

**The 92nd Annual Meeting
of the
Eastern States Archeological Federation
Preliminary Program**

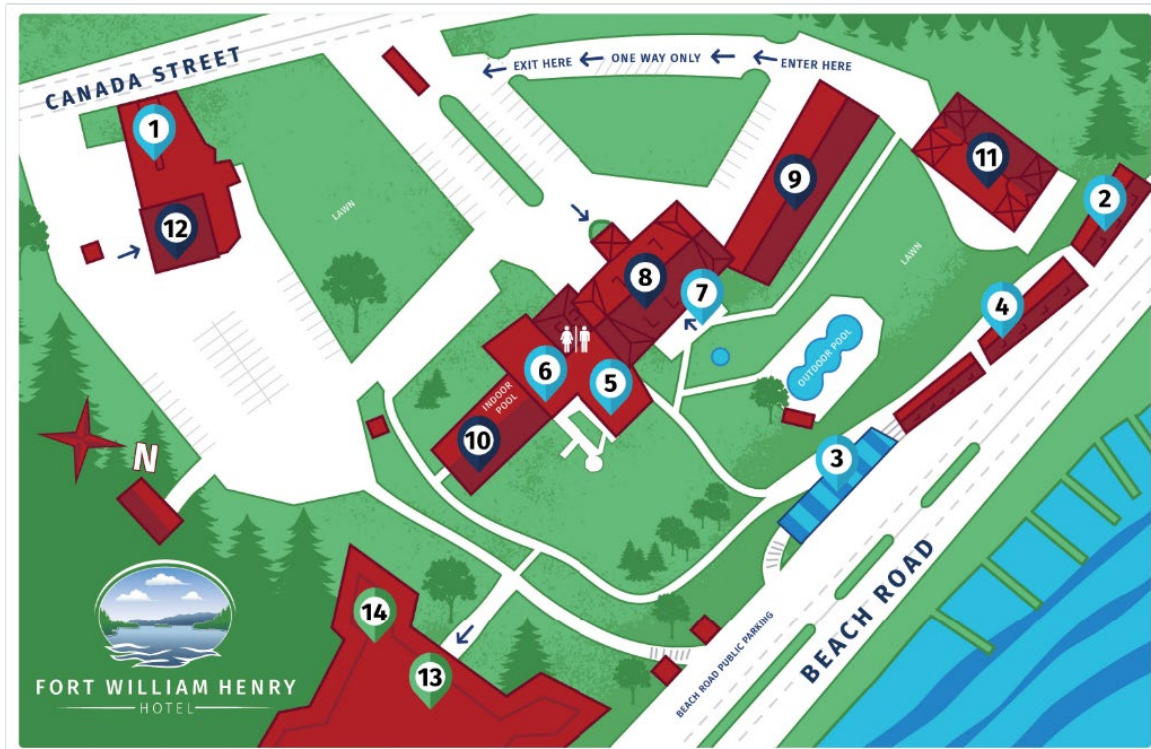


November 13-16, 2025
Fort William Henry Hotel
48 Canada Street, Lake George, NY 12845

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Hotel Plan



DINING

- 1 The Village Blacksmith
- 2 Sticky Buns Café
- 3 The Lookout Bar&Grill
- 4 The Candy Apple
- 5 The White Lion
- 6 The Lakeside Restaurant & Lounge
- 7 The Veranda Bar

