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Discover how Fort Ticonderoga brings to life the last months, days, and hours of the British guard of Ticonderoga as REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ rolls into 1775!

THE BIG PICTURE

In Defense of the Nation

As the calendar turns to fall and the upcoming **Winter Quarters**, anticipation continues to grow as we approach our **national 250th** in earnest! With the conclusion of the robust summer tourism season, Fort Ticonderoga is driving forward with an increased national presence as a leader in historical interpretation, exhibition, research, and education. We do all of this because we deeply believe that historical understanding is fundamental to present and future generations—and our nation.



Fort Ticonderoga's innovative multi-year program **REAL TIME REVOLUTION™** follows the story of the American Revolution in real time at Ticonderoga. This winter, step into the fort to meet the British soldiers and their families just before the shots were heard around the world.

Be sure to mark your calendars for May 9-11, 2025 to experience the 250th anniversary of **America's First Victory** of the American Revolution!

Winter Quarters also gives us important time to plan. Conservation work is underway on key objects which will go on display in our upcoming Revolutionary Anthology exhibition. A new prestigious grant awarded to Fort Ticonderoga from the National Endowment for the Humanities will provide vital funds for expanded teacher professional development in the summer of 2025, exploring defining and enduring themes of the American Revolution.

With increased investment in our digital platforms, virtual visitors, including teachers and students, will have more resources and on-demand content available, which will transport America's founding history right into classrooms across the nation and beyond. For regional schools, Fort Ticonderoga staff bring their time travel to students in person during Winter Quarters including the new program "Henry Knox in the Classroom."

Year upon year, we build upon our success and expand our educational impact. We are so thrilled to see the power of your support in action. Although we have accomplished a great deal, there is much work ahead. Your contributions, large or small, help make our transformative initiatives possible as we preserve, educate, and provoke an active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations.

With gratitude for your support! Onward!
Beth L. Hill, President and CEO

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Become a member of Fort Ticonderoga and receive:

- Free admission to Fort Ticonderoga for one year
- Subscription to *The Haversack* newsletter
- 10% discount in the museum store
- Free or discounted admission to selected events

You'll want to visit more than once to:

- Enjoy our world-class exhibits
- Interact with our dynamic museum staff
- Explore beautiful gardens
- Attend programs and special events
- Tour Lake Champlain aboard the *Carillon*
- Take in a breathtaking birds-eye view from Mount Defiance

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Save the Date to Celebrate! March 21, 2025

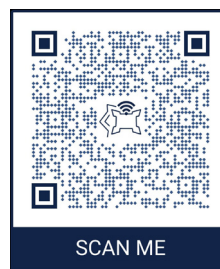


The 31st Annual Ticonderoga Ball in New York City

This elegant black-tie affair supports Fort Ticonderoga's mission of education and preservation. Enjoy cocktails, dinner, a live auction, and dancing with the Lester Lanin Orchestra at New York City's historic Union League Club. Our online Exclusive Experiences Auction will be open to all, offering one-of-a-kind trips, tours, and adventure. For more information and to reserve your tickets, call 518-585-2821.

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Whether your friends and family live near or far, you can bring them 365 days of adventure with a Fort Ticonderoga Gift Membership! Your gift includes FREE Virtual Author Series & Fort Fever Series, Seminar and Shopping Discounts, our 2025 season of Admission and Living History Events, and their very own subscription to *The Haversack*.



PUBLIC HISTORY

Liberty Hill Soldiers' Huts

A one-day living history event, **"To Render this Place as Tenable as Possible" on December 7**, will showcase the first of our recreated soldiers' huts, based on our most current understanding of these small wooden houses that Pennsylvania soldiers built as shelter upon Liberty Hill as they prepared to hold the line of liberty and maintain their discipline through a harsh winter. This event is just a taste of 1776 **REAL TIME REVOLUTION™** programs to come!

