

▼ May

- **Strong Ground Walk**
Sat, May 5, 2018 **1 to 3 pm**
 Revolutionary War expert Mike Barbieri, Mount Independence Coalition president Stephen Zeoli, and site administrator Elsa Gilbertson lead a pre-season guided walk on and off the trails to explore Revolutionary War military strategy and the defenses built here in 1776-77 that are most visible in the spring. Meet at museum for orientation. Wear sturdy boots, be prepared for off-trail walking, and dress for the weather. Co-sponsored by Mount Independence Coalition.
- **Mother's Day Wildflower Walk**
Sun, May 13, 2018 **1 to 3 pm**
 Wildflower expert Amy Olmsted leads her popular walk to discover the flowers of spring. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Meet in front of the Museum. Co-sponsored by Mount Independence Coalition.
- **Early Bird Nature Walk**
Sat, May 26, 2018 **8 to 10 am**
 Sue Wetmore, our bird expert, guides you on this walk to look for and identify the birds of spring and spring migration. Wear sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. No pets please. Meet in front of the Museum. Co-sponsored by Mount Independence Coalition.
- **The Site Opens for the Season**
Sat, May 26, 2018 **9:30 am**

▼ June

- **National Trails Day Hike Into History**
Sat, Jun 2, 2018 **2 to 3:30 pm**
 It's National Trail Day. Mount Independence Coalition board member Mark Brownell leads this guided hike into Revolutionary War history. Co-sponsored by Mount Independence Coalition.
- **Annual Meeting - members of the Mount Independence Coalition**
Sat, Jun 9, 2018 **10:30 am to 12:00 pm**
- **Rabble in Arms Book Discussion**
Sat, Jun 9, 2018 **12:30 to 1:45 pm**
 The Orwell Free Library offers a group book discussion of the noted 1933 historical Revolutionary War novel, *Rabble in Arms*, by Kenneth Roberts. A key character is Benedict Arnold. Much of the action is about the Northern Campaign and takes place in this area. Bring your book and a picnic lunch. Call the library at 802-948-2041 for more information. Co-sponsored by Mount Independence Coalition.
- **Lecture: Benedict Arnold - Fact and Fiction**
Sat, Jun 9, 2018 **2 to 3:30 pm**
 Willard Sterne Randall, New York Times best-selling biographer and historian, cut his teeth on his father's copy of Kenneth Roberts' *Rabble in Arms* and several other of the Maine-born journalist-turned-novelist's classic studies of the Revolutionary War era. Like Roberts, Randall left behind a career as a successful investigative journalist to unearth the facts about the most controversial figure in the Founding Era. Roberts broke new ground as an historical novelist; Randall chose the path of historical nonfiction as he explored many of the same events, characters and terrain to produce *Benedict Arnold, Patriot and Traitor*, a 1990 Notable Book of the New York Times. And both became fascinated by Arnold's exploits on Lake Champlain. How do their accounts of the enigmatic Arnold compare and contrast? Come join a discussion of these two books and the man portrayed in each. In preparation you might like to read both books, though it isn't necessary to attend. (Benedict Arnold, Patriot and Traitor is out of print, but available in used copies at area used book stores and as an e-book. Also, of course, you can check your local library.)

 The talk is the 11th Annual J. Robert Maguire Lecture, sponsored by the Mount Independence Coalition.
- **Children's Revolutionary Morning Camp**
Wed, Jun 27, 2018 **9:30 am to 12:30 pm**
 Children will enjoy Revolutionary times learning about Mount Independence, archaeology, and more, with walks and new hands-on activities. Attendees will make special items to bring home. Ages 6 to 11. Limited space. Pre-registration required. Information on sibling discounts and scholarships. Call 802-948-2000 to register. THIS IS A THREE-DAY EVENT 6/27 TO 6/29. \$75 FEE FOR ALL THREE DAYS.

▼ July

- **War Games Afternoon**
Sun, Jul 15, 2018 **1 to 4 pm**
 Join us for the inaugural afternoon of Revolutionary War tabletop war-gaming. Several strategy games and scenarios. For ages 12 and up. Included in museum admission. Call 802-948-2000 for details.
- **Inquiry into the Revolutionary Mind: What were you thinking Philip Schuyler and Seth Warner?**
Sat, Jul 28, 2018 **2 to 3:30 pm**
 Modern day historian Paul Andriscin turns back the time machine to interview two very different American Revolutionary War officers. Maj. Gen. Philip Schuyler, American Army commander of New York, and Col. Seth Warner, leader of the Green Mountain Boys, will be questioned about the Revolutionary events of the 1776 and 1777 Northern Campaign.

▼ August

- **Revolutionary Day Camp for Ages 12 to 15**
Wed, Aug 1, 2018 **10 am to 3 pm**
 New this year. A five-hour camp for ages 12 to 15. Learn about the Revolutionary War soldiers, cooking how the soldiers and colonial settlers did it, starting a fire, hands-on activities, and exploring the Mount. Campers will make at least one special item to bring home. Limited space. Pre-registration required. Bring your own lunch. Information on sibling discounts and scholarships. Call 802-948-2000 to register. THIS IS A THREE-DAY EVENT 8/1 TO 8/3. FEE IS \$85 FOR ALL THREE DAYS.
- **Art Workshop with Lillian Kennedy (tentative)**
Sat, Aug 4, 2018 **1 to 3 pm**
 This art workshop focuses on nature and what you can observe while taking a nature walk. This event is still in the planning stage, so please check the website for more details as the date approaches.