BUILDINGS

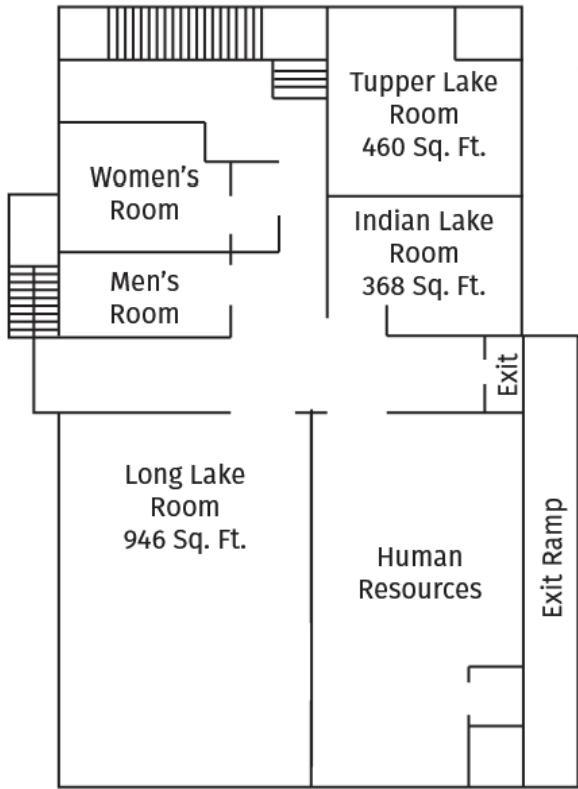
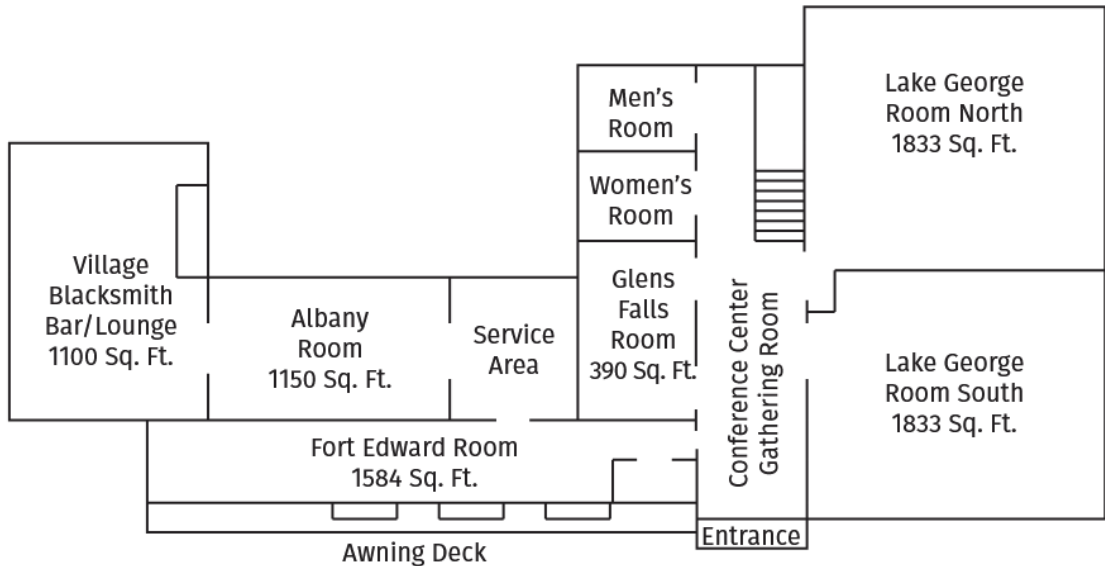
- 8 Grand Hotel
- 9 Deluxe Section
- 10 Premium Section
- 11 Carriage House
- 12 Conference Center

ATTRACTIONS

- 13 Fort William Henry Museum
- 14 Sutler Shop (free entry)

CONFERENCE CENTER

UPPER FLOOR



CONFERENCE CENTER

Lower Floor

General Schedule

Registration: #12 – Conference Center Lobby

Thursday 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM; Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Thursday Workshops: - Meet at Registration 15 minutes before workshop

Fort William Henry Tour, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Solving the Grant Enigma, Long Lake Room, 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Ground Penetrating Radar Workshop, Albany Room, 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Conference Paper Sessions: #12 – Lake George Room

Friday 8:30AM to 5:00 PM; Saturday 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Book and Exhibit Room: #12 – Conference Center Lobby

Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Saturday 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

President's Reception: #1 – The Village Blacksmith

Thursday 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM, Cash Bar.

ESAF Board Meeting

Monte Cristos Family Grille, 259 Canada St, Lake George, NY 12845

Friday, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM.

Canadian American Friendship Party: #1 – The Village Blacksmith

Friday, 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM, Cash Bar.

ESAF General Business Meeting: #12, Lake George Room

Saturday 3:10 PM to 4:00 PM

EXPO, Poster Session, and Cash Bar: #11 Carriage House

Saturday 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Banquet and Keynote Address: #11 Carriage House

Saturday 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

*** Denotes Participation in Student Paper Competition**

Program

Thursday, November 13th

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM Tours and Workshops - Pre-Registration Required

Tour of Fort William Henry

Cost \$35 per person. Limited to 15 people. Thursday, November 13th, 10 AM to 12 PM.

