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Successful Living History Day

The 8th Annual Living History Day was quite successful despite some questionable weather.

Most of the demonstrations were moved inside the Lockwood Arena in Ogdensburg, but it didn't dampen the spirit of the re-enactors, demonstrators, or the more than 370 students from Ogdensburg City, Heuvelton, and Morristown schools.

"The day gives the students hands-on learning," said Fort Association President Barb O'Keefe, a former teacher herself. "They really enjoy it more when they have a chance so see it up close."

More than 20 presenters were on hand to demonstrate the Colonial experiences including; open-hearth cooking, rope making, lighting, old toys, clothing, tin

smithing, weapons and muskets, barrel making and even information about Fort founder Abbé François Picquet.

Demonstrators came from as far away as the Mohawk Valley. John Osinski demonstrated weapons, while his wife Chris showed Colonial period clothing. George Cherepon demonstrated how to roll cartridges for

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Living History Day — While rain forced the event inside, more than 320 students enjoyed a day of information, demonstrations, and some fun at Living History Day — an annual event sponsored by Fort La Presentation Association and area schools of Ogdensburg, Heuvelton, and Morristown.









Living History Day photos, courtesy of Bill Merna & Julie Breen

Living History Day

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ammunition, and Dallas Robinson was on the Musket station. Solonge Denhoff showed French clothing of the period and Dave Murray spoke about Piquet and what he would have worn. Bob Allers joined the group again as a cooper —

demonstrating how barrels were made in the day. John Miller III, a veteran reenactor, explained period lighting, while Marty Snye showed the students how shades were made out of tin.

The students had a chance to carry buckets of water with a yoke, as well as to play with antique toys

such as yo-yos, hoop and stick, and whirly gigs.

The event is sponsored by the Fort Association, as well as the Ogdensburg, Heuvelton and Morristown teachers' associations; the Heuvelton Lions, and the Heuvelton Parent Teachers Association.

Paver Bricks Available — Put Your Mark on the Memorial Plaza

As work on the Abbé Picquet Trail and Memorial Plaza approaches, the Fort la Présentation Association offers a special opportunity to showcase a commitment for the heritage of the area with the purchase of a memorial brick.

Purchased bricks will be engraved with words chosen by the buyer and incorporated into the design of the Abbé Picquet Memorial Plaza.

Brick samples will be available during Founder's Weekend July 14-16^{th.} To learn more about this wonderful opportunity, please stop by the tent at the gate. Order forms will be available. You can also contact: fort1749@yahoo.com.

Bricks are available in two sizes: 4 x 8" and 8 x 8".



4" x 8" in an Onyx/ Natural Color priced at \$100.00



8" x 8" will be in an Onyx Color priced at \$250.00



Primitive Snowshoe Biathlon — There may not have been enough snow for snowshoes, but there was plenty of fun to be had at the Biathlon.



Founder's Weekend Schedule

Friday, July 15

8:30 pm Ghost Stories and Colonial Tales around the Campfire Location: Fort Grounds, rain location Sherman Inn, 615 Franklin St. — Free Event, parking on site

Saturday, July 16

Admission to Founder's Weekend: Adults \$7, Military ID \$4, Youth age 6-16 \$2, Youth under 6 free

Welcome our visitors from Bourg-en-Bresse France

10 am Gates Open

10-Noon Cartridge Rolling for the young at heart with George Cherepon

10:30 Colonial Trade Demonstrations begin Colonial Mid-wife — Holly Miller

11:00 Water Battle begins

11:30 Children's Muster — Forsyths Rifflemen
Presentation by Darren Bonaparte

1:00 pm Synopsis of French & Indian War — Jack Frost

1:30 Land Battle begins

2:15 Duel and medical demonstration — Holly Miller

3:00 England Country Dance Demo

3:30 Children's Muster

4:00 Gates Close

7:30 English Country Dance at the Freight House Restaurant

across the road from Fort grounds

Sunday, July 16

Youth admitted Free with paying Adult

7:30 am	Mass, Van Renssalaer Point, bring your own chair. On-site
	parking for the service. Rain location, Notre Dame Church

10:00 Gates Open

10-Noon Cartridge Rolling for the young at heart — George Cherepon

11:00 Water Battle begins

11:30 Children's Muster— Forsyths Riflemen

1:00 Synopsis of French and Indian War— Jack Frost

1:30 Land Battle begins

2.30 Gates Close

The Kettle

By Ellen Nesbitt

Come April and May I always get a craving for Rhubarb. It could be pie, cake, bars, buckles, or straight from the garden. This year's creation was a very simple crumble, which I'm certain colonist enjoyed as well.

Rhubarb Crisp

1 - 1½ cups of fresh or frozen rhubarb (thawed) cut in 1 inch pieces

4-5 big strawberries cut in pieces

5 T butter

1 c flour

1/2 c oatmeal

1 c sugar

1/4 c brown sugar

1 t of cinnamon

1/4 t of cardamom

Preheat oven to 375.

Put rhubarb and strawberries in the bottom of a 9x9 buttered baker. In separate bowl place softened butter and rest of the ingredients. Mash with folk until butter is incorporated to about pea size.

Spread the crumble over the top of the rhubarb mixture.

Bake at 375 degrees for about 30 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool a bit. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream, or whipped cream.

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