

Champlain Quadricentennial Symposium

July 2-5, 2009

Champlain College, Burlington, Vermont

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Welcome!

Four hundred years of history in the Champlain Valley of Vermont is about to come alive through a variety of 400th Anniversary Quadricentennial events this summer.

Along with the hundreds of well-publicized festivals, music events, bike tours, museum exhibits and cultural demonstrations, there will also be a more serious look back at the four centuries of history in our region at Champlain College on July 2-5.

Thanks to dedicated historians and Champlain College professors Willard Sterne Randall and Dr. Nancy Nahra, historians, scholars, authors, teachers and the public from around the world will gather at Champlain College to put into perspective the influence of the French explorer Samuel de Champlain, Franco-American heritage and the legacy of Champlain on our lives today.

We'll also unveil a new contemporary Samuel de Champlain bronze statue on campus on the opening day of the conference, July 2 at 5:30 pm

And while the workshops and presentations will be scholarly in nature, there will also be opportunities to experience a taste of life in the 17th century at the "Order of Good Cheer" banquet; a fireworks cruise on Lake Champlain; research your genealogy and experience local historic sites.

We hope you will be able to share information about this unique opportunity to be part of history with your readers and audience in the coming weeks. Many of the keynote events are free and open to the public. Registration for the full conference is still being accepted through June 15, 2009.

Included in this packet is an overview of the event, profiles of the organizers, listings and times for keynote speakers, a short feature story on "All Things Champlain" and information on other Quadricentennial events in Burlington and the region in July and throughout the remainder of the year. Photos of many events are also available for download – email smease@champlain.edu.

We'd love to have you cover the event and will provide easy access to keynote speeches and special events to working press. If you have any questions please contact me at:

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Champlain College Hosts Symposium Marking 400 Years Since Explorer Gave Lake Its Name

BURLINGTON, Vt. -- This summer, amid the sea of pomp and pageantry accompanying the yearlong celebration of Samuel de Champlain's 1609 exploration of the lake and region that now bear his name, Champlain College will become an academic island outpost for studying four centuries of Franco-American presence in the New World.

With its commanding views of Lake Champlain from its hilltop vantage, the College campus is the ideal gathering place for the "When the French Were Here" symposium. The four-day event is expected to draw scholars and educators from around the world.

The Lineup

Beginning July 2, symposium participants — and the general public — will hear presentations on topics related to explorer Champlain's arrival on local shores in the company of Algonquin guides and a fleet of 24 canoes.

Keynote speakers include such luminaries as Pulitzer Prize-winning historian **David Hackett Fischer**, whose latest book, *Champlain's Dream*, offers a definitive biography of the French explorer. Fischer appears on Thursday, July 2, at 4 p.m.

Eric Thierry, an expert in travel literature at the University of Paris–Sorbonne, speaks on Friday, July 3 at 11 a.m. **Raymonde Litalien**, the honorary archivist of Canada, presents on Saturday, July 4, at 2 p.m.

A celebration, first and foremost, the conference's scholarly activities will share the schedule with such high-spirited events as the "Order of Good Cheer" 17th-century-themed dinner, a July 3 fireworks cruise on Lake Champlain, and excursions to historic landmarks.

The Quadricentennial will also witness the official unveiling, on July 2 at 5:30 p.m., of a bronze statue of Samuel de Champlain by Vermont sculptor Jim Sardonis. Longtime Champlain College supporter Dr. John W. Heise, Jr., commissioned the work.

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Campus Catalysts

The driving forces behind the conference are two Champlain professors, Willard Sterne Randall and Nancy Nahra. The couple shares a passion for history, having lectured widely on the history of the Lake Champlain region and its inhabitants.

For 22 summers, they have traveled to France, often with an eye toward finding primary sources on explorers such as Samuel de Champlain. Over the past three summers they reviewed his memoirs, examined his maps and sketches, and visited his childhood home of Brouage, a medieval village on the Atlantic coast of France.

“Linking a highly developed civilization to a place rich in resources, Samuel de Champlain demonstrated an energetic optimism that still marks the culture of people who found rewards and satisfaction in a vigorous lifestyle where we live and work today,” Randall says.

“The lake is so much a part of what we are here in our region,” Nahra adds. “And through it, Samuel de Champlain’s history collides with our own.”

Nahra will edit the research presented during the conference, which will then be published for further scholarly review and distributed widely to libraries.