Join ESAF for a private tour of the Fort William Henry Museum, a living history museum and reconstruction (ca. 1955) of the 1755 to 1757 French and Indian fort built by the British to stage successive attacks of the French position at Fort Saint-Frédéric (today at Crown Point, NY). The tour will be guided by staff of the Fort William Henry Museum and focus on the archaeological record of the fort.

Meet at Registration 15 min prior.



Self-Guided Tours

The Colonial Wars in Lake George

Free – Pick up pamphlet at Registration

The Lake George Historical Association Museum

Free – Open to ESAF Members Thursday, 12:00 to 4:00 PM

290 Canada St, Lake George, NY 12845
10-minute walk from the hotel



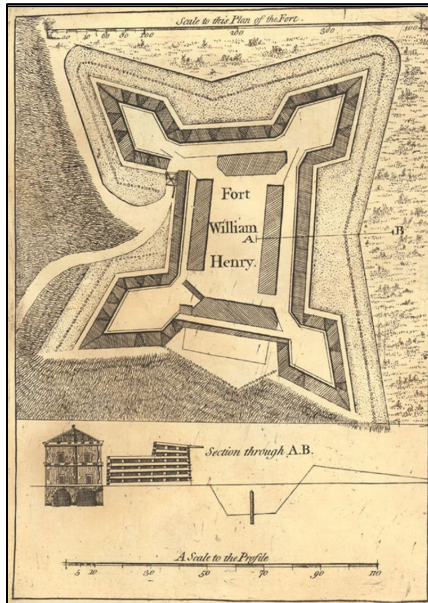
Ground Penetrating Radar Workshop

David Leslie (TerraSearch Geophysical, LLC; Heritage Consultants, LLC)

David Leslie is the Principal at TerraSearch Geophysical, LLC, as well as the Director of Research at Heritage Consultants, LLC. He has conducted over 100 archaeological geophysical investigations throughout the northeast.

Cost \$35 per person. Limited to 10 people. Thursday, November 13th, 9 am to 3:30 pm.

This workshop will provide archaeologists with a hands-on experience of collecting and processing ground penetrating radar data. The workshop is intended for individuals who are interested in GPR applications to archaeological sites. We will survey a portion of Fort William Henry, a French and Indian War fort constructed in 1755 and later razed in 1757. The GPR survey will be conducted using several 350 MHz GSSI "Utility Scan" antennas, and an emphasis will be placed on survey parameters (i.e. transect spacing, direction of data collection, algorithmic techniques for data display), so that participants understand the choices faced by a GPR analyst when surveying a site.



Following the GPR data collection at the Fort, we will travel back to the Fort William Henry Conference Center and Hotel, where lunch will be provided. After lunch, we will process and analyze the datasets collected, as well as several other GPR datasets, to provide participants with a wide view of the capabilities of GPR when combined with archaeological projects. Participants will be required to bring a fully charged laptop with a demo copy of RADAN software, and pre-download several data sets for the analysis portion of the workshop. Software and data will be provided one week before the workshop. The workshop runs from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM - 2.5 hours of fieldwork, one hour for lunch (12:00 to 1:00 PM), and 2.5 hours of data processing.

Meet at Registration 15 min prior.

Solving the Grant Enigma

Benjamin Smith (Maine Archaeological Society)

Benjamin Smith is a professional writer and editor, as well as a lifelong history enthusiast. He currently serves as the editor for the Maine Archaeological Society's Newsletter, copyeditor for the Archaeology of Eastern North America, and writes grants for the Arnold Expedition Historical Society; Benjamin also previously served as the managing editor for the American Revolution Magazine and Civil War Historian Magazine.



Cost \$10 per person. Limited to 15 people. Thursday, November 13th, 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

Confounded by confusing questions? Fearful of forgetting key steps? Perplexed by portals? Learn how to adopt a detective mindset so you can decode grants, streamline your application process, and submit winning grant proposals.

Meet at Registration 15 min prior.

