

Your community event summary.
Fri, Dec 14th to Sun, Jan 13th

Festival of Trees Open through December 29th

Fri, Dec 14th, 10:00am



The Ticonderoga Historical Society invites the public to visit the 29th Annual Festival of Trees, taking place at the Hancock House through December 29. Each year community organizations, businesses, school groups and clubs assist in decorating the Hancock House by providing a decorated tree, centerpiece, gingerbread house or other festive holiday art. This year, nearly 40 trees and displays are in place on three floors of the historic house museum. Many of the trees and displays feature a specific theme or decorative motif. The Hancock House is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am until 4 pm. "Pop-Up" hours may take place depending on staff availability. The public is invited to call 518-585-7868 to see if the house is open for extended hours or days.

Living History Event: RIOT! Yankees vs. Buckskins

Sat, Dec 15th, 10:00am



Although coined the "United States" when the Declaration of Independence was written, the states were anything but united by the end of that year. Feuds persisted between states from private soldiers all the way up to gentlemen officers. See how the cold and lonely existence on this forward post would lead soldiers to fight, nearly erupting in a riot at the end of 1776. Witness the small altercation between Pennsylvania and Massachusetts as men go sour, and an entire battalion brought forth to suppress the brawl. Event tickets are \$12.00. Free admission is offered to Members of Fort Ticonderoga, Ambassador Pass holders, and children age 4 and under. The event runs from 10:00am-4:00pm.

Annual Holiday Market at The Grange

Sat, Dec 15th, 1:00pm



The Whallonsburg Grange hosts their Annual Holiday Market on Saturday, December 15 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. An abundance of locally grown, created, and crafted products will be available. Crafters of all kinds means a fine selection of special gifts. Hub on the Hill will be there, with representatives from their membership: Essex Farm offers a horse-powered, full diet, year round, free choice CSA membership based share, both locally and in New York City. KZ Farm is in the more nascent stage of small farm evolution with big ideas, a new farm, and a taco truck. Sugar House Creamery is a raw milk dairy and farmstead creamery tucked away in the high peaks of New York State's Adirondack Park. Small by design, they dedicate themselves to the preservation of milk and the production of a food worthy of its ingredients. Juniper Hill Farm is a certified organic, diversified vegetable operation, specializing in season extension, specialty crops, and high-quality produce. Farmstead Catering offers flavorful, sustainable, farm fresh, seasonal event menu, whose ingredients are grown and raised with their clients in mind—from seed to plate on Echo Farm. Tangleroot Farm is a twenty acre diversified vegetable farm, bordering the pristine Bouquet River. Their intensive vegetable plantings feed over 75 families through a 21 week CSA program. Fledging Crow is a thriving first generation farm in the Adirondack Park of Northern New York. The farm is known for its unbelievably flavorful gourmet and specialty salad mixes, as well as a variety of diversified vegetables. Full and By Farm is centered on the use of draft horses for vegetable cultivation and haymaking. Full and By Farm celebrates individuality by offering fully customizable CSA shares with vegetables, meats or eggs in a variety of quantities. Harvest Hill Farm is a small diversified family farm, embodying a homegrown approach within their intimate scale and deep reverence for holistic relationships. Their vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers, honey, soap and lip balm are sold through their farm stand at Dogwood Bread Company. North Country Creamery is a 100% grassfed, Non-GMO, & Animal Welfare Approved dairy in Keeseville, NY. With their herd of Milking Shorthorn and Jersey cows, they produce an array of farmstead cheeses, creamline yogurts, and raw milk, using limited ingredients, including cultures, local herbs, maple syrup & organic extracts -- no added colors or stabilizers. Reber Rock Farm is an 120-acre draft powered farm on the southern edge of the Reber Valley in Essex, NY. These products are available for sale year round in our Farm Store. Custom Meats can be ordered in the spring for delivery in the Fall. At Mace Chasm Farm, Courtney Grimes Sutton and Asa Thomas-Train raise livestock -- grass-fed beef and sheep, pastured pigs, chickens & turkeys. All of the animals are rotationally grazed throughout the growing season. A variety of fresh & smoked cuts are prepared each week in their butcher shop, including fresh sandwich meats and sausages (using fresh herbs from our fields and 100% organic spices).

Boxwood Tree Workshop

Sun, Dec 16th, 1:00pm



Join us for our annual Boxwood Tree Workshop at The Hub on the Hill! Sunday, December 16th at 1 PM! You will create and decorate your own tree, just in time for the holiday season. These are long lasting and fun to make. Cost is \$50 + tax and includes all materials. Please RSVP via Facebook message, email to boquetvalleyblooms@gmail.com, or by calling 917-572-7245

Champlain Valley Chorale Holiday Concert

Sun, Dec 16th, 3:00pm



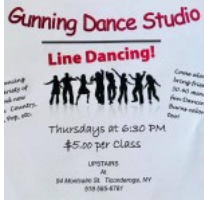
THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY CHORALE presents its admission-free concert "CHRISTMAS CHILD" SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2018 at 3:00 P.M. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1045 WICKER STREET TICONDEROGA, N.Y. "HOLIDAY MAGIC" will follow concert in Fellowship Hall



Holiday Music at Libby's Bakery

Wed, Dec 19th, 6:00pm

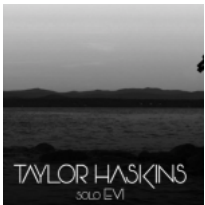
For one night only, Alyssa Rodriguez, Kaitlin Diskin, Jake Crowe and Mike Itturino join forces once again to spread Christmas cheer at Libby's Bakery Cafe. Sit back, relax, and listen the tunes we all know and (maybe secretly) love. Music starts at 6:00 pm and goes until 7:00 pm, but we encourage you to come early, mingle and enjoy the fine eats and drinks the lovely cafe has to offer. Oh and did I mention it's FREE?! See you there!