Champlain College President David F. Finney recognizes that the 400th anniversary celebration presents a rare opportunity for the College. “It seemed to me we just couldn’t let this go by. We are Champlain. The lake is Champlain, and he’s the guy,” Finney says.

“This allows us to celebrate tradition, and it will illustrate to the world that Champlain College is a serious academic place. It also reinforces the strong ties that we have to the community.”

To learn more, visit

www.champlainquadricentennial.com or www.celebratechamplain.org.

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Planning to Attend the Symposium?

Champlain College Quadricentennial Symposium, July 2-5, 2009. Individual registration is \$200, which includes admission to all sessions, all conference material, open reception, most meals, Friday night fireworks cruise on Lake Champlain, Saturday formal banquet, and chamber music recital.

On campus housing is also available, \$27 per person, per night, double occupancy; or \$54 per person, per night, single occupancy for three nights. There is a one-time additional \$20 linen fee.

To register online, www.champlainquadricentennial.com

Plenary Keynote speeches on July 2, 4 p.m., July 3, 11 a.m., and July 4, 2 p.m. are free and open to the public. A limited number of free tickets are available by contacting Willard Stern Randall at Randall@champlain.edu or at the FlynnTix Box Office on Main Street, Burlington. Or by email or phone at www.flyntix.org, (802) 86-FLYNN. A small service fee applies to phone and internet requests.

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Meet Nancy Nahra and Willard Sterne Randall

BURLINGTON, Vt.--Champlain College in Vermont has created an international academic symposium and lecture series to celebrate the Quadricentennial of the founding of Lake Champlain by Samuel de Champlain. The symposium will be held from July 2 - 5 and is the only academic symposium to be offered as part of the region's Quadricentennial celebration.

Champlain College is tapping into the history expertise of two of its professors, Willard Sterne Randall and Dr. Nancy Nahra, to create the Quadricentennial symposium events.

Nahra and Randall searched out primary sources to pull together up-to-date information on the life of Samuel de Champlain. While they have spent part of 22 summers in France, during the last two summers they reviewed Champlain's memoirs and examined his maps and detailed sketches of people that he saw during his journeys. Champlain was the mapmaker to the King—a highly regarded occupation.

Nahra and Randall can recount Champlain's explorations of "New France." He came to the New World during the time when the English came, and his first colony on the coast of Maine was a failure. Nahra and Randall found Champlain's birthplace in Brouage, a small village that's off the beaten path in the Charente-Maritime region of western France. There Canadians had created a small visitor center. In the church where Champlain was baptized, the stained glass represents Champlain in a saint-like manner, Nahra says.

Randall employed a year of research to write the biography on Champlain's Quadricentennial Web site at www.champlainquadricentennial.com, a site edited by Nahra. He studied papers from past conferences, visited the neighborhood in Paris where Champlain lived as part of the King's Court, and found the Paris church where Champlain was married to a teenage bride — a marriage that would prove troublesome.

Willard Sterne Randall

Randall, Champlain's Distinguished Scholar in History, is the author of 12 books, including five biographies and two biographical readers. A former investigative reporter, he received the National Magazine Award for Public Service from Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, the Hillman Prize, the Loeb Award and three Pulitzer Prize nominations during his 17-year journalism career in Philadelphia. After graduate studies in history at Princeton University, he turned to writing biographies, which have also garnered three Pulitzer nominations. Randall is a Fellow of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Dr. Nancy Nahra

Nahra, a professor of humanities at Champlain College, is a distinguished poet and co-author of several books of history, including "American Lives" and "Forgotten Americans." Nahra earned her master's and PhD in romance languages at Princeton University. Nahra's dissertation was focused on French travel writers of the late 17th and 18th centuries. In the national archives in Paris, she poured over the travel writings of explorers of that time. She is also a board member of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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Symposium Sponsorships to Help Vt. Teachers

BURLINGTON, Vt. -- Champlain College has been awarded a \$5,000 Federal grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Commission (funded through the National Park Service) to support the College's July 2-5 Champlain Quadricentennial Symposium.

The grant will allow Champlain College to offer scholarships to 25 Vermont middle and secondary school social science teachers to encourage them to include more content on Vermont's French and Franco-American cultures. It is estimated that 40 percent of Vermonters are of French-Canadian heritage.

The scholarships will cover the cost of attendance at conference events and activities.