Thanks to support from Americana Corner, beginning in 2025, we will begin expanding our recreated Liberty Hill encampment. The new soldiers' huts will tangibly illustrate life on Liberty Hill and serve as a stage to dramatically reenact moments of triumph and tragedy that occurred on this ground in 1776 and 1777.



Explore the Northern Department

As the 250th anniversary of the American Revolutionary War begins in 2025, explore the Northern Department and engage with the region's rich Revolutionary historic sites. Led by Fort Ticonderoga, the Northern Department links 18 historic sites, museums, and cultural destinations across the U.S., Canada, and tribal nations.

The locations represent the places and people that waged the War for Independence in the 1770s that you can experience today! The newly developed Northern Department website is available for you to plan your next Revolutionary journey. Visit it at www.northerndepartment.org.

Action! Fort Ticonderoga's Filmmaker



Justin Hartough is the man behind our new short films on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube! Justin joined Fort Ticonderoga's team in May as Videographer-Editor and has crafted stunning films about our history and our exciting work at Fort Ticonderoga.

What attracted you to join Fort Ticonderoga's team?

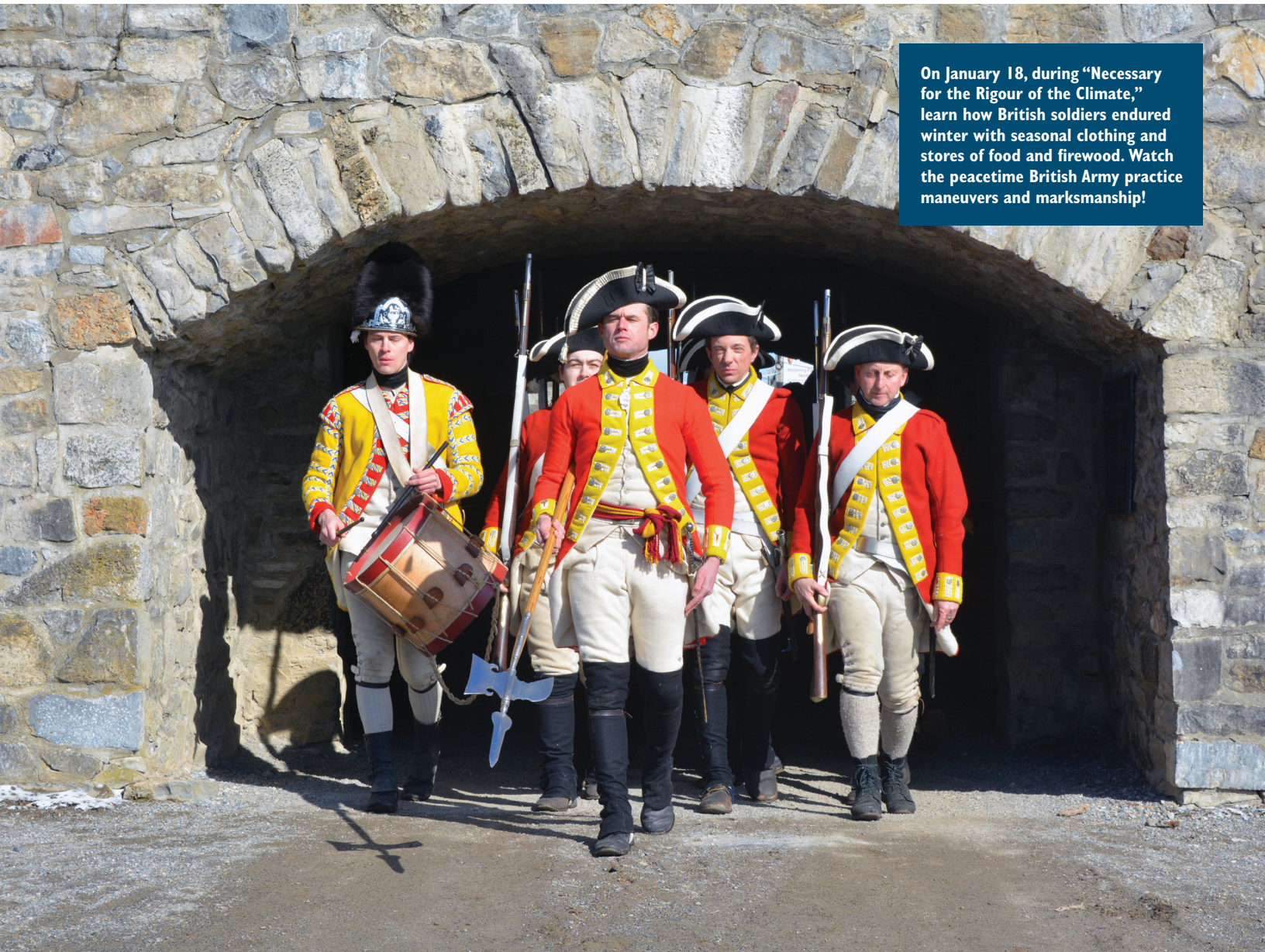
I came to Fort Ticonderoga when I was 11 years old and was taken by it. That spark was always there. When the opportunity arose, I jumped on it.

