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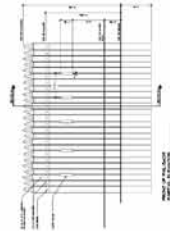
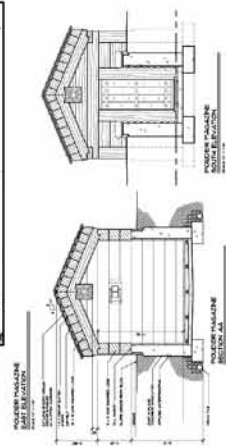
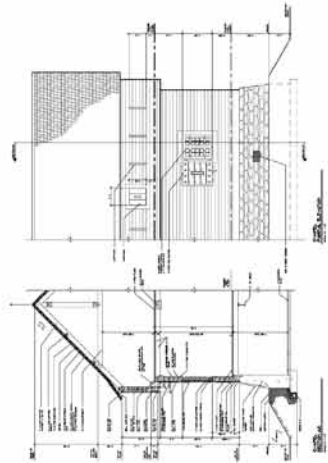
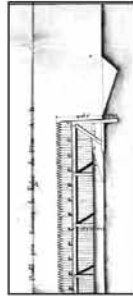
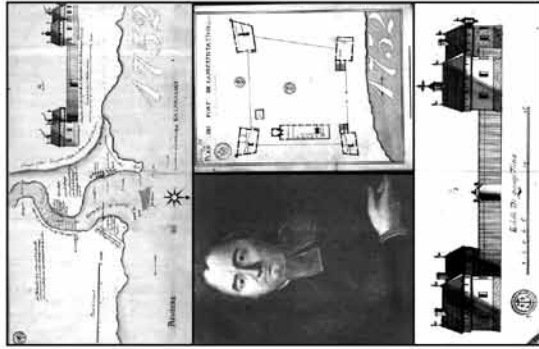
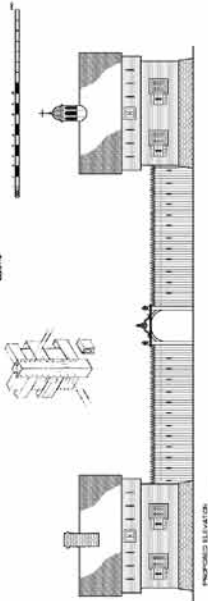
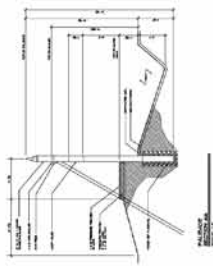
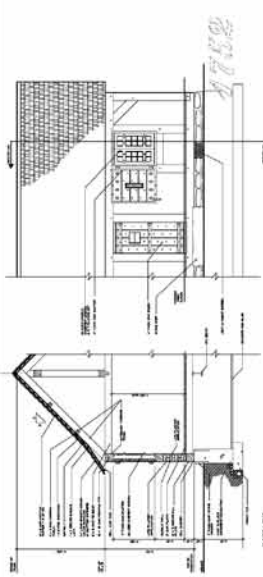


Founder's Weekend commemorates Ogdensburg's French colonial history from the founding of Fort de la Présentation in 1749 to the Battle of the Thousand Islands in 1760.

Battles Re-enacted on Land and Water, Military & Native American Encampments, Heritage Demonstrations, Family Activities, Period Dancing & Music.

Fort de la Présentation

Ogdensburg, New York





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 and colonial artisans 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) 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.

Thank you for supporting Founder's Weekend.



