



Founder's Weekend Battle of the 1,000 Islands

For more than a decade re-enactors have assembled on Van Rensselaer (Lighthouse) Point to commemorate Ogdensburg's French colonial history. The military re-enactment and living history event draws re-enactors, historians, colonial artisans and event attendees from New York, Ontario and Quebec, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other states and provinces.

Fort de la Présentation founded in 1749 by Abbé Francois Picquet was a mission to Roman Catholic Iroquois and their allies. In the mid-1750s, the surrounding native populations from both shores of the St. Lawrence River and adjacent islands neared 3,000 from which warriors joined the French in their conflict with England during the French and Indian War. Fort de la Présentation was abandoned in 1759 when the British gained the upper hand in the war and most of the Native population dispersed. In 1760, the two-part Battle of the Thousand Islands signaled the end of the French régime in North America. The French vessel L'Outaouaise was captured by British gunboats off Isle Royale in August and later that month Fort Lévis (on what is now known as Chimney Island, located opposite the Ogdensburg shoreline) surrendered to the British after more than a week long artillery bombardment. Fort de la Lévis, defended by about 300 French, Canadian troops and Native Americans fell to an Anglo-American Army over 10,000 strong. In September 1760, Montreal surrendered and Canada officially joined the other American colonies as part of the British Empire after the signing of the Treaty of Ghent in 1763.

This history is commemorated at Founder's Weekend

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ABBE PICQUET TRAIL AND WAR OF 1812 PEACE GARDEN

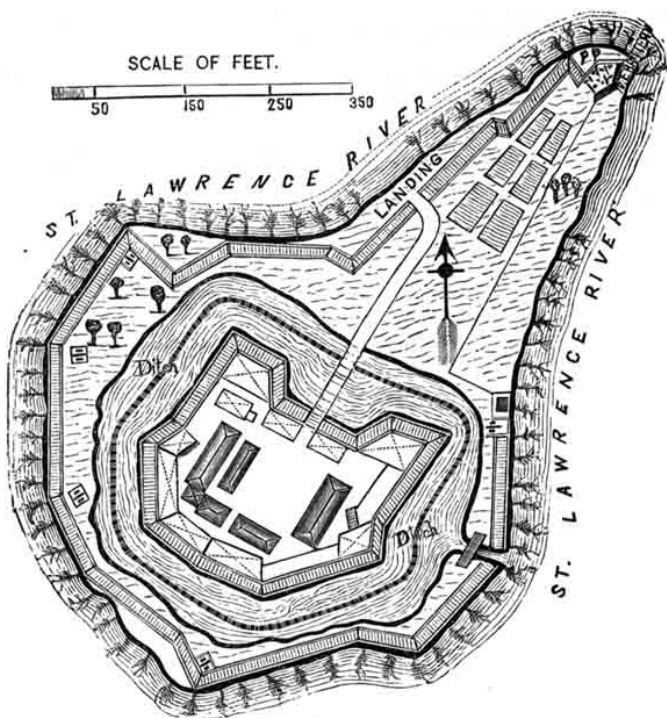


Opening Ceremony for the Abbe Picquet Trail and War of 1812 Peace Garden.

This has been a long journey to our ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening the Abbe Picquet Trail. The 1.25-mile-long waterfront trail provides access to the Abbé Picquet Memorial Obelisk/plaza, picnicking areas, benches for quiet contemplation, interpretive panels on the natural and cultural history of the St. Lawrence River Valley and the Ogdensburg community and visitor parking. The trail is open to the public for a wide range of activities, including: Walking/running, Cycling, Snowshoeing, Skiing, Picnicking, Fishing, Bird Watching, Passive Recreation, Heritage Education, Ship Watching. Abbe Picquet Trail and War of 1812 Peace Garden Opening Ceremony for the Abbe Picquet Trail and War of 1812 Peace Garden.

The Fort La Presentation Association would like to recognize and thank those individuals and organizations that helped us recently complete the trail project. The journey began in 2013 when Paul Cummings of the Chazen Companies wrote the successful \$352,650 CFA grant application for the OPRHP grant that represented the first major investment in the site. Our landscape architect, Andy Rymph of Chazen Companies designed the trail and oversaw the project. We were so fortunate to select TJFiacco as the contractor. We can't say enough about the professionalism and personal interest that Buddy and staff especially Dave, Barney and Tom took in the project. Sunshine Jenkins, Grants Administrator for the OPRHP Thousand Islands Region, provided support through the grant process and the construction phase. The St. Lawrence Planning Office administered the project allowing us to be reimbursed in a speedy fashion to pay off our loan. Their advice during the process was invaluable. The site would still be bare land if Community Bank NA had not provided construction financing.