What is your favorite aspect of Fort Ticonderoga to capture on film?

I love the natural beauty most. From sunrise to sunset, there are always breathtaking views to capture. This place is also a symphony of moments of connection between modern people and our history.

What most excites you about the upcoming 250th?

I'm most excited about the maritime stories during the upcoming 250th anniversary events. From the Americans building their scrappy fleet, to the British sailing ships across the Atlantic Ocean and reassembling them on Lake Champlain, the effort to command the waterway and access the heart of the rebellion was incredible.



On January 18, during "Necessary for the Rigour of the Climate," learn how British soldiers endured winter with seasonal clothing and stores of food and firewood. Watch the peacetime British Army practice maneuvers and marksmanship!

Winter Quarters Events

Fort Ticonderoga's innovative approach to telling the story of America's 250th takes center stage with REAL TIME REVOLUTION™, a multi-year program that day by day, moment by moment, brings the story to life in real time. Our unique approach to the 250th anniversary chronicles the whole period, with the rich narratives of different armies, peoples and climactic events that shaped the fight for independence from 1774-1777.

As we march into Winter Quarters, 2024-2025, visitors step into Ticonderoga in the winter of 1774-1775, on the eve of the Revolution, and explore the unfamiliar colonial world in which Americans were British subjects and the garrison of Fort Ticonderoga was part of the community surrounding it.

A series of upcoming living history events during Winter Quarters will explore the human side of the British soldiers and their families who garrisoned Ticonderoga

during this time. From exploring practical and clothing needs during the winter to the family life of the garrison, including women's role in the military economy, Winter Quarters visitors will gain a deeper understanding of this peacetime garrison and their relationship with the broader community on the eve of the Revolution.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming events and follow programmatic highlights on our social media platforms! See page 11 for the Winter Quarters calendar listing.



◀ The "His Majesty's Garrison of Ticonderoga" event on February 15 will examine family life itself for the British garrison, especially women's role in the military economy, making soap, laundering, and dairying. Discover peacetime luxuries like a communal mess table enjoyed by respectable soldiers and their families.

▼ On March 15 during "The Market for Produce Goods," visitors will go beyond the mechanics of weapons to examine the close relationship between the British Guard of Fort Ticonderoga and the surrounding civilian community. This immersive event highlights market day at Ticonderoga, a local tradition that lived on after the American capture of Fort Ticonderoga in 1775.