Fin de Semaine Founder's Day Bataille des 1000 Îles

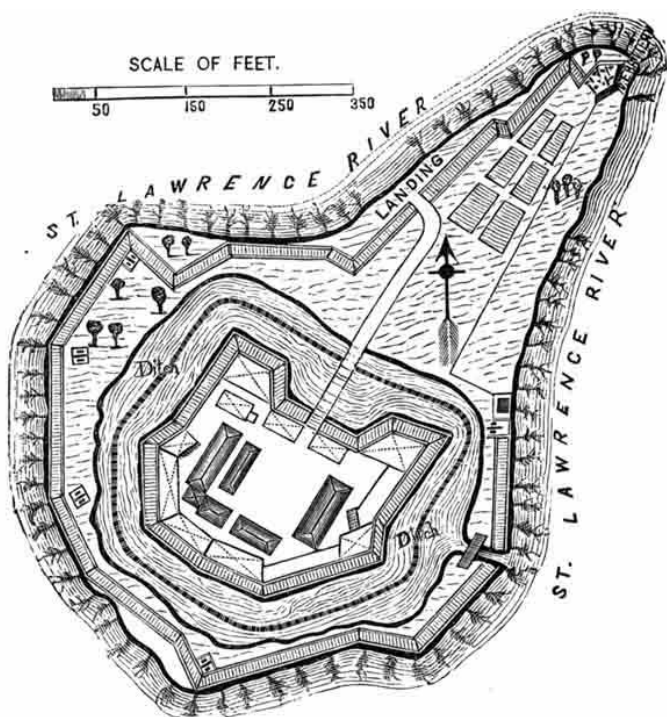
Durant plus de 10 ans , les reconstituteurs se sont rassemblés à Van Rensselaer (light-house Point) pour commémorer l histoire coloniale d Ogdensburg. La reconstitution militaire et les événements « d histoire vivante » attirent des reconstituteurs, historiens et artisans coloniaux de New- York, d Ontario, du Québec, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvanie et aussi d autres provinces et états.

Le Fort de la Présentation fondé en 1749 par l abbé François Picquet, était une mission pour les iroquois catholiques romains et leurs alliés. Vers la mi -1750, la population autochtone des environs des 2 rives du fleuve St Laurent et des îles adjacentes, soit environ 3000 guerriers ont joint les français dans leur conflit contre l Angleterre durant la guerre de 7 ans.

Le Fort de la Présentation a été abandonné en 1759 quand les britanniques ont gagné la guerre haut la main. Et la plus part de la population autochtone fût dispersée. En 1760, la bataille à 2 volets a signé la fin du régime français en Amérique du Nord. Le vaisseau « L Outaouaise » fût capturé par des canonnières près de Isle Royale en Août et plus tard dans ce même mois, Fort Lévis (aujourd hui appelé Chimney Island) se rendit aux britanniques après 1 semaine de bombardement d artillerie .

Fort Lévis, défendu par 300 français, troupes canadiennes et autochtones tomba aux mains de l armée Anglo- Américaines, forte de 10, 000 soldats. En septembre 1760, Montréal se rendit et le Canada fût officiellement joint aux autres colonies américaines comme une part de l empire britannique après le traité de Gand en 1763.

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FORT LEWIS, ON CHIMNEY ISLAND, FOUR MILES BELOW OGDENSBURG.

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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BATTLE OF OGDENSBURG

The 2019 Battle of Ogdensburg that took place on February 23rd and 24th was a huge success. The annual event commemorated the War of 1812 battle, on February 22, 1813, during which British troops at Fort Wellington marched across the ice from Prescott to attack U.S. forces and drove them out of the city.

This year's event produced one of our biggest turnouts of re-enactors, for the military reenactment, and a record number of dancers for the English Country Dance that took place at the Sherman Inn on Saturday night. The Sherman Inn also hosted an open house from 10 to 4 on Saturday and featured a character presentation by Dallas Robinson call the "A Conversation with the Veteran of the Battle of Ogdensburg".

A wreath laying ceremony, on Sunday morning, at Sheriff York's grave honored one of the heroes of the Battle of Ogdensburg. His life was spared by the British Commander who sited his bravery. Sheriff York stood alone by his cannon, located at intersection of Ford and State Streets after his crew abandoned their posts or were killed during the British attack. Unfortunately, rain caused us to cancel the Sunday afternoon battle.

A big thanks to The City of Ogdensburg Police, City Recreation, Forsyth's Rifles, the Freight House Restaurant, The Sherman Inn, National Guard, the Department of Public Works, the reenactors, and to all who made the weekend a success. We look forward to next year's event.





