

Fort Edward Historical Association's Educational Programs



In your classroom and at the Old Fort House



~Tours and programs are free of charge~
~Donations are greatly appreciated~

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Historic Educational Programming

~ Old Fort House Museum, 1772 ~



For close to 30 years, the Fort Edward Historical Association has been providing local communities with educational programming. Thousands of students, of all ages, have participated in school presentation and on-site tours. We have offered programs to traditional schools, home school groups, libraries, youth groups and clubs throughout Washington, Warren, Saratoga, Essex, Hamilton, and Upper Rensselaer Counties.

Our Education Director would be pleased to work with you to schedule a visit to the Old Fort House or a classroom program. If a specific historical focus is not listed in this brochure, our educator would be happy to modify an existing program to meet your immediate needs.

Classroom Presentations:

Jane McCrea	Medicinal Plants*
Native Americans	Historic Sandy Hill
Solomon Northup	Champlain Canal*
Fort Edward Pottery	Duncan Campbell
	Customs of Christmas Past

On-Site Tours:

Old Fort House Campus
 Old Champlain Canal & Lock 7
 Rogers Island Visitors Center

*Can also be done On-Site



Solomon Northup: 12 Years a Slave

Solomon Northup was a local free black man who spent a significant portion of his childhood in Fort Edward, later living in the Old Fort House. This program explores how Northup was wrongfully sold into slavery, his hardships under slavery, and his amazing journey attempting to make it back home to his wife and children.

Jane McCrea: Facts, Myths & Legends

Explore the mystery surrounding Jane McCrea's death in Fort Edward on July 27, 1777, and the role it played in shaping the Revolutionary War and the future of our nation. New forensic evidence allows for an in-depth



New York State Native Americans

Experience how the local natives lived and the tools they used. Students can touch thousand year old artifacts, enjoy Indian folk tales, and participate in a Native American craft pro-

History of Fort Edward: Wahcoloosencoochaleva

This program is a visual history of Fort Edward, from its earliest inhabitants to the mid 1900s.

Additionally, it includes a discussion on archae-



Also, learn about...

Customs of Christmas Past

Learn the customs of Christmas from Colonial times through the mid 20th century with the introduction of the Christmas tree to America in 1863.

The Story of Duncan Campbell

Hear the story of Major Duncan Campbell of the Highland Regiment of the Royal Black Watch of Inverawe, Scotland., who was wounded at Carillon during the French and Indian War, later dying in Fort Edward in 1758.

Fort Edward Pottery

Production of Stoneware was a large industry in the upper Hudson Valley. Fort Edward became one of the major stoneware producers during the mid 19th century. Learn about the products made here and how they were used in every American home.

Old Fort House Museum

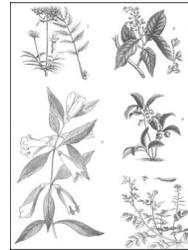
Built in 1772, the Patt Smyth house is the centerpiece of our 3-acre museum campus.



Tours of this historic home give students the opportunity to learn about life from the colonial period through the 1940s. The Smyth House served as headquarters for both Royal and Continental generals during the Revolutionary War. In 1783, General George Washington dined at the tavern located in this home. The museum's collection also contains artifacts and furnishings that tell the story of life in the Federal and Victorian eras, including the life of one of the house's most famous inhabitants, Solomon Northup. Additionally, the campus has a one room schoolhouse, law office, plank road tollhouse, and water works barn. The Cronkhite Pavilion houses a modern museum exhibit with storyboards depicting local his-

Plants and Medicine: The Doctors Apothecary Garden

The Doctors Apothecary Garden is located on the grounds of the Old Fort House Museum. This living exhibit was designed to educate visitors about the critical importance of plants to the Native Americans and Colonists. This garden contains more than twenty different species of plants know to be used historically for medicine. Enjoy, in season, tours of this garden as well as an in-school presentation based on historical medicinal



Discovering Historic Sandy Hill

Learn about the history of Sandy Hill, now known as Hudson Falls. This visual history shows several views of beautiful, downtown Sandy Hill in the late 1800s and early 20th century.



The Champlain Canal

In School Program: Trace the beginnings of the Champlain Canal in 1823 to today, from industrial use to leisure transportation. See how water transportation changed many towns in Washington County area into thriving industrial communities.



Walking Tour: Meet at the Old Fort House Museum and walk to Lock 7 of the Barge Canal to see how a lock works. Walk to the towpath of the old canal and over the stone arch bridge of the aqueduct. Stop by the State Street Cemetery and learn about more