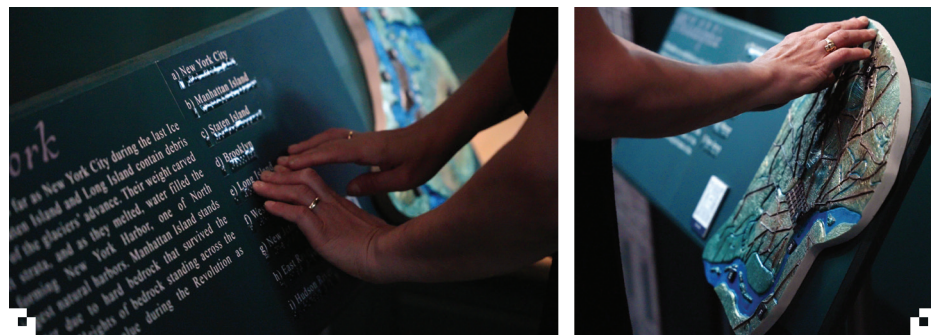
America's First Victory!

Join Fort Ticonderoga May 9-11, 2025, and be part of history! The 250th anniversary of Ethan Allen's capture of Fort Ticonderoga will come to life through a dramatic weekend and nighttime reenactment event titled NO QUARTER. These three days will chronicle the march of the Green Mountain Boys through Vermont as the British garrison remained unaware of the shots heard around the world at Lexington and Concord. Join visitors and dignitaries to witness the real story of Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, and the mere minutes required to subdue the British guard and secure America's first victory of the Revolution.



Getting Closer to the Past

Collections and Curatorial departments prepare for a new year of the Revolutionary Anthology exhibit series.



Get Hands-on with Exhibits

New tactile components were added to the “A Revolutionary Anthology: Power of Place” exhibit over the summer. The elements are designed to enhance the experience for all, while also creating ways to engage with the exhibit for blind and low-vision guests. Matt Gesualdi of Proximity Studio created raised relief maps based on consultations with Dr. Cheryl Fogle-Hatch from MuseumSenses.

The raised relief maps offer the opportunity to feel the landscapes of the Revolutionary War that the exhibit explores. Dr. Fogle-Hatch works to develop multisensory experiences in galleries, museums, and other cultural organizations across the country.

▲ **Matt Gesualdi of Proximity Studio and Dr. Cheryl Fogle-Hatch from MuseumSenses visited the museum this summer to provide feedback on tactile elements in the exhibit. They also helped train staff on how to create a richer and more welcoming experience for guests with different needs.**



This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services MA-253283-OMS-23

Fellow Develops Tactile Exhibits



Hayden Slentz-Kessler, this summer’s Edward W. Pell exhibition fellow, helped to develop and prototype new tactile components for future exhibits. During the 10-week fellowship, Hayden worked closely with museum staff and our accessibility consultants to conceptualize future exhibits. Hayden reviewed objects and themes for the 2025 installation of “A Revolutionary Anthology” focusing on the theme of *Subjects, Citizens, Service*. He applied this experience to building prototypes of tactile components. He also helped install this summer’s tactile maps and prepared braille text for the labels. His work will form the basis for exhibit elements in 2025 and beyond, while he gained valuable experience across Fort Ticonderoga’s various departments to learn how a museum runs.

A Revolutionary Face Returns

We are excited to welcome back the portrait of Frances (Fanny) Montresor Buchanan Allen Penniman after conservation treatment at the Williamstown Art Conservation Center in Massachusetts. Purchased by Fort Ticonderoga in 1910, it was one of the museum’s earliest acquisitions. While she is often remembered for her 1784 marriage to Ethan Allen, Fanny’s life is significant in its own right. She lived through the Revolutionary War and Vermont’s disputes with New York, which led to its independence. She died as a U.S. citizen, mother to two West Point graduates and New England’s first Catholic nun, while also becoming Vermont’s first documented botanist.