- **Hike into History** **Sun, Aug 5, 2018 2 to 4 pm**
 On this guided tour, walk in the footsteps of Revolutionary War soldiers. Mount Independence Coalition president Stephen Zeoli is your guide. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. Co-sponsored by Mount Independence Coalition.

- **Building Fairy and Other Imaginary Houses** **Sat, Aug 11, 2018 1 to 4 pm**
 Children and parents or other accompanying adult are invited to drop in between 1:00 and 4:00 PM for this activity in our scenic picnic area. Be inspired by nature, the history of Mount Independence, or your own flights of the imagination to use natural materials we have gathered to build small “fairy houses,” a Revolutionary War star fort, or anything else. Children under 15 free; accompanying adults pay regular admission. Bring a picnic, visit the museum, or go for a walk while you’re here.

- **Ethnic and Cultural Diversity at Mount Independence** **Sun, Aug 12, 2018 2 to 3 pm**
 This program, led by historian and site interpreter Paul Andrisicin, looks at how a rag-tag force from six states (NJ, PA, NY, CT, MA, NH) and Vermont managed to maintain the Northern American Army during the Revolution, while facing lack of supplies, disease, starvation and weather conditions and having to overcome prejudices against their fellow soldiers. Why was there so much distrust and hatred between the troops? What forces divided them and what kept them together?

- **Bennington Battle Day** **Thu, Aug 16, 2018**
 Free admission at all Vermont State-Owned Historic Sites

- **Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road Car Tour** **Sun, Aug 26, 2018 12:30 to 3:30 pm**
 On this 7th annual driving tour, Jim Rowe of the Crown Point Road Association is your leader to look at the first leg of the 1776 Mount Independence-Hubbardton Military Road. Meet at the Mount Independence museum with your own car. The tour will end at the Hubbardton Battlefield State Historic Site in Hubbardton. Co-sponsored by Crown Point Road Association.

▼ **September**

- **Hike into History** **Sun, Sep 2, 2018 1 to 3 pm**
 On this guided tour, walk in the footsteps of Revolutionary War soldiers. Wear walking shoes and dress for the weather. Vermont Archaeology Month program.

- **Soldiers Atop the Mount - day one** **Sat, Sep 8, 2018 9:30 am to 5 pm**
 Reenactors take over the Mount, to honor the American, British, and German garrisons of 1776 and 1777. Demonstrations of Revolutionary War camp life, military tactics (follow soldiers on a woods skirmish), colonial crafts and skills, and firing artillery. Saturday includes interactive Baldwin Trail “walkabout” and grounds and reading of the Declaration of Independence. New offerings both days. Activities for children. Call for details. Vermont Archaeology Month program.

- **SATM - day two** **Sun, Sep 9, 2018 9:30 am to 3:30 pm**

- **Strong Ground 5K Walk** **Sun, Sep 9, 2018 10:30 am to 1 pm**
 Trek the trails and support this Mount Independence Coalition fundraiser for education and special programming efforts by participating in this 5K walk. \$10 fee includes a simple lunch and admission to the site and Soldiers Atop the Mount event. Pre-registration suggested. Call 802-948-2000. Vermont Archaeology Month program.

- **The 24th Foot: A British Infantry Unit in the Burgoyne Campaign** **Sun, Sep 30, 2018 1:00 to 2:30 pm**
 In the summer of 1777 John Burgoyne launched an invasion through the Champlain Valley that resulted in his capitulation at Saratoga, an event that forever changed American history. With Burgoyne in that campaign were men from ten British infantry regiments. One of those units was His Majesty’s 24th Regiment of Foot. Forming the backbone of the elite Advanced Corps, the 24th Foot led the British advance to Fort Ticonderoga and Hubbardton, sent a detachment to Bennington, and took part in the brutal fighting at Freeman’s Farm and the Barber Wheatfield at Saratoga. Join living historian Robert Grandchamp of the 24th Foot for an insightful and revealing lecture and discussion of the 24th Foot in the Burgoyne Campaign. See how the men adapted their uniforms for service on the Northern Frontier and learn the remarkable history of the men who wore the red and green of the 24th Regiment of Foot.

▼ **October**

- **Hike into History** **Sun, Oct 14, 2018 1 to 3:30 pm**
 Enjoy the last day of the 2018 season with a guided hike into history. Stephen Zeoli will be your guide. Co-sponsored by Mount Independence Coalition.

- **Muster at Mount Independence: A Day of Revolutionary Discovery** **Sat, Oct 20, 2018 10:30 am to 3:30 pm**
 Join us for an all-day total immersion into the fascinating story of Mount Independence. A wide variety of presentations will examine the Mount using period documents and maps, archaeological studies, artifacts, and high-tech mapping, revealing its significance during the Revolutionary War and Northern Campaign. Offerings will include illustrated talks and vignettes, an interpretive tour of a major archaeological feature, viewing and interpreting artifacts, first person interviews with historical figures, a hands-on demonstration, and the latest report of 2017 geospatial mapping project using remote sensing and traditional survey. Suitable for all levels of interest—from beginners to avid experts. Lunch included. Pre-registration required. Call 802-948-2000. Fee to be determined.

- **This calendar is still being developed. Check the Coalition website for the latest information. www.mountindependence.org**