Michael A. Forrest Sr.

On December 16, 2018 the Fort La Présentation Association Board of Directors lost a friend and valuable member of the Board. His expertise will be very difficult to replace.

Michael was born on December 14, 1937 in Ogdensburg NY, a son of the late Edwin & June (Valance) Forrest. He attended Ogdensburg Free Academy for grade school and graduated from Hamilton High West in New Jersey. He enlisted with the Air National Guard at McGuire Air Force Base in 1955 and later with the US Airforce in 1958. He

received his honorable discharge in 1962. On May 12, 1963, he married the love of his life Abby Jannone.

Michael worked 37 years for Public Service Electric & Gas in New Jersey as a supervising construction engineer until 1996 when he retired. Upon Retirement he moved back to Ogdensburg, New York. He enjoyed working on his horse farm, traveling, going on cruises, dancing, flying airplanes and spending time with his family.

Ogdensburg and the Fort La Présentation Association were so fortunate that Mike chose to contribute his knowledge of building multi-million-dollar projects to the Fort de la Présentation reconstruction project. He served as our Construction Chairman from 2006 to 2015 overseeing the Fort de la Presentation reconstruction conceptual master plan, associated architectural drawings and infrastructure requirements. Mike was also involved in the planning for the Abbé Picquet Trail.

The Fort Association mourns the loss of a great friend and benefactor.



THE 2019 ST. LAWRENCE VALLEY PRIMITIVE SNOWSHOE BIATHLON

Primitive Snowshoe Biathlon is a unique winter sport that requires participants to walk or run along a trail through the woods on wooden snowshoes. Targets are set-up along the trail and runners are required to fire 2 shots at each target. At the end of the course runners throw a tomahawk. A person's run is timed and 5 minutes is deducted from the runner's time each time he or she hits a target.

The Fort La Présentation Association's 2019 event attracted 24 people from the USA and Canada who ran the course at the St. Lawrence Sportsman's Club in Lisbon. The trail conditions were perhaps the best we've experienced in years in terms of the amount of snow cover and weather conditions. Gray's Gunshop and T.J. Fiacco Construction were corporate sponsors for the event and each contributed \$100.00.

The top 3 finishers in each class:

Ladies Primitive Rifle – Wendy Butler, Vermont

Ladies Smoothbore – Amanda Faskin, Ontario

Youth Primitive Rifle – Joseph Hanss, New York

Senior Primitive Rifle – Joseph Piccioni, Quebec

Men's In-Line Rifle – Matt Sheehan, New York

Men's Primitive Rifle – Joseph Tamagni, Vermont

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LIVING HISTORY DAY

Living History Day is the culmination of a year-long project between Heuvelton Central School and Ogdensburg City Schools. Over 300 fourth and seventh-grade students from both 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 eighth annual Living History Day took place on May 19th at Lockwood Arena in Ogdensburg. 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 Teachers Association and the Ogdensburg Education Association. 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



LIVING HISTORY DAY ...continued...

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.»



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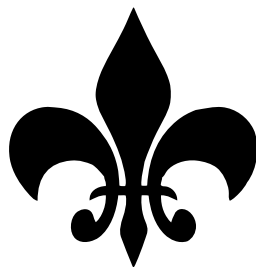
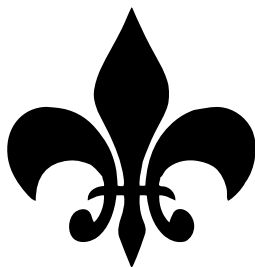
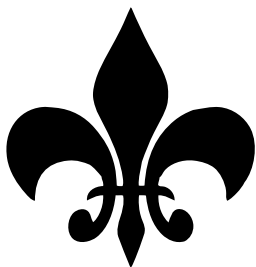


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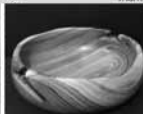
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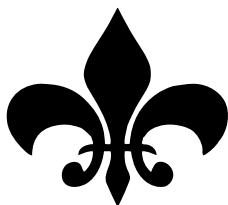
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