



## FORT DE LA PRÉSENTATION

### Outpost on the Oswegatchie

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and modeled by Jim Boyle.

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### Monumental Phase of the Campaign for Fort de la Présentation

#### History Worth Fighting For

The Monumental Phase is the first phase of fundraising to develop our Lighthouse Point property. This phase focuses on raising funds to construct the interpretive center and overall site infrastructure development. In connection with the return and rededication of the Abbé Piquet monument, the first historical element reestablished at the project site, the campaign was kicked off at Founders Day 2009. Thus we are calling the current fundraising effort the Monumental Phase of the Campaign.

An Executive Committee leads this phase chaired by Marijean Remington, President and CEO of Atlantic Testing. Atlantic Testing is very successful, locally owned North Country business.

"The team commitment and individual tenacity of the Fort La Présentation Association has impressed me from our first meeting," said Remington. "Because they have conquered every challenge that could have crushed their enthusiasm, I am honored to give my unwavering support to the campaign."

The other committee members are Barbara O'Keefe, President of the Fort La Présentation Association; Jim Reagan, Communications Director for NYS Senator Ritchie; Fred Hanss, Planning and Development Director for the Town and Village of Potsdam; and Nick Vaughn, Ogdensburg City Councilor.

"The groundwork has been laid," said O'Keefe. "Now is the time for everyone to unite in building upon this foundation, by making a 'Monumental' contribution to the campaign to construct the Fort Interpretive Center. This is the time to fight for our history and to invest in the future."

The Monumental Phase is gaining momentum! Fundraising efforts now underway:

Board Campaign – Fort Board members are leading the way for the Campaign, with 100% of the Board contributing; to date, more than \$20,000 has been pledged by the Association's leadership for the project.

Hoist the Colours Challenge – Re-enactors, history, and veterans groups are being challenged to collectively contribute \$50,000 for the main entrance flagpole oval and heritage garden, which will feature flags of the nations associated with the Fort.

Honouring Robin Morris – A special tribute is underway for this legendary leader in the Eastern Ontario and Northern New York re-enacting community. Friends and colleagues of Robin are invited to contribute to a bench named in his honor, overlooking his much-loved St. Lawrence River.

Kiwanis Club Community Service Challenge – The Ogdensburg Kiwanis Club has committed \$15,000 to the Monumental Phase, and is challenging more than 20 other service/community groups in the Ogdensburg area to join them in collectively raising \$100,000 in support for the project.

Partnership with Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce – The Interpretive Center includes an office area to provide a permanent home for the administrative functions of the Fort project and the Chamber. Chamber members are working on a major event and other activities to raise \$50,000 to name the Administrative Suite. ►

## Monumental Phase of the Campaign for Fort de la Présentation (cont'd)

In addition, the committee and Fort Board are now inviting support for Naming Opportunity level gifts from leaders in government, education, entertainment, the international border region, business, corporations and foundations, and the Ogdensburg community.

Naming opportunities include building rooms and features, as well as trails and other enhancements. Rooms and trails range from \$25,000 to \$500,000. Display cases, benches and other items may be named for donations of \$2,500 to \$15,000.

Naming Opportunity donors, and all those contributing \$1,000 or more, will be recognized on a scale model of the Abbé Piquet monument, which will be on permanent display in the Interpretive Center. These major donors will also receive a framed, limited edition print of the monument. All donors to this phase will be recognized as Monumental Contributors, and be recognized on the Monumental Roll Call, a permanent record of those who have joined us in honoring "history worth fighting for."

The informational material for the Monumental Campaign will be posted to [www.fort1749.org](http://www.fort1749.org). ◀

## Schooner Lynx Visits Ogdensburg

Showing her colors in advance of the bicentennial of the War of 1812, America's Privateer, the Schooner Lynx, docked in Ogdensburg September 10-13, 2011 and offered on-deck tours and two-hour cruises under sail.



The Fort La Présentation Association and the Greater Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce hosted a welcoming reception for her youthful crew at the Dobisky Center. For those who did not have the opportunity to visit the vessel, the Lynx returns to Ogdensburg Sept. 8 on the vessel's return from Duluth, Minnesota.

Visit [www.privateerlynx.com](http://www.privateerlynx.com). ◀

## Living History Day

Our second annual Living History Day for more than 280 students Friday, May 20, 2011 was the culmination of a year-long project for Heuvelton Central School fourth, seventh and special education students, and seventh graders from Madrid-Waddington Central School and Ogdensburg City Schools. The 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.



Darren Bonaparte from the Akwesasne Reserve in Ontario thrilled the children with stories from the history of the Iroquois.

Days of rain and long, wet grass ruled out using Lighthouse Point, but the City Recreation Department helped tremendously by providing Lockwood Arena. Student funding came from several sources. Money and supplies were donated by the Heuvelton Parent Teacher Association, the Heuvelton Teacher's Association, the Ogdensburg Education Association and the Heuvelton and Ogdensburg Lions Clubs. St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES coordinated a cooperative service regional educational support program through which the three participating schools split the cost of the presenters and admission fees. ◀

## National Register of Historic Places

Good news may not travel fast, but we learned June 10, 2011 that the historic area (1749-1813) of Lighthouse Point has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The listing, made November 26, 2010, recognizes the importance of the property to the history of the United States and offers some measure of protection. As the owner of a significant portion of the property, the Fort Association will be able to apply for historic preservation matching grants and other funding opportunities. ◀



## Third and Fourth Graders Get A History One-O-One

At the Dobisky Center Monday, June 13, 2011 volunteers from the Fort Association gave the students from Ogdensburg an introduction to the French and Indian War history in Northern New York. Dressed the part, Steve Douglas enthralled them with the contents of a knapsack carried by a provincial militiaman of the 1750s. ◀

## Time Capsule Secured in Piquet Monument

Under a bright spring sky, a time capsule was secured in the base of the Piquet Monument Sunday, May 29, 2011. Barbara O'Keefe, President of the Fort Association, hosted the brief ceremony.