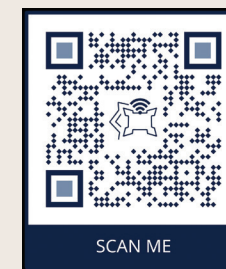
To ensure the portrait’s preservation and prepare it for exhibition, conservators stabilized cracked and cleaving paint, re-lined the canvas, replaced the stretcher, and removed yellowed varnish. Her portrait will feature in *A Revolutionary Anthology: Subjects, Citizens, Service*, opening May 2025. Supported by the Greater Hudson Heritage Network and generous donors during our 2023 Giving Tuesday appeal, Fanny’s portrait represents a young woman born into the British-American Empire, witnessing monumental change.



Fort Ticonderoga also holds the portrait of Fanny’s aunt and adoptive mother, Margaret Schoolcraft. Margaret survived the Revolution and dislocation due to her British loyalties. Her portrait requires conservation for display in an exhibit slated for 2026. A grant from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership will partially support preservation of this portrait for future generations and allow us to tell the full story of the Revolution. You can

help to support this project and all the important preservation work at Fort Ticonderoga!

To donate scan the QR code or visit: fortticonderoga.org/join-and-support/donate



▲ **Conservation work removed generations’ worth of dirt and varnish to reveal the vivid original colors of the painting.**

The conservation of Fanny’s portrait was supported, in part, by the New York State Council on the Arts/Greater Hudson Heritage Network Conservation Treatment Grant Program administered by Greater Hudson Heritage Network. This program is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.



NEH Landmarks Grant provides Opportunities for Teachers in 2025

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) recently awarded Fort Ticonderoga a Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshops for School Teachers grant for the summer of 2025. This grant enables Fort Ticonderoga to host **72 educators** from across the United States for a week-long workshop exploring the American Revolution through five themes: Power of Place; Subjects, Citizens, Service; Revolutionary Possibilities; Shaping Nations, Forging Identities; and Manufacturing Independence.

Participation is open to educators teaching grades 6-12 through a competitive application process that opens this November. Teachers can learn more by visiting <https://nehfortticonderoga.org>,

which will be available in late October. The workshop titled "The American Revolution: Subjects, Citizens, and Soldiers" will be offered twice: June 22-27 and July 27-August 1, 2025, for 36 teachers each week.

Since 2011, Fort Ticonderoga has received five NEH Landmarks grants and one NEH Summer Institute grant, supporting extended residential learning for over 380 teachers from 47 states. Participants engage with visiting scholars like Ricardo Herrera from the U.S. Army War College, Maeve Kane from the University at Albany, and Holly Mayer (emeritus) from Duquesne University. Educators also immerse themselves in the vast collections of the Fort Ticonderoga



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Museum, using manuscripts, objects, and artworks to explore complexities of the American Revolution from various perspectives.

Teachers will also experience Fort Ticonderoga's unique REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ as we commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, delving into the day-by-day events of 1775 at and around Ticonderoga.



Teachers Sara Long (Iowa), Natalie Delaplain (Oklahoma), and Pilar Svendsen (California) examine objects in "A Revolutionary Anthology: Power of Place" during an exercise in using museum exhibitions with students.



In-Classroom Outreach

Each school year, Fort Ticonderoga's skilled educators reach more than 4,000 students in their classrooms, both in-person and virtually, with our whole menu of outreach programs. Based on teacher survey feedback, outreach programs cover topics including the daily life of Revolutionary War soldiers, maritime trade skills, supply, geography, and networks of colonial trade.

Through hands-on discovery, students piece together how Henry Knox moved cannons to the siege of Boston. This new outreach program examines the process of understanding the Noble Train of Artillery from different primary sources.

For high school students, Fort Ticonderoga interactively teaches critical thinking and historical literacy skills using documents, images, and objects from our Museum Collections. Beginning this school year, teachers can book "Henry Knox in the Classroom" to inspire students with the Noble Train of Artillery. Students imagine the scale of this logistical feat through non-firing reproduction cannon, oxen yokes, draft horse collars, and more. Using real primary sources, students explore historians' detective work to understand the Noble Train today.