Line Dancing

Thu, Dec 20th, 6:30pm

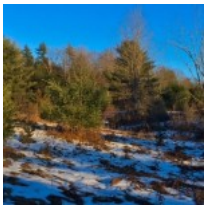
Line Dancing every Thursday at 6:30 PM! Come along, bring friends! Line Dancing to a variety of old and new songs. 30-40 min of fun dancing and burning calories.



Taylor Haskins - Winter Solstice Concert

Fri, Dec 21st, 5:15pm

Westport Heritage House is pleased to announce the first of its winter Music & More performances. Taylor Haskins of Soundwaves plays hauntingly beautiful music to honor the winter solstice, Friday December 21st. The concert begins at 5:23 pm and ends at 6:23 pm. Thanks to Soundwaves, this concert is FREE.



Grand Opening of 2 New Champlain Area Trails

Sat, Dec 29th, 10:00am

Join CATS on Saturday, December 29th, 10:00 am (rain date Sunday, December 30th at noon) as they celebrate the grand opening of two new "loop trails" off the increasingly popular Viall's Crossing Trail. Meet at the trail head on Route 22, about half-way between Westport and Wadhams. Look for parking signs. The new trails are: Harold's Oak Grove Trail named for previous owner Harold White who resisted logger requests to cut the little white oak grove in the southwest corner of his forest because he liked the old trees. Today, the trail showcases those beautiful trees that Harold protected and that we enjoy. The second loop trail is John Brown's Trail and commemorates the farm's historical connection to abolitionist John Brown (John was friends with Harold's great grandfather, Asa Viall, and would stay in the house when in Westport. After Harper's Ferry and Brown's execution, Asa used his wagon to transport Brown's body to his resting place by Lake Placid). This trail goes by some huge trees that survive from that time. The hike will be about an hour and a half and if there's snow, you are welcome to snowshoe or cross-country ski the trail.



New Year's Eve Pre-Party

Mon, Dec 31st, 6:00pm

Westport Heritage House is pleased to announce the first-ever New Years Eve Pre-Party on December 31st from 6 to 9 pm. Brew and wine from Ledge Hill Brewery, hors d'oeuvres from DaCy Meadow Farm, and non-alcoholic beverages. \$20 per person or \$30 per family — this is a family affair! Michael G's lively concert is from 7 to 8 pm.



New Year's Day Birding Snowshoe Hike

Tue, Jan 1st, 1:00pm

Crown Point State Historic Site will host a New Year's Day Birding Snowshoe Hike, Tuesday January 1st at 1:00 pm. Ring in the new year on the shores of Lake Champlain and Bulwagga Bay by birding on snowshoes across Crown Point State Historic Site. The New Years Day bird walk may offer sightings of some visiting winter raptors including Bald Eagle and Rough-legged Hawk, songbirds including Dark-eyed Junco, Snow Buntings, or winter finches. Open water will likely host Scaup, Bufflehead, Common Goldeneye and other waterfowl. Scouting and discussion led by Stacy and Mark Robinson. All ages, approximately 90 minutes. Registration required.

Email lisa.polay@parks.ny.gov or call 518-597-4666 with contact information and number of participants. Tea and cocoa served in the pavilion afterwards. About our guides: Mark and Stacy Robinson live in Port Henry NY and actively enjoy many outdoor activities including hiking, kayaking, and birding. They have found the Crown Point SHS to be an exceptional location to see birds and have observed over 200 species on the property. The Cornell Lab or Ornithology and the National Audubon Society launched eBird in 2002. eBird is an online database of bird observations providing scientists, researchers, and amateur naturalists real-time data about bird distribution and abundance. As a citizen-scientist Stacy has contributed over 4,400 checklists, or observations, into eBird's database including some 1,000 photos of 300+ birds species and more than 200 sound recordings.



Westport Heritage House presents the Indoor Farmers' Market

Sat, Jan 5th, 9:00am

The Westport Heritage House features their Indoor Farmers' Market and More on the 1st Saturday of the month January through April from 9:00 am until noon. Find local and farm fresh winter veggies, meat and poultry, artisan breads, crafts and handmade gifts. The Westport Heritage House is located at 6459 Main Street, across from Ballard Park, in downtown Westport.



Winter Workshop Series: 1750s British Regimental Coats

Sat, Jan 12th

Learn the latest research on British and Provincial enlisted regimental coats as you build your own. Discover period shortcuts for these military garments, produced en masse for regimental contracts. This workshop is BYOL&B--bring your own lace and buttons—due to the specificity of these trimmings. Most facings, linings, and regimental & campaign details can be accommodated with prior notice. The cost is \$340 (Fort Ticonderoga Members \$325). The workshop includes lunch, a cut-out kit for your coat, and sewing materials. Advanced reservation required by calling 518-585-6190.



Fort Fever Series

Sun, Jan 13th, 2:00pm

"Half-Spanish, Part-Hungarian, & All-American: Cavalry Treatises, Saddles & Objects in Fort Ticonderoga's Collection" Join Vice President of Public History, Stuart Lilie, to chart the origins of the United States Cavalry through some of the incredible objects in the Fort Ticonderoga Museum Collections. Discover the European and Middle Eastern influences that made American cavalry and saddlery unique. Tickets are \$10 per person. Free admission is offered to Fort Ticonderoga Members and Ticonderoga Ambassador Pass Holders. **BUY TICKETS**

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