6:30PM

**President's Reception
The Village Blacksmith
Cash Bar, Hors d'oeuvres Provided by ESAF**

Friday, November 14th

8:00 AM – 4:00PM Registration Table- Conference Center Lobby

8:30 AM – 12:10 PM Morning Paper Session- Lake George Room

8:30 *Fudge Ripple & Smiley Faces: Interpreting the Odd Features at 36SO220, A Middle-Late Woodland Site in Southwestern Pennsylvania*
Gary Coppock (Terracon)

8:50 *Recent Findings on Late Archaic Period Pit Hearths in Southern New England: A Comparison of the Salmon Brook Dam Site and the Wappoquia Brook Site.*
Emma Wink (Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc.; University of Connecticut) and Katharine Reinhart (Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc.; University of Connecticut)

9:10 *At the Water's Edge: Reconstructing Daily Life at the Meadow Street Site*
Jenna Hendrick (Curtin Archaeological Consulting, Inc.)

9:30 *Question and Answer*

9:40 Coffee Break

9:50 *Lithic Raw Material Procurement and Mobility Patterns during the Paleoindian and Prehistoric Periods in the North Fork Shenandoah River watershed in Virginia*
Jennifer Kennedy (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) *

10:10 *The Maryland Fluted Point Survey: Recent Investigations*
Zachary Singer (Maryland Historical Trust)

10:30 *Results of Protein Residue Analysis of Ice Age Stone Tools in the New York Region*
Jonathan C. Lothrop (New York state Museum), John Fagan (Archaeological Investigations Northwest), Cam Walker (Archaeological Investigations Northwest), Susan Winchell-Sweeney (New York State Museum) and Alexandra DeCarlo (New York State Museum)

10:50 *Question and Answer*

11:00 Coffee Break

11:10 *The Loss of Looting: Quantifying and Visualizing Damage to the Little Toad Site (4-16), Avon, CT.*
Stephanie Scialo (University of Connecticut; Heritage Consultants, LLC) *

11:30 *Traversing the Pleistocene-Holocene Transition: Human Adaptation and Environmental Change in the Northeast*
Nathaniel Kitchel (Salve Regina University), Meredith Kelly (Dartmouth College), Wyatt Oswald (Emerson College), Yarrow Axford (Northwestern University), Justin Stroup (Dartmouth College), Aidan Burdick (Northwestern University) and Anne Randall (Dartmouth College)

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- 11:50 *Field research update "A preliminary update on the 2025 excavations and systematic STP testing at the Shoop site in central Pennsylvania*
 Kurt W. Carr (State Museum of Pennsylvania), Joseph A. M. Gingerich (Ohio University), Sharon McDonald (Friends of Fort Halifax), Robert Ronngren (Friends of Fort Halifax) and Joseph P. Vitolo (Friends of Fort Halifax)
- 12:10 *Question and Answer*
- 12:20 – 2:00 PM Lunch (on your own)**
- 2:00 – 5:00 PM Afternoon Paper Session- Lake George Room**
- 2:00 PM *Gender and Archaeology in the Eastern States and Provinces***
 Session Organizers: Emily Maillet (University of New Brunswick) and Lacey Macphail (University of New Brunswick)
- 2:00 *Introduction*
 Emily Maillet (University of New Brunswick)
- 2:05 *490 Broadpoints: Memoir, Method, and the Making of Archaeological Knowledge*
 Amy Fox (University of Toronto)
- 2:25 *Researching Wabanaki Gender in the Far Northeast: Applying the Work of Ruth Sawtell Wallis*
 Lacey McPhail (University of New Brunswick)
- 2:45 *White Widows and Black Bondswomen: Exploring Motherhood and Enslavement in Loyalist New Brunswick*
 Emily Draicchio (McGill University)
- 3:05 *“Give up the Ghost”: Queering the Role of Guardian within an Infant-Adult Double Burial in 18th century Colonial British America*
 Nicole Hughes (University of New Brunswick) *
- 3:25 *Discussant*
 Madeleine McLeester (Dartmouth College)
- 3:45 *Question and Answer*
- 3:55 Coffee Break**
- 4:05 *Excavating Independence: The Archaeology of War and Occupation in Rhode Island*
 Sydney Dufresne (Salve Regina University) *
- 4:25 *Infrared Thermal Imaging: an Important Addition to Geophysical Cemetery Studies*
 Eric Heffter (Heritage Consultants, LLC) and David E. Leslie (TerraSearch Geophysical, LLC; Heritage Consultants, LLC)
- 4:45 *Through the Looking Glass: “Archaeologist First, Geophysicist Second” Approaches to Identifying Features, Landforms, and Sites*

