

Anderson Falls Heritage Society presents:
**History Matters: Revolution, Independence,
and Valcour Island**

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Keeseville Fire Department
8 Pleasant Street, Keeseville, NY

Free Admission-- Public Welcome

Program Summary: History matters because liberty is not self-sustaining; it must first be imagined in the minds and hearts of ordinary people and then defended through sacrifice, leadership, and endurance. Using figures such as John and Abigail Adams, Joseph Warren, and William Emerson, this engaging illustrated presentation will explain how the American Revolution grew from conviction into action, while the Declaration of Independence gave that struggle its clearest moral and political purpose. Its central regional argument is that Valcour Island deserves lasting historical importance because Benedict Arnold's improvised naval stand on Lake Champlain delayed the British advance long enough to preserve the northern defenses and help make Saratoga possible. A familiar story will be told in an unfamiliar manner, something you won't want to miss!



Guest Speaker: John Krueger is a long-time heritage advocate, having started as a guide at Fort Ticonderoga in 1970. He is a prolific writer & gifted storyteller whose animated talks have sparked a deeper appreciation for the Lake Champlain Basin region's cultural heritage. Originally from Schenectady, John received his doctorate in history from the University at Albany, after attending Boston University & the University of Vermont for his undergraduate and master's studies. John worked at UVM as a professor of history. He served as the director at the Clinton County Historical Association, the director of the Kent-Delord House Museum, & worked as city historian for Plattsburgh. John Krueger lives in Port Kent.



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