Massachusetts teacher Meghan Burns works with shoemaker Reagan Pabb to help finish a shoe.

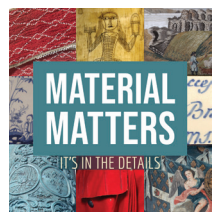


California teacher Pilar Svendsen uses artifacts in the "Object Lessons" exhibit to share her methodology for incorporating historic objects in the social studies classroom.



Thirteenth Annual Garden & Landscape Symposium

Kerry Ann Mendez, an award-winning garden educator, author, and design consultant, is the featured speaker at Fort Ticonderoga's Annual Garden and Landscape Symposium on April 5, 2025. Mendez will speak on "Inspired Garden Design Lessons from Magnificent Gardens and Gardeners." Additional sessions include reimagining forests, a historical look at gardens supporting military garrisons like Ticonderoga, and an introduction to the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University. Fort Ticonderoga's Horticulturist-in-Residence will also share what to expect for the 2025 growing season. Registration is now open by visiting www.fortticonderoga.org.



Register Now!
Virtual Material Matters Conference

The Fourteenth Annual "Material Matters: It's in the Details" conference takes place online on January 25, 2025. Offered through Fort Ticonderoga's Center for Digital History, this one-day virtual conference features material culture presentations ranging from "The Material Culture of European and American Regimental Colors" to "From a Plan Drawn on the Spot: William Faden and the Battle of Brandywine." Registration is now open by visiting www.fortticonderoga.org.

Author Series & Fort Fever Series

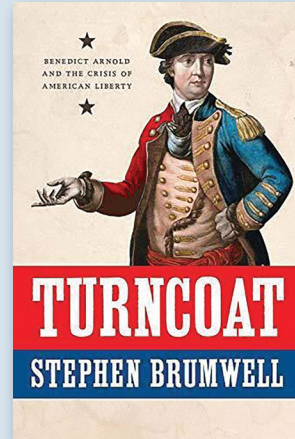
These programs are offered virtually and are FREE for members. For details and to register for programs, visit www.fortticonderoga.org.

FORT TICONDEROGA AUTHOR SERIES

Sundays at 2 p.m., Eastern Time

The Fort Ticonderoga Author Series features presentations by authors of books related to Fort Ticonderoga's history. These programs are offered through Zoom webinars and are free for Fort Ticonderoga Members (\$10 for non-members). For details and registration, visit the Fort Ticonderoga website.

- October 20 | Michael Shay, *The Whites of Their Eyes: The Life of Revolutionary War Hero Israel Putnam from Rogers' Rangers to Bunker Hill*
- November 3 | John William Nelson, *Muddy Ground: Native Peoples, Chicago's Portage, and the Transformation of a Continent*



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- January 12 | Serena Zabin, *The Boston Massacre: A Family History*
- February 9 | J.L. Bell, *The Road to Concord: How Four Stolen Cannon Ignited the Revolutionary War*
- April 13 | Stephen Brumwell, *Turncoat: Benedict Arnold and the Crisis of American Freedom*
- June 8 | Christian Di Spigna, *Founding Martyr: The Life and Death of Dr. Joseph Warren, the American Revolution's Lost Hero*
- July 20 | Michael Gabriel, *Quebec During the American Invasion, 1775-1776*
- August 17 | Mark Anderson, *The Battle for the Fourteenth Colony: America's War of Liberation in Canada, 1774-1776*
- October 19 | T. Cole Jones, *Captives of Liberty: Prisoners of War and the Politics of Vengeance in the American Revolution*
- November 2 | Phillip Hamilton, *The Revolutionary War Lives and Letters of Lucy and Henry Knox*

FORT TICONDEROGA FORT FEVER SERIES

Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Eastern Time

The Fort Ticonderoga Fort Fever Series features presentations by Fort Ticonderoga staff sharing recent research and projects.

