

Fort Montgomery State Historic Site

2013 Special Events Calendar

Saturday, May 11th, 7:00 PM: Britons, Strike Home! Vocal and Instrumental Music Popular Among the British During the War for American Independence

This concert will showcase musical selections that were performed in British occupied cities, with background discussion including anecdotal evidence and references from colonial newspapers. The British hosted lavish parties, balls, and concerts which often contrasted significantly with their enemy's entertainments. Musicians of the Ministers of Apollo will be performing on harpsichord: Erik Lichack, violin: Melanie Zanakis, and trombone and recorder: Thomas Gorman.

Saturday, June 1st, 10 AM - 4 PM: Military Arts Day

View demonstrations of military engineering, artillery and music.

Saturday, June 8th, 10 AM - 4 PM: Crown Forces Day

Come see Fort Montgomery under the control of British and Loyalist troops!

Thursday, July 4th, 12 PM: Independence Day Cannon Firing Program

Celebrate July 4th with a "BANG!" as we fire the fort's artillery, including our 32-pounder cannon.

Saturdays and Sundays in July and August: Musket Demonstrations at Noon and 3 PM, Artillery Demonstration at 1 PM, Music Demonstration at 3:30 PM

Saturday, August 31st, 7:00 PM: Down With This Earthly King: Music Performed by the Rebellious Americans During the Revolutionary War

Although much of America's musical culture was directly influenced by British tastes during this period, some uniquely American styles of composition began to develop in the latter part of the eighteenth century. This performance by musicians of the Ministers of Apollo will include music imported from Great Britain, as well as selections from American manuscripts and publications.

Saturday, September 14th, 3:00 PM: The Harmony of War: Fife and Drum Music

Performed by members of the Orange County Militia Drum and Fife Band, this outdoor concert will feature military music in America from the birth of our nation to today. Selections from several important eras will demonstrate how this art form developed in both military and civilian contexts.

Saturday, October 5th, 10 AM - 5 PM: Twin Forts Day

Come join the Fort Montgomery Battle Site Association and 5th NY Regiment for their commemoration of the bloody October 6th 1777 assault on Forts Montgomery & Clinton, complete with drills, demonstrations, and battle reenactment.

Saturday, October 19th, 6:30 & 7:30 PM: Lantern Tour of Fort Montgomery

Tour the ruins of Fort Montgomery at night! Hear dramatic tales from the battle and bring yourself back to October 1777. Witness the fort come alive as re-enactors depict various scenes from the fort's dark, dramatic history. Tours leaving from Fort Montgomery Visitor's Center at 6:30 & 7:30 PM. **Reservations required.** Call 845-446-2134.

Please also join us for our popular Thursday Night Lecture Series. Visit www.nysparks.com or www.palisadesparksconservancy.org or call the site for more information.

Fort Montgomery State Historic Site is located at 690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery, NY, ¼ mile north of the Bear Mountain Bridge Traffic Circle. The site is open Wednesday through Sunday, 9 AM - 5 PM. For more information, please call (845) 446-2134. Visit us on Facebook!

Fort Montgomery State Historic Site is part of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission. The Palisades Interstate Park Commission administers 29 parks, parkways and historic sites for the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in New York as well as the Palisades Interstate Park and Parkway in New Jersey. For more information about New York State parks and historic sites, please visit www.nysparks.com and for more information about the Palisades Interstate Park parks and historic sites, please visit www.palisadesparksconservancy.org.