Other sponsors of the Champlain College Quadricentennial Symposium are:

- Lake Champlain Basin Program
- Florence Gould Foundation
- The Automaster
- Consulate of France
- Champlain College

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Free Events at the Champlain Symposium

Thursday, July 2, 2009		
4 – 5:30 pm	Plenary – Keynote David Hackett Fischer: “Champlain and Humanism.” University Professor and Warren Professor of History, Brandeis University <i>(Free to the Public– Ticket Required)</i>	IDX Gymnasium
Friday, July 3, 2009		
11 am – noon	Plenary Keynote: Dr. Eric Thierry: “Champlain and the Iroquois.” Research Fellow, Centre de Recherche sur la Littérature des Voyages, Paris-Sorbonne <i>(Free to the Public)</i>	Alumni Auditorium
Saturday, July 4, 2009		
10 am – 5 pm	French-Canadian Heritage Exhibit Open <i>(Free to the Public)</i>	Hauke Conference Room
2 – 3:15 pm	Plenary Keynote: Raymonde Litalien: “Historical Antecedents of Lake Champlain’s Exploration.” Honorary Archivist of Canada <i>(Free to the Public)</i>	Alumni Auditorium
Sunday, July 5, 2009		
9 – 9:45 am	Walking Tour: Christina Dunphy: “A Champlain Neighborhood Walking Tour” <i>(Free to the Public)</i>	Starts at Fireplace Lounge in IDX
10 – 10:45 am	Sheila Morris: “Discovering Your Ties to Samuel de Champlain” <i>(Free to the Public)</i>	Hauke Conference Room
10 am – 3 pm	French-Canadian Heritage Exhibit Open <i>(Free to the Public)</i>	Hauke Conference Room

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Symposium Keynote Speakers and Presenters

Keynote Speakers:

- **David Hackett Fischer**
Brandeis University, author of recent book "*Champlain's Dream.*"
- **Eric Thierry**
University of Paris (Sorbonne), "*Champlain and the Iroquois.*"
- **Raymonde Litalien**
Honorary Archivist of Canada, "*Historical Antecedents of Lake Champlain's Exploration.*"

Presenters and topics(in alphabetical order):

- **Mike Austin**, Castleton State College, "Spiritual Godfather of Vermont: Samuel de Champlain's Heritage"
- **Charles Bashaw**, Champlain College, "French Attitudes Towards the New World"
- **Sylvie Beaudreau**, SUNY Plattsburg, "Commemorations and Historical Memory"
- **Andrew Buchanan**, University of Vermont, "Lake Champlain: Axis of Conflict"
- **Edward Cashman**, Champlain College, "Justice in the Champlain Islands"
- **Frances Sikola Chevalier**, Norwich University, "The Many Faces of *La France* at Crown Point"
- **Kevin Dann**, SUNY Plattsburgh, "Dreams and Prophecies"
- **Steven Delisle**, Winterthur Museum, "Eighteenth Century Forts in Lake Champlain"
- **Richard DeProspo**, Washington College, "The less common idiom" of Père Isaac Jogues's *Novum Belgum*"
- **John J. Duffy**, Johnson State College (emeritus), "When Stone Houses Came to the Champlain-Richelieu Borderlands"
- **Christina Dunphy**, Champlain College, "A Champlain Neighborhood Walking Tour"
- **Joanne Farrell**, Champlain College, "The Theatre of Neptune" (with Eric Ronis)
- **Cecile Ganteaume**, National Museum of the American Indian, "French- Indian Relations"
- **John Hessler**, Library of Congress, "Reading Champlain's Maps"
- **Richard Hunt**, Champlain College, "Champlain Explores the Maritimes"

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- **Michael Lange**, Champlain College, “Naming Places, Claiming Spaces”
- **John Lovejoy**, Independent Scholar, “The Black Snake Affair”
- **Robert Mayer**, Champlain College, “The Guns of Samuel de Champlain”
- **Daniel Métraux**, Mary Baldwin College, “Québécois Settlement in Greensboro, Vermont”
- **John Moody**, for Indigenous Traditions, “Indigenous People of the Champlain Valley”
- **Sheila Morris**, Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society, “Discovering Your Ties to Samuel de Champlain”
- **Bruce Morton**, Touro Law School, “Cross-Border legal Issues”
- **Nancy Nahra**, Champlain College, “Travel Writers, Travel Liars”
- **Susan Ouellette**, St. Michael’s College, “Patterns of Settlement”
- **Jon Parmenter**, Cornell University, “Indigenous Context of Champlain’s Activities.”
- **Steven Pendery**, National Park Service, “Archaeology of Champlain Settlements”
- **Antoine Polgar**, Champlain College, “The Grammar of Discovery in Champlain’s *Des Sauvages*”
- **Willard Sterne Randall**, Champlain College, “Benedict Arnold: Master of the Lake”
- **Malcolm Reid**, Independent Scholar, “Champlain in Canadian Consciousness”
- **Eric Ronis**, Champlain College, “The Theatre of Neptune” (with Joanne Farrell)
- **Kenneth Wade**, Champlain College, “Les Filles de Roi”
- **Kathy Whiting**, Champlain College, “Through Faith and Medicine: The Fanny Allen Connection”
- **Sanford Zale**, Champlain College, “Late Medieval French Culture and the Beginnings of Overseas Expansion.”