Among the documents we hope citizens of the future will find intact are those on the Monumental Campaign for Fort de la Présentation, a Summary of ExxonMobil's Involvement, the Fort La Présentation Association's and other papers detailing our history, goals and objectives.

Also in the time capsule are medallions, maps, menus, personal reminiscences, official papers and more from schools, churches, service organizations, individuals, businesses, municipal governments and more. We hope these materials are interesting and revealing to whoever opens the capsule. ◀



### The Canadian Iroquois and the Seven Years' War

By Peter MacLeod and the Canadian War Museum

The participation of the Iroquois of Akwasasne, Kanasetake (Oka), Kahnawake and Oswegatchie in the Seven Years' War is a long neglected topic. The consequences of this struggle still shape Canadian history. The book looks at the social and economic impact of the war on the men and women in Canadian Iroquois communities. The Canadian Iroquois provides an enhanced appreciation of the role of Amerindians in the war and of their difficult struggle to lead their lives within the unstable geopolitical environment created by European invasion and settlement.

List price: \$29.99 Hardcover; also available as Paperback & eBook. Published by Dundurn. ISBN: 9781550022650 ◀

### Founder Day Weekend Events Schedule July 23-24, 2011

Admission: Adults \$8; Children ages 7 through 12 \$2; Children 6 and under free. Fort Association members free with membership card.

#### Friday, July 22

5:30 pm Special lecture & exhibition – Eighteenth-Century Maps with Randy Patten, Ogdensburg Public Library. Free to the public. The maps will be on display for the month of July. ▶

#### Saturday, July 23

7:00 - 10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast at the Freight House Restaurant. Public \$6.00; Re-enactors \$5.00. Sponsored by the Rotary Club & the Freight House. Proceeds to the Fort La Présentation Association.

10:00 AM GATES OPEN

10:15 AM Lecture – Waterways of War with Jack Frost (Dining Tent)

11:00 AM Bateau Race

11:00 AM Children's Games and Toys

12:00 PM Lecture – Wampum Belts with Darren Bonaparte (Dining Tent)

1:00 PM Inspection of Troops

1:30 PM Water Battle begins

2:00 PM Land Battle begins

3:00 PM Children's muster

3:00 PM Lecture – 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Medicine/Surgery with Mea Clift (Dining Tent)

4:00 PM 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Dance demonstration

5:00 PM GATES CLOSE

7:30 PM 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Dance at the Freight House Restaurant. This dance is free and open to the public.

9:00 PM NIGHT BATTLE ARTILLERY DUEL  
The Night Battle artillery duel is best viewed from the Greenbelt by the Dobisky Center. *The encampment will be closed to the public.*

#### Sunday, July 24

7:30 AM Mass on Lighthouse Point celebrated by Bishop LaValley. Bring your own chair. Rain location Notre Dame Church.

10:00 AM GATES OPEN

10:30 AM Lecture – 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Boat Building with Andy Fisher (Freight House)

11:00 AM Children's Games and Toys

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### FOUNDER'S DAY WEEKEND

**\$1 Off Adult Admission**

**RE-ENACTMENT & COLONIAL TRADE FAIR  
LIGHTHOUSE POINT, OGDENSBURG**

**JULY 23-24, 2011**

ONE PER ADULT

Clip out or copy the coupon for adult admission discount.

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### Third Annual War of 1812 Symposium Survey

As at the previous symposia, we undertook a survey of participants at the April 20-30, 2011 symposium. But unlike previous surveys, which focussed on demographics and visitor satisfaction with various seminar components, this survey focussed on visitors' relative preferences for a number of specified potential speakers for future seminars.

Participants were also asked to indicate their place of residence, how they had learned of the seminar, and to make suggestions for speakers not included in the survey or offer other suggestions regarding the seminar. Most respondents took advantage of this opportunity.

The database we have developed is paying off and is being supplemented by the Internet or other "grape vines". Most respondents rely on digital electronic means of communication, obviously the most effective and inexpensive way to advertise this event.

Almost all participants were from New York or Ontario, with a slightly larger percentage from the former. A small number came from Connecticut and one from Quebec.

Some very clear preferences were shown for four to six speakers, and we will act on this for the 2012 symposium.

The survey gave us a lot to think about and focused our attention even more on the use of the Internet for advertising and the need to attract more participants from places other than New York and Ontario.

In addition to providing a sense of participants' relative preferences for speakers, a number of additional speakers were identified, as were possible future subject areas.

Of the three surveys we have conducted to date, this one provided by far the most information; 54 individuals, almost all the participants, completed the survey. ◀



Victor Suthren, author, historian, technical advisor to film and television productions and a former director-general of the Canadian War Museum, discussed the War of 1812 on the St. Lawrence River.