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Good thing this interpreter is making shoes, we are back up and running and need them! Don't miss Fort Ticonderoga's fantastic 2021 summer programming!

THE BIG PICTURE

Savoring Summer Moments

After a long year consumed by unexpected and significant challenges posed by the COVID-19 epidemic, we are savoring these summer season days with a new sense of appreciation and celebration. If trends continue and America "hits the road" as promised, we'll have the most successful summer season to date!

The long-awaited Pavilion grand opening will take place on August 7 at our Annual Garden Party. William Ferris Pell built the National



Historic Landmark in 1826, and the Pavilion's new chapter will usher in fresh experiences and opportunities for visitors to explore the site's rich history.

You'll read in this issue about the dedicated exhibit space in the south wing of the Pavilion, which will provide a

platform to display our extraordinary decorative arts collection as well as the powerful story of Ticonderoga's preservation, considered the earliest in America.

This *Haversack* is also bursting with energy and insider updates. Mark your calendars for our special summer events. Learn how our new "Maritime Artificer's Apprentice" program offers hands-on exploration of historic trades. Hop aboard our *Carillon* tour boat to discover one of the richest underwater archaeological sites in America.

Families will love our "In His Majesty's Service" guide that will help parents and children tour at their own pace and make sure they don't miss a thing! Pick it up upon arrival and take advantage of all our memory-making programs.

In all our summer activities, whether it is taking a narrated boat tour, a chat with our historic trades staff, or a teacher discovering a new method to engage her students during one of our Center for Digital History on-line programs, we love to share Fort Ticonderoga's story and inspire unique learning moments. Your support makes our significant initiatives possible. Be sure to visit often this summer so *you* can savor the impact you are making on our diverse audience. With gratitude for your support.

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

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A MUST ATTEND FUNCTION!



Join us at the 20th Annual Garden Party on Saturday, August 7! Enjoy prohibition-era-inspired cocktails, music, elegant fare, and a silent auction. Guests are encouraged to wear garden or 1920s attire. This event features the grand opening of the restored National Historic Landmark Pavilion!

Visit our website or call 518-585-2821 to register. Want to help Fort Ticonderoga achieve its goals? Go to givery.us/history/?controller=home

SUMMERTIME FUN, FUN, FUN!

Sunset Boat Cruise

Relax aboard the *Carillon* tour boat and revel in Lake Champlain's beauty.

Availability: July 24, 31; August 6, 14, 21, 28

Guns by Night

The flash of musketry and roar of cannon fire will captivate you in this unique tour and demonstration of 18th-century firepower!

Availability: July 29; August 5, 12, 19, 26

NEW! Beneath Fortress Walls

This walking tour lets you explore around, on top, and inside the fort to find out Ticonderoga's secrets, including areas off limits to the general public.

Availability: August 4

The Gossip Tour of Fort Ticonderoga

During this adults-only walking tour, go beyond the battles to get the untold story of scandals, hijinks, and drama at Ticonderoga from 1755-1781!

Availability: August 11

NEW! Cannon and Coffee

Be the first to enter Fort Ticonderoga during this walking tour of our world-class collection of 18th-century artillery.

Availability: August 6

More Than a Pretty Face

The restored, gleaming white Pavilion occupies a majestic site on the shores of Lake Champlain, but the Greek Revival mansion offers more than just a handsome appearance. The 1826 National Historic Landmark gives Fort Ticonderoga the opportunity to continue to transform into a national cultural destination and offer a wide array of experiences for guests with different interests.

The newly restored south wing of the Pavilion provides a platform to display art and artifacts from the structure's fascinating history. Two state-of-the-art galleries will examine the Pavilion story. One exhibit will explore the evolution of the Ticonderoga peninsula as it transitioned from a place of turmoil and conflict to a peaceful tourist destination.

Another exhibit will focus on the Pavilion collection of decorative and fine arts. Highlights from the exhibits will include archaeological artifacts excavated during the restoration, refined furniture from the colonial period, historic ceramics, and Pell family pieces that once graced the Pavilion's halls.



▲ The International Paper Foundation has provided Fort Ticonderoga funding to support the preservation and installment of an important portrait of World War One veteran and museum co-founder Stephen HP Pell. This project supports the painting's conservation. It will be displayed alongside a painting of his wife, Sarah Pell, with their children, Robert and John.



▲ Purchased through the generous support of the Anthony Pell Family, this stunning silver basket is returning to the Pavilion. Made ca. 1814 by one of America's foremost silversmiths, the neoclassical basket passed down through the female line of the Gibbs family for nearly 200 years, including to museum co-founder Sarah Pell. It represents the long line of women who have left their mark on American history and guided Fort Ticonderoga's preservation.

“Enlist” in Family Fun!

The “In His Majesty’s Service” guide will help families find adventure!