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David E. Leslie (TerraSearch Geophysical, LLC; Heritage Consultants, LLC) and David M. Givens (TerraSearch Geophysical, LLC)

5:05 *Question and Answer*

5:30 PM **ESAF Board Meeting**
Monte Cristos Family Grille, 259 Canada St, Lake George, NY 12845

8:00 PM **The Canadian-American Friendship Party**
The Village Blacksmith
Cash Bar, Hors d'oeuvres Provided by ESAF

Saturday, November 15th

7:30 AM – 3:00 PM Registration Table- Conference Center Lobby

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM Morning Paper Session- Lake George Room

- 8:00 *Results of Recent Archaeological Investigations at the Revolutionary War Site of Fort Plain*
David Moyer (Chenango/Upper Susquehanna Chapters, NYSAA), Daniel Bradt (Community Archaeology Program, SUNY Schenectady; Van Epps-Hartley Chapter, NYSAA), and Wayne Lenig (Fort Plain Museum; Van Epps Hartley Chapter, NYSAA)
- 8:20 *Glimpsing the Action on the Right Flank of the Battle of Sackets Harbor – Militia Retreat or Sustained Fight?*
Timothy Abel (Consulting Archaeologist)
- 8:40 “...whatsoever growes well in England, growes as well there”: *A Comparison of Macrobotanical Assemblages from Colonial English Sites in New England*
Katharine R. Reinhart (University of Connecticut; Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc.)
- 9:00 *The Courtland Street Burying Ground, Lake George, New York*
Lisa Anderson (New York State Museum)
- 9:20 *Questions and Answers*
- 9:30 Coffee Break**
- 9:40 ***Multidisciplinary Approaches to Battlefield Archaeology: The Battle of Ridgefield, April 27, 1777***
Session Organizers: Kevin McBride (University of Connecticut), Samantha Lee (Heritage Consultants), Fiona Jones (Syracuse University, Heritage Consultants)
- 9:40 *Introduction*
Kevin McBride (University of Connecticut), Samantha Lee (Heritage Consultants, LLC), Fiona Jones (Syracuse University; Heritage Consultants, LLC)
- 9:45 *The Ridgefield Burials: Discovery and Investigation of Four Probable Revolutionary War Casualties in Connecticut*
Sarah P. Sportman (Office of State Archaeology, Connecticut), Nicholas F. Bellantoni (Office of State Archaeology, Connecticut), Gary P. Aronsen (Yale University)
- 10:05 *Finding and Honoring Casualties of the 1777 Battle of Ridgefield*
Fiona Jones (Syracuse University; Heritage Consultants, LLC), Sarah Sportman (Office of State Archaeology, Connecticut) and David E. Leslie (Heritage Consultants, LLC; TerraSearch Geophysical, LLC)

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- 10:25 *Which Ridge, Whose Fields? – Applications of GIS and Archival Research to Battlefield Landscapes*
 Cole Peterson (Heritage Consultants, LLC), Kevin McBride (University of Connecticut)
 and David E. Leslie (Heritage Consultants LLC, TerraSearch Geophysical)
- 10:45 *The Battle of Ridgefield, April 27, 1777: Investigations of a Revolutionary War battle in a semi-urban and rural battlefield landscape*
 Kevin McBride (University of Connecticut), Samantha Lee (Heritage Consultants, LLC)
 and David Naumec (Heritage Consultants, LLC)
- 11:05 *Battles, Burials, and Buttons*
 Susannah Goeters (Heritage Consultants, LLC)
- 11:25 *The Battle of Ridgefield as Ideology: A Critical Archaeological Perspective*
 Samantha Lee (Heritage Consultants, LLC) and Kevin McBride (University of Connecticut)
- 11:45 *Discussion*
 David George (Heritage Consultants, LLC)
- 12:05 *Questions and Answers*
- 12:15 – 1:50 PM Lunch (on your own)**
- 1:50 – 3:20 PM Afternoon Paper Session- Lake George Room**
- 1:50 *In the Trenches: A Salvage Excavation at the Maxwell House*
 Linda Seminario (Delaware State Parks)
- 2:10 *A Coastal Quarry on Roque Island, Maine*
 Arthur Anderson (University of New England) and M. Gabriel Hryn timer (University of New Brunswick)
- 2:30 *Roasting Platforms, Structures, and Storage Pits; A multi-component site and intensive occupation along the Charles River in Bellingham Massachusetts*
 Brenna E. Pisanelli (Heritage Consultants, LLC; Southern Connecticut State University), Jill Bielher (Heritage Consultants, LLC) and David E. Leslie (Heritage Consultants, LLC; TerraSearch Geophysical, LLC)
- 2:50 *The Microbotany of the Middle Woodland, Bellingham, Massachusetts*
 Johan Jarl (Heritage Consultants, LLC), Brenna E. Pisanelli (Heritage Consultants, LLC; Southern Connecticut State University) and David E. Leslie (Heritage Consultants, LLC; TerraSearch Geophysical, LLC)
- 3:10 *Questions and Answers*
- 3:20 Coffee Break**
- 3:20 – 4:00 PM ESAF General Business Meeting**
 Lake George Room

