

*Fourteenth Annual
Garden & Landscape
Symposium*



*Saturday
April 18, 2026*

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9:00am Welcome

9:10-9:20am Challenges of the 2025 Growing Season—Fort Ticonderoga’s Horticulturist-in-Residence **Ann Hazelrigg** presents a brief review of the challenges gardeners faced in 2025.

9:20-10:20am My Earthwork: The Permanent Ephemeral— A sculptor in many media, a writer, and sculpture park owner, **Thea Alvin** seeks to organize nature’s chaos into beautiful shapes, identify the natural rhythm of spaces, and dynamically shift broken or disrupted gardens such that the energy and natural movement is restored. By working together with the land and its stewards, Alvin tunes and enhances parks, galleries, and pathways allowing the unexpected through and pushing a little impossible into view.

10:30-11:30am Gardening in a Changing World—In this presentation, **Helen O'Donnell** discusses her relationship to gardening in terms of horticultural and agricultural practices. She touches on ideas of gardening as both an artistic practice as well as an ecological one, and how we wrestle with making the “right” choices in our gardens. She discusses some of her own growing and gardening practices and gives some examples of other ideas that inspire her. Helen is a professional gardener, designer, and grower. She owns and manages the Bunker Farm in Dummerston, Vermont, along with her husband, sister, and brother-in-law. She manages Bunker Farm Plants, a specialty plant nursery, as part of the farm operation, offering unusual annuals and perennials, natives and non-natives, primarily grown from seed. In her gardening business, Helen designs, installs, and maintains gardens for private clients, works as a consultant, writes, and lectures. Helen believes that design, maintenance, and growing are symbiotic practices and that a garden is an ever changing, interspecies collaboration! She loves plants—especially the unkempt wild ones—and is a painter and printmaker and spends time each winter making art.

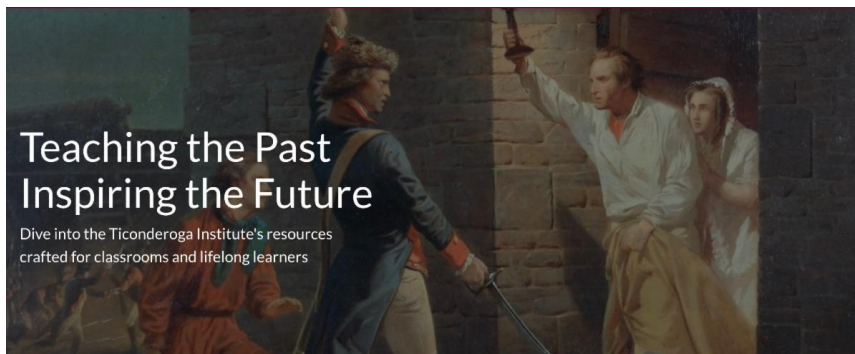
11:45am-12:30pm Lunch—Included in the registration fee.

12:30-12:40pm What to Expect in 2026—Fort Ticonderoga’s Horticulturist-in-Residence **Ann Hazelrigg** shares what to expect in the 2026 growing season.

12:40-1:40pm Abercrombie's Rock to the Ethan Allen Gate: Ticonderoga's 19th-Century Landscape—Explore Fort Ticonderoga's landscape through the eyes of 19th-century tourists with Vice President of Public History **Stuart Lillie**. Discover the amenities the Pavilion Hotel offered to generations of visitors and the gardens that supplied the menu. See the shadows of railroads and steamboat docks that dot our landscape today.

1:50-2:35pm The American Revolution, An Environmental Perspective: Five Landscapes that Shaped the War for Independence—What happened to forests, wetlands, and gardens during the Revolutionary War, and how did the natural world affect the conflict? Explore the American Revolution from an environmental perspective, focusing on five distinctive landscapes that were instrumental in the struggle for independence. The natural world played a significant role both on the battlefield and in the battle for hearts and minds. **Blake McGready** is a Ph.D. Candidate at The Graduate Center, CUNY. Before pursuing his doctorate, he worked for the National Park Service.

2:45-3:45pm The Wonderful World of Flavor—Insert yourself in the world of professional tasting to explore fruit and vegetable flavor quality like the experts do. First, you will be trained as a human instrument to objectively assess the aroma and flavor of food products. Then, we will explore the flavor quality of a set of fruits and vegetables together while learning what creates success in the market. **Roy Desrochers** is a global sensory expert based at the University of Vermont Extension with over 42 years of experience training tasters around the world.



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Registration

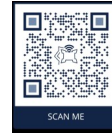
Fill out the registration form on the next page and mail with your check made payable to **Fort Ticonderoga** to:

*Garden Symposium Registration
Fort Ticonderoga
PO Box 390
Ticonderoga, NY 12883*

Early Bird Registrations must be received by February 15th, not postmarked by that date. Registration closes on April 15, 2026.

Register online at this link:

www.FortTiconderoga.org/ft_events/fourteenth-annual-garden-landscape-symposium/



Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be received by April 10th. Registration fees will be refunded, less a \$15 processing charge. Refunds will be processed after the Symposium. There is a \$10 processing charge to transfer registrations to another person.

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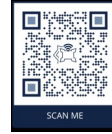
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Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration (by February 15, 2026)

- Member, \$90
- General Public, \$100
- Patron Level, \$250

Registration (after February 15, 2026)

- Member, \$105
- General Public, \$125
- Patron Level, \$250

Lunch Choices

- Chicken Salad
- Egg Salad
- Turkey
- Veggie

Bread Choice

- White Bread Multigrain Bread
- Gluten-free Bread

Virtual Registration Fees

Early Bird Registration (by February 15, 2026)

- Member, \$65
- General Public, \$75

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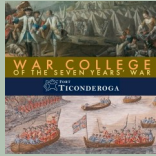
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2026 Conferences



**Thirtieth Annual
War College of the Seven Years' War**
Friday-Sunday, May 15-17, 2026



**Twenty-Second Annual Fort Ticonderoga
Seminar on the American Revolution**
Friday-Sunday, September 25-27, 2026



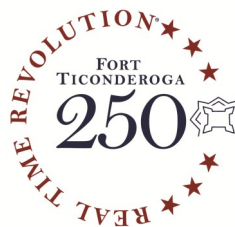
**Arnold's Defeat or Ultimate Victory?
Perspectives on the 1776 Campaign**
Friday-Sunday, October 9-11, 2026

Participating Online

Those who are unable to travel to Ticonderoga for this annual program can sign up to attend the Garden & Landscape Symposium online using Zoom Webinars.

All sessions will be streamed. Online participants will be able to ask questions of presenters using the "Q&A" function.

Both in-person and online participants will have access to these recorded sessions for two weeks following the Garden & Landscape Symposium.



Fort Ticonderoga is an independent not-for-profit educational institution and museum open to the public since 1909 and serves its mission to preserve, educate, and provoke an active discussion about the past and its importance to present and future generations. We foster an on-going dialogue surrounding citizens, soldiers, and nations through America's military heritage.

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