THERE ARE A LOT OF FUN family activities to discover at Fort Ticonderoga. To help make sure your kids see everything and enjoy interacting with our interpreters portraying soldiers of the 26th Regiment of Foot and their families in 1774, we have put together an “In His Majesty’s Service” program guide! Families begin at an officer’s tent in front of Fort Ticonderoga, where children get their own “Kid’s Kit” of activities and coloring sheets of scenes of daily life in 1774!

Use the guide to help you tour at your own pace to visit shoemakers, tailors making military clothing, and the musket maintenance area, where you’ll learn how flintlocks work. At each stop, children will get a unique souvenir to take home. For example, an interpreter will teach them how to make their own cartridge tube!

There’s more. Your family can talk to armorers working on mighty cannons, and kids get to hold and feel the weight of reproduction cannonballs and canister shots. They will also see how cannons were loaded and fired at Fort Ticonderoga.

Take a short walk to the King’s Garden so your family can enjoy floral beauty and help tend to the soldiers’ garden. Explore the maritime story of Ticonderoga at the nearby boat house where learners of all ages can try their hand at woodworking or working on a sail as they enjoy stories of warships on the lake.

At the end of your family’s fun journey, return to the officer’s tent so kids can get their booklet stamped with the broad arrow, a unique symbol that showed an item belonged to the British government. Children will also be “paid” for their work in reproduction 1774 currency. The “In His Majesty’s Service” guide will lead you to family adventure and fun!



▲ A smiling young guest gets a workout on a shaving bench in the boat house as he helps a maritime interpreter with his carpentry.

◀ An armorer passes a cannonball to an interested boy, perhaps also passing on a lifelong interest in history. Such hands-on activities bring history to life and create memories for your family!



New Exhibit of Ticonderoga's Forgotten Era!

BETWEEN THE WARS:

British Ticonderoga 1759-1775

FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS, from its capture in 1759 until the American Revolution began in 1775, Fort Ticonderoga was garrisoned by the British Army, the longest any power held Fort Ticonderoga. A new exhibit, "Between the Wars: British Ticonderoga 1759-1775," explores this period to provide context to our interpretive portrayal of the British garrison of 1774. Through the conclusion of the French and

Indian War, reductions in manpower, shifts in imperial policy, and the increasing political agitation by colonists, Fort Ticonderoga remained a small but important part of the British military presence in North America. Elements of more than 10 regiments were stationed at the important post during this time, and the range of artifacts and manuscripts on display document their presence here through this critical time.



▲ Flooring tiles like these were shipped from Fort George in 1760 to replace floors in Ticonderoga's officers' barracks after a fire in March of that year gutted the building. This example bears the date scratched on the reverse. Such archaeological recoveries helped inform the reconstruction of the west barracks in 1909.

The elaborately printed document is the discharge of 51-year-old Sergeant Samuel Hallows, who served in the 1st Battalion of the 60th Regiment. The 60th served here from 1770 to 1772. Hallows' discharge certified his military service was officially at an end after 14 years and 5 months in the British Army.



▲ These remnants of pattens, footwear designed to be worn under shoes to protect them from dirt, may be the only physical reminder of the hundreds of women that lived at Ticonderoga. Wives, mothers, sisters, and companions followed soldiers here between the two wars. Fully one third of the individuals captured by Benedict Arnold and Ethan Allen in 1775 were women and children.

2021 Corn Maze, NEW design!



Each year our fun corn maze connects to Fort Ticonderoga's exciting story. This year's design includes the silhouette of a cartridge pouch badge of the 26th Regiment of Foot (right). The 2021 Heroic Corn Maze features new history clues to navigate the maze and the return of Maze Quest, a scavenger hunt to find a series of British Army-themed stamps in the Maze. Find all the stamps and sign the wall of fame!



▲ The badge from a 26th Regiment of Foot cartridge box. Detachments of the 26th Regiment guarded the fort from 1772 until the surrender on May 10, 1775 to Ethan Allen and Benedict Arnold. The original badge is displayed in our Between the Wars exhibit.



Dr. Stephen Brumwell

September 24-26

**Seminar on the American Revolution
Benedict, battles, bad soldier
behavior, and much more!**

Fort Ticonderoga’s 17th Annual Seminar on the American Revolution features keynote speaker and noted author Dr. Stephen Brumwell on “Turncoat: Benedict Arnold and the Crisis of American Liberty.”

British historian Brumwell has written numerous books on key figures in 18th-century American history, including George Washington, Robert Rogers, and James Wolfe.