- January 22 | Miranda Peters, Vice President of Collections, and Kate Tardiff, Project Archivist, *Cataloguing, Documenting, & Sharing Collections from the American Revolution*
- February 26 | Stuart Lilie, Vice President of Public History, *'No Quarter!': The Green Mountain Boys' Capture of Fort Ticonderoga*
- March 26 | Cameron Green, Director of Interpretation, *Philip Schuyler: Commissioner of Indian Affairs*
- April 23 | Dr. Matthew Keagle, Curator, *An American Anthology: Subjects, Citizens, Service*



Participants learn about winter preparation during the 2024 "Necessary for the Rigour of the Climate" living history event.

November 9

Living History Event: The Enemy Are Refortifying Ticonderoga

Highlighted programming features an encampment of soldiers and sailors who will depart to head north. Discover the network of scouts and spies through which the British government, the independent state of Vermont, and the Continental Congress, negotiated their borders.

November 16-17

Winter Workshop Series: Quilted Petticoats*

As you begin your own worsted wool quilted petticoat, examine details from surviving quilted petticoats, period images, and descriptions of these common womens' garments.

December 7

Living History Event: To Render This Place as Tenable as Possible

Witness soldiers' preparations to hold the line of liberty, maintaining discipline through the hardships of winter. Discover how troops overcame adversities each day as they continued to prepare Ticonderoga's defenses.

* Pre-registration required: limited tickets available.

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January 18

REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Living History Event: Necessary for the Rigour of the Climate

Experience Fort Ticonderoga during its last winter garrisoned by British troops. See how soldiers worked to repair the aging French and Indian War fort as cold weather set in. From firewood to fur caps, examine British military preparations for winter.

February 1

Winter Workshop Series: 1775 New York Cartridge Box*

Explore subtle regional differences in American cartridge boxes as you build your own based on an example carried by a New York soldier who served in the 1775 campaign.

February 15

REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Living History Event: His Majesty's Garrison of Ticonderoga

See Fort Ticonderoga on the eve of the American Revolution as British soldiers and their families lived in this peacetime fort on the frontier. Discover how soldiers and their families made a comfortable life here at this historic military post.

March 1

Winter Workshop Series: Civilian Trousers*

In this one-day workshop begin your own pair of civilian trousers, as you learn essential sewing techniques for crafting your own 250th portrayals.

March 15

REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Living History Event: The Market for Produce Goods

Explore Fort Ticonderoga's place within the communities along Lake Champlain. From markets to marriages, see the surprising connections between the 26th Regiment of Foot and American colonists as war loomed on the horizon.

May 3-4

REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Living History Event: For the Good of the King's Service

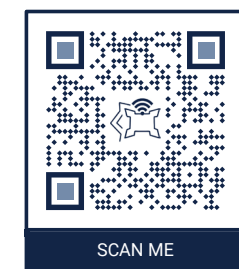
Experience garrison life in British North America in the opening days of Revolutionary War as Fort Ticonderoga continues REAL TIME REVOLUTION™!

May 9-11

REAL TIME REVOLUTION™ Battle Reenactment: No Quarter!

Attend the epic 250th Anniversary reenactment of the capture of Fort Ticonderoga by Ethan Allen, Benedict Arnold, and the Green Mountain Boys. Through dramatic vignettes, examine the real story behind America's First Victory and learn of America's first offensive push of the Revolution.

Fort Ticonderoga and Mount Defiance are open for daily visitation Tuesday-Sunday, May 3-October 26, 2025!



SCAN ME

To view the full in-person and virtual event calendar, scan the QR code or visit fortticonderoga.org



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Lieutenant (\$180)

All of the above benefits plus two guest passes

Captain (\$250)

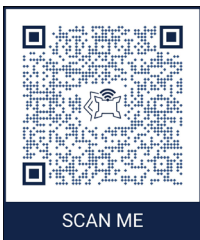
All of the above benefits plus two additional guest passes (4 total)

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