

2025 Workshops at Fort William Henry Museum (Lake George, NY) from the:



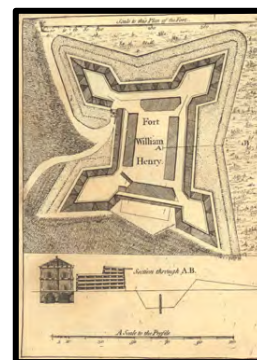
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Vauban-Style Forts: Fort William Henry and Other North American Fortresses

(May 10, 2025. Time: 10 am–1 pm); Instructor: Joseph W. Zarzynski, RPA (Register of Professional Archaeologists)

Sébastien le Prestre seigneur de Vauban (1633–1707) was a French military engineer whose treatises on fortifications were used for over a century. Fort William Henry (1755–1757) was of Vauban-style construction. The workshop will examine Vauban’s military strategies and fortifications using replica Fort William Henry as an example. The PPT will be in a climate-controlled room, however, the class will tour outside, so please bring a jacket and hat. [Class limited to 15 people].



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Colonial Blockhouses: Recording Replica Fort William Henry’s Blockhouse

(May 17, 2025. Time: 10 am–1 pm); Instructor: Joseph W. Zarzynski, RPA (Register of Professional Archaeologists)



Ashley Orzech

Colonial blockhouses were small, one-or-more rooms. These fortifications were mostly of two-stories and were often located at strategic locations. Mostly made of wood, blockhouses had loopholes to fire muskets and sometimes had swivel guns. These structures date to ancient Greece. The class will examine colonial blockhouses in North America, including FWH Corporation’s own replica blockhouse built in the 1950s. Following a PPT presentation and weather permitting, the class will use tape measures, stadia rods, and slates to measure and record the replica blockhouse. Bring a jacket

and hat. [Class limited to 12 people].

Ancient Stone Anchors and Making a Killock Anchor

(September 13, 2025. Time: 10 am–1 pm); Instructor: Joseph W. Zarzynski, RPA (Register of Professional Archaeologists)



Honor Frost Foundation

In the 1950s, early u/w archaeologist Honor Frost began studying stone anchors in the Mediterranean. She developed a typology of different stone anchor types including hybrid anchors of sedimentary rocks and wood. Starting with a PPT presentation, we'll examine the history and types of these anchors, as well as killocks (aka-killick, at right), made of branches, rocks, and rope. The culminating activity will be a group project to craft several killocks; the materials provided. Killocks are still used today in traditional-fishing villages in Canada and the British Isles. Bring work gloves and a folding chair. Moreover, bring a



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jacket and hat [Class limited to 12 people.]

Floating Gun Batteries Through the Ages

(October 4, 2025. Time: 10 am–1 pm); Instructor: Joseph W. Zarzynski, RPA (Register of Professional Archaeologists)



Harrison Bird & Joseph W. Zarzynski

Floating gun batteries were sturdy vessels with heavy ordnance built to bombard enemy cities or military positions, as well as support amphibious assaults. One of the first floating gun batteries appeared in the mid-16th century, built by Spain against an Ottoman Empire stronghold in North Africa. Moreover, in the 16th century, the Koreans constructed “turtle ships,” that battled the Japanese. Arguably, the first floating gun battery in North America was the 1758 *Land Tortoise* radeau (French for raft), a 7-sided, 52 ft. long warship pierced for 7 cannons. The class instructor directed the team of u/w explorers that discovered the *Land Tortoise* in Lake George in 1990. Other types of floating gun batteries were deployed in the

American Revolution (1775–1783), War of 1812 (1812–1815), and Civil War (1861–1865). [Class limited to 15 people.]

***More workshops, from those previously offered in 2024, may be added for later in the 2025 calendar. So, occasionally check The French & Indian War Society at Lake George, Inc. website (<https://www.frenchandindianwarsociety.org>) for updates on any additions.

Please use the registration sheet to sign up for 2025 workshops. Thank you.

**Registration Sheet for the Workshops in 2025 Sponsored by
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