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4:00 PM

HAPPY HOUR (Cash Bar)
CRM Expo & Poster Session
Carriage House

Posters

Mapping the Connecticut River Valley Tobacco Shed

Kaitlin Adams (Heritage Consultants, LLC), Cole Peterson (Heritage Consultants, LLC), Kody Messier (Heritage Consultants, LLC), Jeffrey Brown (Heritage Consultants, LLC), Eric Heffter (Heritage Consultants, LLC), Brenna E. Pisanelli (Heritage Consultants, LLC; Southern Connecticut State University), William Keegan (Heritage Consultants, LLC) and David E. Leslie (Heritage Consultants, LLC; TerraSearch Geophysical, LLC)

Investigating Site 119-19 through Lithic Analysis

Allison Anderson (Heritage Consultants, LLC; University of Maryland)

Poster Depicting Community Archaeology Program at Fort Plain, New York

Daniel Bradt (Van Epps-Hartley Chapter, NYSAA), Wayne Lenig (Fort Plain Museum/Van Epps Hartley Chapter, NYSAA) and David Moyer (Chenango/Upper Susquehanna Chapters, NYSAA)

Late Archaic Archaeological Evidence from Intertidal Contexts in the Quoddy Region

Joshua Cummings (University of New Brunswick)

Fort William Henry's Top 20 Artifacts

Zachary Horan (Fort William Henry Museum)

Faunal Remains from the Sipp Bay Sites, Quoddy Region, Maine

Emily Maillet (University of New Brunswick) *

A Little Goes a Long Way: An Analysis of a Small Lithic Scatter at Site 4.36 ME on the Kennebunk Plains, Southern Maine

Taylor McCoy (University of New Brunswick), Marissa Carter (University of New England), Matthew Smith (University of New Brunswick) and Peyton Stevens (University of New England) *

For Want of a Button: Understanding the Manufacture and Transportation of the Metal Artifacts Recovered from Fort Decatur

Samuel Whittaker (Heritage Consultants, LLC)

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Banquet and Plenary Lecture

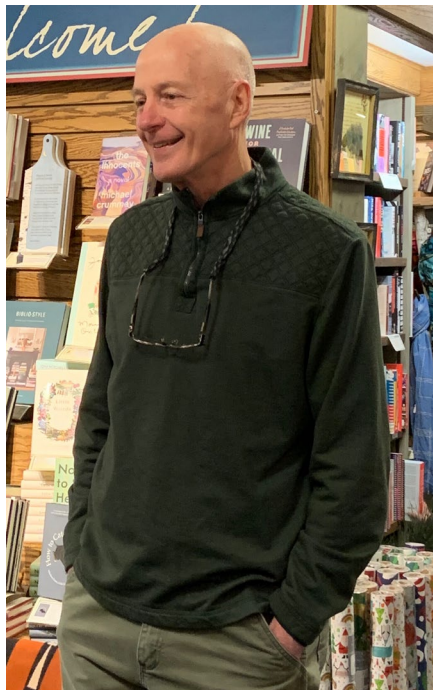
Carriage House

6:00PM Dinner

<i>Soup</i>	Minestrone
<i>Salad</i>	Caesar
<i>Entrees</i>	Chicken Marsala
	Crab Stuffed Sole with Lemon Beurre Blanc
<i>Pasta</i>	Bow Tie Pasta with spinach, broccoli rabe, mushroom, roasted tomato, garlic, olive oil, and cinzano
<i>Vegetable</i>	Roasted Vegetable Medley and Rosemary Roasted Fingerlings Potatoes
<i>Carving Station</i>	Roasted Top Sirloin of Beef au Jus
<i>Dessert</i>	NY Style Cheesecake
	Chocolate Layer Cake

