

FORT TICONDEROGA

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Eighth Annual *Material Matters: It's in the Details*

November 3 & 4, 2018



Fort Ticonderoga presents the **Eighth Annual Material Matters: It's in the Details** weekend on November 3 & 4, 2018, in the Mars Education Center. This annual seminar focused on the material culture of the 18th and early 19th century offers a unique, informal setting promoting interaction and discussion between speakers and attendees. Speakers include both new and established scholars and historians.

Weekend Schedule

Subject to Change

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2018

9:00 Welcome. Beth Hill, President and CEO, Fort Ticonderoga.

9:15-10:30 Locks, Stocks, and Barrels: Philadelphia Gunsmiths and the Fight for Independence—Gunsmiths in Philadelphia made and repaired thousands of firearms to equip Continental troops and American militiamen during the Revolutionary War. This presentation will examine how the city's gunsmiths responded to military supply demands and helped lay the roots of American industry. **Matthew Skic** is the Assistant Curator at the Museum of the American Revolution.

10:45-12:00 Sprang Interlinked: 18th-Century British Army Sashes—A discussion of the history, study, and replication of 18th-century sprang sashes. **Suzannah Emerson** holds a BA in Mathematics from Gettysburg College; when she's not elbow deep in calculations, Suzannah enjoys exploring the great perplexities of fiber arts.

12:00-1:00 Lunch Break (box lunch included in the registration fee).

1:00-2:15 At the Edge of Diplomacy: Razors as Tools of Self-Fashioning, Surgical Instruments, Trade Objects,

and Diplomatic Gifts during the 18th Century—This presentation delves into the multi-faceted uses and meanings of razors in mid-18th century North America and Europe. In the 1740s-1780s, razors were tools of self-fashioning and surgery, but also of trade and diplomacy between Europeans and their Amerindian allies. William Johnson noted their use as diplomatic gifts to support British strategy with their Amerindian allies. A well-advertised commodity, a razor's value could exceed a laborer's monthly wage. **Jacqueline Delisle**, a practicing attorney in Maryland and Virginia, earned her law degree at the University of Baltimore School of Law and is an independent researcher.

2:30-3:45 More than White Wigs!—Haircare at Fort Ticonderoga—Personal grooming above the neck was a crucial and daily part of the experience of every man and woman who served at Ticonderoga from 1755 onward. This presentation will contextualize period practices and beliefs surrounding bodily hygiene, facial hair and fashionable hairdressing within the various cultures and military units which served at the fort. **Adam Hodges-LeClaire** is an Artificer Tailor at Fort Ticonderoga.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018

9:00-10:15 “Let them be made double, & one side painted”: Knapsack Evolution during the American War—Did knapsack designs alter radically between 1775 and 1783? Hear an argument for the affirmative, the role of Fort Ticonderoga’s Benjamin Warner pack in that transformation, and see the various forms of knapsacks used by troops of both sides. **John Rees** is the author of numerous monographs on the world of the common soldier during the War for Independence.

10:30-11:45 Handmade Industry: The Camp Colors of the Royal Highland Emigrants and the 18th-Century Military-Industrial Complex—Very few military textiles from the 18th century survive in quantities

large enough to inform us about the conditions of their manufacture. One exception might be the camp colors of the Royal Highland Emigrants. These rare, but small and unassuming flags, represent just a portion of the massive quantities of war materiel made annually in Great Britain. Fort Ticonderoga’s Curator **Matthew Keagle** will explore how these simple pieces of cloth can inform our knowledge of the military-industrial complex that supported Britain’s imperial war effort during the 18th century, and even paved the way for the modern world.

12:00-1:00 Lunch (box lunch included in the registration fee).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HOW TO REGISTER

Fill out the registration form on the next page and mail with your credit card information or with check made payable to **Fort Ticonderoga** to:

Material Matters Registration
Fort Ticonderoga
PO Box 390
Ticonderoga, NY 12883-0390

Registrations with payment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be received by October 31, 2018. Registration fees will be refunded, less a \$25 processing charge. Refunds will be processed after the event. There is a \$10 processing charge to transfer registration to another person.

ACCOMMODATIONS

There are limited lodging options in Ticonderoga. Book your room for Material Matters early. Best Western Plus Ticonderoga Inn and Suites is offering a discount of \$87.99 per night for Material Matters attendees. Mention that you are attending the event when booking at 518-585-2378. For other accommodations visit www.fortticonderoga.org.

BECOME A PATRON

For those wishing to support the teacher scholarships, three patron levels are available:

Honorary Lieutenant Colonel (\$250)

Includes registration fee, recognition in the Seminar program, and an invitation to a private dinner with the Seminar speakers and Teacher Scholarship winners.

Honorary Colonel (\$500)

In addition to all of the above, patrons at this level will receive copies of the 2017 and 2018 issues of *The Bulletin of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum*.

Honorary Brigadier General (\$750)

In addition to all of the above, the first patron at this level receives accommodations for Friday & Saturday night at Best Western Plus Ticonderoga Inn and Suites.

TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to generous support of patrons, Fort Ticonderoga offers two scholarships for teachers to attend Material Matters. Applications are due October 1, 2018. Application forms are on our website; under “Education” select “Educators.”

Memberships at Fort Ticonderoga

When registering, it’s easy to become a Member or renew your current membership. Members receive: unlimited admission to Fort Ticonderoga for one year, 10% discount in the Museum Store, a subscription to *The Haversack*, discounts for seminars and conferences, and invitations to special events.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Corporal (individual)	\$50
Sergeant (dual)	\$75
Ensign (family)	\$100
Lieutenant	\$150
Captain	\$250
Major	\$500
Colonel	\$1,000

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