The full weekend of presentations covers various topics related to the American Revolution, including illness in the ranks, efforts to suppress pillaging, and changing perceptions of appropriate and inappropriate actions by soldiers. The composition of Continental troops, and the key Battle of the Virginia Capes will also be discussed. New this year—many of the sessions will be available for live viewing through the Center for Digital History. You can learn more and register to attend either in person or virtually at: <https://www.fortticonderoga.org/event/seventeenth-annual-seminar-on-the-american-revolution/>

October 15-17

**Historically Situated:
History, Memory, and Place**

Celebrate 200 years of preservation on the Ticonderoga peninsula by attending this special weekend conference focused on historic preservation. Keynote speaker Richard Longstreth, emeritus Professor of American Studies at The George Washington University, highlights Ticonderoga’s role in historic preservation with “Fort Ticonderoga: Ruin, Reconstruction, and the Making of a Historical Landscape.”

Other presenters from across the country and from Europe focus on historic preservation stories from the 18th through the early 21st centuries. Participants can register to attend in person or online for this conference at: <https://www.fortticonderoga.org/event/historically-situated-history-memory-and-place/>

**“Ticonderoga Tuesdays”
Educators Love These Webinars**

Our very popular “Ticonderoga Tuesdays” webinars for educators continue this summer and fall with



Welcome our 2021 Pell Fellows

The Edward W. Pell Graduate Fellows arrived at Ticonderoga in early June and will work with our staff and collections through the middle of August.

Alex Hagler, Bryn Mawr College, and Sam Waltman, The George Washington University, are cataloging objects recovered from the Parade Ground as part of the Mars Education Center construction project.

Brian Gerring, Norwich University, is compiling a comprehensive list of all the French, British, German, and American military units that served at Ticonderoga from 1755-1783.

Talia Brenner, North Carolina State University, is researching the roles of women as well as the impact of disease

on the various armies at Ticonderoga in the 18th century.

Since the Edward W. Pell Graduate Fellowship program began in 2015, 24 students have spent a 10-week span at Ticonderoga working with our staff on diverse projects that provide real-world experience in the museum profession.

In September, Fort Ticonderoga will host its first post-doctoral fellow as part of a new collaborative program between Fort Ticonderoga and the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture at the College of William and Mary. The program will enable a historian with the opportunity to conduct in-depth research using the Fort Ticonderoga Collection.

programs supported by a grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program.

- "Cultures in Contact: Samuel de Champlain's 1609 Explorations," August 3 - 4, 10 a.m. to Noon
- "An Evening with Historian Stephen Brumwell," September 23, 5-6:30 p.m.
- "Archaeology at Ticonderoga: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," October 19, 6:30-8 p.m.
- "Conducting Research Online," November 16, 6:30-8 p.m.

These programs are free for educators, but pre-registration is required: <https://www.fortticonderoga.org/learn-and-explore/educators/professional-development/ticonderoga-tuesdays/>



REFLECT and REFRESH

Take a break in our King's Garden this summer, and wander its paths as you absorb visual beauty and aromatic delight. Join a guided tour offered at 11:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. and discover the layers of horticultural history on one of the oldest cultivated landscapes in America!



WE ARE BACK ON THE WATER!



Families are all smiles as they leave port for a fun, educational voyage on Lake Champlain. The lake holds some of the richest underwater archaeological treasures in America.

MARITIME PROGRAMS

With support from the South Lake Champlain Fund and the Lake Champlain Basin Program, Fort Ticonderoga will show students the ropes of maritime trades and naval service on our historic lake. In the "Maritime Artificers' Apprentice" program, students and scouts explore the real scale of naval vessels on Lake Champlain, then try their hand at three different maritime trades.

This May, we launched the bateau that our skilled maritime interpreters began hand-building in 2019. More students and scouts than ever will have the opportunity to experience rowing on Lake Champlain and see Fort Ticonderoga from

the perspective of an 18th-century soldier. Thanks to support from the Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, Fort Ticonderoga's maritime program will host two maritime trades' interns this summer. They will learn sail-making, rigging, and boat carpentry, as they help visitors discover Ticonderoga's incredible naval story!

“Lake Champlain tours offer amazing history and views!”

—Stuart Lilie, V.P. of Public History

DAILY CRUISES

Fort Ticonderoga's classic 1920s-styled tour boat *Carillon* is back and more popular than ever! Our tour boat's expansive windows let in cool breezes and offer panoramic views of the Green and Adirondack Mountains as visitors tour the most historic waterway in North America. Explore Lake Champlain in style and comfort, with beer, wine, soft drinks, sandwiches, and more available on-board!

CHARTERS/GROUP BOOKINGS

Birthdays, rehearsal dinners, reunions—and anything in between—charter the *Carillon* for your special occasion! Customize your charter with historic narration and bar packages. Don't miss your chance to experience spectacular fall color vistas in a private cruise with your family and friends. Go leaf-peeping from the water!

Refer to our website for the daily tour schedule and for reservations.



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