7:00PM Plenary Speaker: **Joseph W. Zarzynski, RPA (The French & Indian War Society at Lake George, Inc.)**

Troweling Through the Archaeological Fieldwork at Fort William Henry During the 1950s & 1960s



Following World War II, terrestrial and underwater archaeology in North America underwent a transformation. Antiquarian-style collection of material culture was gradually replaced by a more-scientific model of archaeology. Saratoga County, NY maritime archaeologist Joseph W. Zarzynski will present a case study of that transition as he explores the archaeological excavations in the 1950s and 1960s at Fort William Henry (1755–1757) at Lake George.

The British garrison, built during the French & Indian War (1755–1763), was destroyed in August 1757 by the French and their Indigenous allies. That event was immortalized in James Fenimore Cooper's 1826 novel, *The Last of the Mohicans*. In 1952, Fort William Henry Corporation was formed. The for-profit enterprise hired Stanley Gifford, a Syracuse, NY archaeologist, to direct excavations to reveal more information about the military structure and the lifeways of its soldiers. Two years later in 1954, replica Fort William Henry opened. Moreover, in the mid-1950s, museum staff deployed an 8-foot-long, glass-paneled pram to search for submerged artifacts. Decades later, archaeologist David R. Starbuck conducted summer excavations on the grounds.

Mr. Zarzynski is a founding trustee of the French & Indian War Society at Lake George, a nonprofit entity formed over two decades ago to develop programs to interpret Fort William Henry's history. From 1987–2011, Zarzynski directed Bateaux Below, a nonprofit group that studied Lake George's "Sunken Fleet of 1758." Our banquet speaker is the author of eight books including *Ghost Fleet Awakened—Lake George's Sunken Bateaux of 1758* (SUNY Press, 2019) and *Fort William Henry's Moments in Time* (High Peaks Publishing, 2023). Furthermore, for two decades, he's written a column in the Lake George Mirror newspaper on local history and archaeology.

Sunday, November 16th

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Registration Table- Conference Center Lobby

8:40 AM – 12:00 PM Morning Paper Session- Lake George Room

- 8:40 *Ground Truth and Historic Reconstruction: a Matter of Opinion*
John Nass Jr (Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology)
- 9:00 *“Dixon’s Flats”: Three Predominantly Middle to Late Woodland Sites in the Esopus Drainage, Ulster County, NY.*
Joseph E. Diamond (SUNY New Paltz)
- 9:20 *Exploring the Middle Archaic through the Middle Woodland on the Merrimack; Excavations at Garvin’s Falls in Concord, New Hampshire*
Samuel Spitzschuh (Heritage Consultants, LLC), Brenna E. Pisanelli (Heritage Consultants, LLC; Southern Connecticut State University), David W. Trubey (Heritage Consultants, LLC) and David George (Heritage Consultants, LLC)
- 9:40 *Adáli masípskwooiik, ‘the place where it is flinty,’: A report on recent lithic sourcing efforts in the Champlain Valley*
Alexander Honsinger (Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.) and Dawson Burnett (Maine Historic Preservation Commission)
- 10:00 *Break on Through (To the Other Site): Exploring Site Boundaries and Recent Investigations in Windsor Locks, Connecticut*
Christopher Brouillette (Heritage Consultants, LLC), David W. Trubey (Heritage Consultants, LLC) and Brenna E. Pisanelli (Heritage Consultants, LLC; Southern Connecticut State University)
- 10:20 *Questions and Answers*
- 10:30 Coffee Break**
- 10:50 *Grappling with Grapnels–History, Archaeological Recordation, and Conservation of 18th-Century French Grapnels from Lake Champlain and Lake George*
Taylor Picard (Lake Champlain Maritime Museum) and Joseph W. Zarzynski (French & Indian War Society at Lake George)
- 11:10 *Memento Mori: documenting changing attitudes towards death and dying at Milford Cemetery*
Marina Nadeau (Heritage Consultants, LLC) and Brenna E. Pisanelli (Heritage Consultants, LLC; Southern Connecticut State University)
- 11:30 *Chuck Vandrei, CRM, the LOR, and the Production of Knowledge*
Ed Curtin (Curtin Archaeological Consulting, Inc.)
- 11:50 *Questions and Answers*