The Ogdensburg Planning Department was an important part of the process. The trail received grant funding through State Assemblywoman Addie Jenne from the New York State Department of State and the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Park Development and Planning Grant Program. Funding was also received from the St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency's Community Development and Environment Improvement program, SeaComm Federal Credit Union and the Northern New York Community Foundation. Additional support came from David Austin 3-D Design, Atlantic Testing Laboratories, Ogdensburg Garden Club, St. Lawrence Waterfowlers, St. Lawrence Federal Credit Union, Masonic Charities, Great Lakes Seaway Trail, Fort La Presentation equity, Nicholas Vaugh. the Perry, O'Keefe, Hough and Cryderman families and all those who purchased a brick. A special thank you to Mickey and Marty Syne for designing the War of 1812 Peace Garden and the Carl E. Martel Memorial Fund for the flowers. The Board of Directors deserve recognition for taking on the project for the benefit of the community. Our volunteer maintenance crew of Marsha Hough, Bill Merna and Tim Cryderman who also was our clerk of the works are incredible and hardworking volunteers. It takes approximately 25 hours a week to maintain the Association's 25 acres. There have been at least 2,000 hours put into the Trail so far. Anyone who enjoys the outdoors and wants to contribute to the community they could use your help. Stay tuned for new additions in the near future. The Miller family, long-time supporters of the Fort Association, are donating and constructing an 18th century bake oven on the trail. Naming plaques, picnic area, and benches around the monument, thanks to Frary Funeral Home and benches in the parking area courtesy of LaRue and Pitcher Funeral Home will be installed soon. There are still naming opportunities and bricks available.



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The Founder's Weekend Committee give their heartfelt and sincere thanks to all who have supported us in anyway so that this event can continue to be the success it is.

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Assemblywoman Addie Jenne - Persis Yates Boyesen Award Presented to individuals or organization who have made an outstanding contribution to sponsor the historically accurate reconstruction and ongoing presence of Fort La Presentation.

Dallas R. Robinson - David L. Dickinson Award For the outstanding commitment of time and effort dedicated to Fort de la Presentation.



Photo: Tim Cryderman-2nd Vice President, Barbara O'Keefe-President, Marsha Hough Board member and Fall Social Chair.

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THE 2018 ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY PRIMITIVE SNOWSHOE BIATHLON

The Ft. La Présentation Association held its 2018 Primitive Snowshoe Biathlon on March 3 and 4, 2018 at the St. Lawrence Valley Sportsman's Club. A late winter storm slamming New England prevented a number of long-time runners from attending this year's event, but locally, runners enjoyed early spring trail conditions. Participants this year came from across New York State, western Vermont, Pennsylvania and the province of Quebec to run in the 2018 event. The Biathlon requires that participants run (or walk briskly) along a snowshoe trail through the woods and fire a muzzleloading rifle or musket at each of 5 targets on the trail. Runners are timed, fire 2 shots at each target and throw a tomahawk; each hit reduces the runner's time by 5 minutes. The Association in partnership with St. Lawrence -Lewis BOCES replaced its swinging iron targets for this year's the event.

The top 3 runners in each class were:

Woman's Primitive Rifle:

Jennifer Piccione, Quebec, Canada (1st), Sara Ricalton, Canton, NY (2nd & 3rd).

Men's Primitive Rifle:

Richard Hanss, Jr., Rochester, NY (1st), Jacob Hanss, Hornell, NY (2nd), Ben Gardner, Brasher Falls, NY (3rd).

Senior Primitive Rifle:

David Bressette, Swanton, VT. (1st), Eric Piccione, Quebec, Canada (2nd), Ray Haines, Pennsylvania (3rd).



Men's Smoothbore:

Charlie Shene, Canton, NY (1st).

Men's Elder Smoothbore:

Lloyd Hargrave, Madrid, NY (1st).

Men's Elder In-Line Rifle:

Dallas Robinson, Norfolk, NY (1st).

