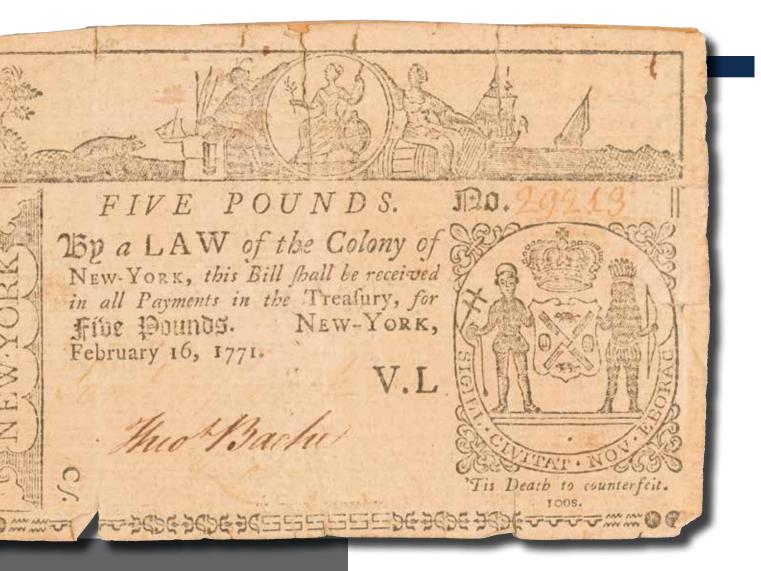
vs. budget and 7% vs. prior year.

In 2023, we advanced investment in our core areas of operations to ensure that Fort Ticonderoga is marching forward to serve our mission of preservation and education - and successfully deliver award-winning educational programs, museum exhibitions, and visitor experiences. Even with renewed operational investment in 2023, up 9% over prior year, operational expenditures remained within budgeted amounts at \$5,180,204.

In addition to the significant growth in all areas of support and earned income, Fort Ticonderoga remains committed to growing its endowment, which is approximately \$4.5 million and only supports a small percentage of our annual budget.



▲ Hard currency was consistently in short supply in colonial America. Colonists relied on British, Spanish, Portuguese, and other coins in circulation due to their value in metal. Massachusetts authorized its own minting of silver coins in 1652 to help with the problem of hard coin. Between the late 1660s and 1670s, silver coins worth 3 and 6 pence were produced, in addition to this 1 shilling piece. It remains among the most famous American coins. Fort Ticonderoga Museum Collections



# GIVE TODAY TO FORT TICONDEROGA

Fort Ticonderoga is a 501c3 nonprofit educational organization, museum, historic site and center of learning. Ticket sales and other related programs, cover approximately 50% of our operating cost. We rely heavily on private support from donors like you to accomplish our mission of preservation and education.

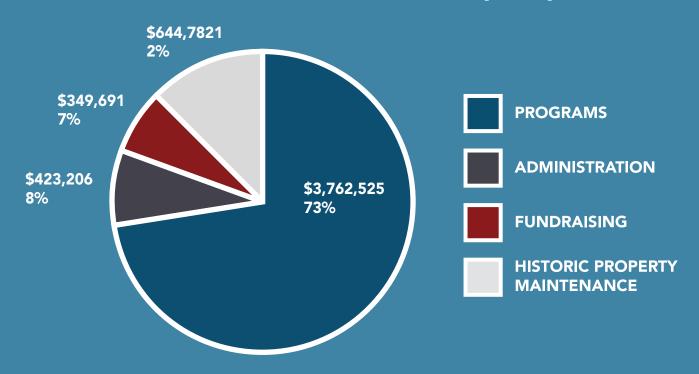


Surplus operating revenues in 2023 helped offset annual capital expenses, including investment in historic structures, equipment, site maintenance and preservation, acquisition of reproduction items for education and interpretive programs, as well as supporting other capital initiatives.

Information presented here represents the operating activities of The Fort Ticonderoga Association. This analysis is based on unaudited draft financial statements for the 2023 fiscal year (January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023) and does not include capital funds and projects. These graphs are intended to provide timely information, but they are not a substitute for the audited financial statement.

▲ Paper money was commonly produced within colonies to facilitate financial Transactions. The extensive presence of the British Army in New York since the French and Indian War made New York's money the standard used to pay British troops in America. Notes like this five pound New York bill from 1771 may have circulated among British officers, like those of the 26th Regiment that garrisoned New Jersey and New York before being dispatched to Canada. Fort Ticonderoga Museum Collections

# **2023 TOTAL SPENDING = \$5,180,204**



# **TOTAL RECEIPTS= \$5,624,181**

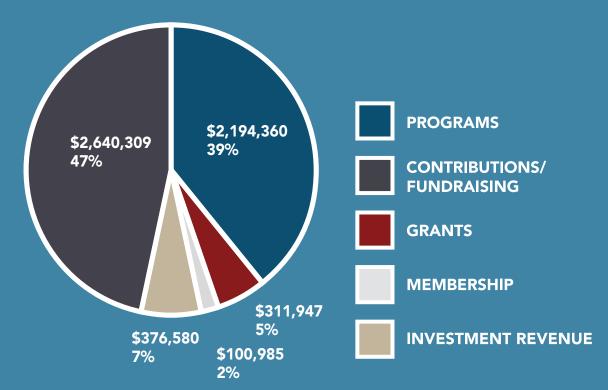


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Fort Ticonderoga staff rigorously pursue every detail in their historic research and interpretation to ensure that the past they represent best honors those who served at Ticonderoga. Visitors appreciate the knowledge and passion of the talented staff who find ways to connect the 18th-century world to audiences today.





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