The Fort La Présentation Association offers its sincere thanks to its event sponsors, including: The St. Lawrence Valley Sportsman's Club, The Heuvelton Lions Club, the Chazen Companies, T.J. Fiacco Construction, Gray's Gun Shop, Forsyth's Rifles, Inc. and St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES. Funds raised through the 2-day event have been earmarked for use in the construction of the recently completed Abbé Picquet Trail on Lighthouse Point.

Mark your calendar for the 8th Annual Primitive Snowshoe Biathlon scheduled for March 2 and 3, 2019!

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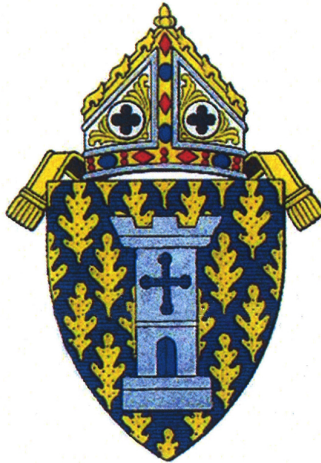
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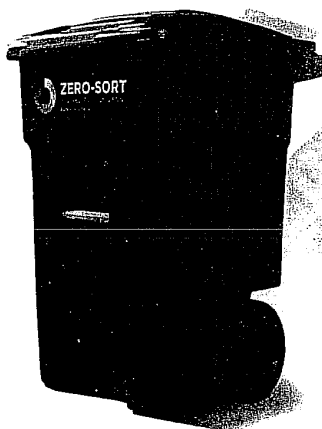
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LIVING HISTORY DAY

May 19, 2017

Living History Day is the culmination of a year-long project between Heuvelton Central School, Ogdensburg City Schools and Morristown Central School. Over 380 fourth and seventh grade students from all three schools were involved in the project. Students studied the French and Indian War throughout the year and completed projects with a focus on the role Fort de la Présentation played in this conflict.

The seventh annual Living History Day took place on May 18th at Van Rensselaer (Lighthouse) Point. Eighteenth century re-enactors and heritage interpreters demonstrated open-hearth cooking, colonial toys, colonial lighting, tinsmithing, cartridge rolling and other traditional activities. Throughout the day, students saw, touched and tasted some of what was everyday life for their ancestors. They experienced the life and color of America's history that happened in their own backyard.

Support, financial and material, was donated by the Heuvelton Parent

Teacher Association, the Heuvelton Teacher's Association, the Ogdensburg Education Association, and the Heuvelton Lions Club. St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES coordinated a School/Curriculum Improvement Program, allowing the three participating schools to split the cost of the presenters and admission fees.



The students really enjoyed their learning experience. Here is what some of them said in thank-you notes.

“Thank you very much for coming to show us different items from our history. I thought the whole Living History Day was really fun and informal. I also appreciate you taking time out of your day to come at help teach us stuff that people did back then. I thought everyone did a very good job teaching us. I had a very fun time learning.”



“At first I thought it would be really boring, but after I got there it was very interesting. I love when they showed us the clothing they would have worn back then.”



“Another one I liked was the hands on toys; they were fun to play with and taught us how games were back in the day, how they used bones and corn husks because they didn’t waste anything.”

“I enjoyed the presentations you were able to set up. I am sure it took a lot of work. My favorite presentations were the tinsmith, and the rope making.”

“Thank you for the time that it took you to put together the Living History Day for us. I really enjoyed most of the stations. I also learned a lot there. My favorite parts of Living History Day were the rope making, the toys station, and the shooting of the cannon.”

LIVING HISTORY DAY

"I appreciate all of the presenters and how much work you guys put in to make this work...Thank you for all of your effort and the work you put in. I hope this all works out in the following years when the other kids get to go to this trip."

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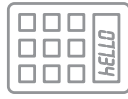


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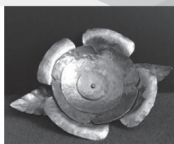
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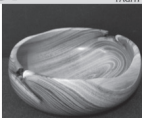
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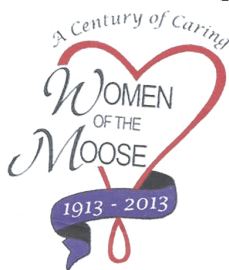
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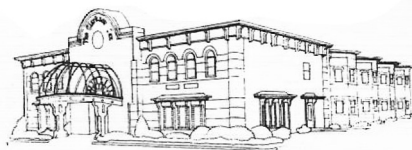


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