Please note: lineup of speakers is subject to change.

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When the French Were Here Schedule

See <http://www.champlainquadricentennial.com/champlain/symposium/speakers>
for Speakers` professional affiliations.

July 2, 2009: Symposium Opening Events

10 am – Registration opens

4-5:30 pm: Keynote: Dr. David Hackett Fischer: “Champlain and Humanism”

5:30-6 pm, Ceremonial dedication of Jim Sardonis’ bronze statue of Samuel de Champlain on Champlain College campus.

July 3, 2009: Champlain in Historical Memory

9:30-10:45 am:

John Hessler: “Reading Champlain’s Maps”

Mike Austin: “Spiritual Godfather of Vermont: Samuel de Champlain’s Heritage”

Sylvie Beaudreau: “Commemorations and Historical Memory”

11 am to noon

Keynote: Dr. Eric Thierry: “Champlain and the Iroquois”

1-2:15 pm

John Moody: “Indigenous People of the Champlain Valley”

Michael Lange: “Naming Places, Claiming Spaces”

Andrew Buchanan: “Lake Champlain: Axis of Conflict”

2:30-3:45 pm

Jon Parmenter: “Indigenous Context of Champlain’s Activities”

Cecile Ganteaume: “French- Indian Relations”

Kevin Dann: “Dreams and Prophecies”

4-5 pm

Susan Ouellette: “Patterns of Settlement”

Steven Pendery: “Archaeology of Champlain Settlements”

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July 4, 2009: Legacy of Exploration

10-11:30 am

Willard Sterne Randall: "Benedict Arnold: Master of the Lake"
Richard Hunt: "Champlain Explores the Maritimes"
Malcolm Reid: "Champlain in Canadian Consciousness"

Arts and Letters: 11:45 am - 12:45 pm

Nancy Nahra: "Travel Writers, Travel Liars"
Frances Chevalier: "Camille Claudel's Samuel de Champlain"
Joanne Farrell & Eric Ronis: "The Theatre of Neptune"

2-3:15 pm:

Keynote: Dr. Raymonde Litalien: "Historical Antecedents of Lake Champlain's Exploration"

Migrations and Settlements: 3:15-4:00 pm

Daniel Metraux: "Quebecois Settlement in Greensboro, Vermont"
John J. Duffy: "When Stone Houses Came to the Champlain-Richelieu Borderlands"
Kathy Newton-Whiting: "Through Faith and Medicine: The Fanny Allen Connection"

Ideas of Exploration: 4:15-5:30 pm

Sanford Zale: "Late Medieval French Culture and the Beginnings of Overseas Expansion"
Charles Bashaw: "French Attitudes Towards the New World"
Antoine Polgar: "The Grammar of Discovery in Champlain's *Des Sauvages*"
Richard DeProspo: "Pere Isaac Jogues *Novum Belgum*"

July 5, 2009

9:30-10:15 am: Walking Tour

Christina Dunphy: "A Champlain Neighborhood Walking Tour"

10 am-3 pm: "And We're Still Here"

Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society Demonstration

New Laws for New Lands: 10:30-12:30

John Lovejoy: "The Black Snake Affair"
Edward Cashman: "Justice in the Champlain Islands"
Bruce Morton: "Civil Procedure in Quebec and Vermont: A Comparative Look"
Kenneth Wade: "Les Filles de Roi"

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All Things Named Champlain

By Stephen Mease, Champlain College News Director

Samuel de Champlain, who wasn't at all shy about naming an entire lake after himself when he arrived in 1609, might be surprised 400 years later to discover just how far that simple act has taken his family's name. Before Champlain's arrival, the vast body of water was called "Bitawbagok" by the early Abenaki inhabitants who has lived in the region for generations.

Next to the 120-mile long lake itself – the sixth largest fresh water lake in the U.S. - the region between the shore and the broad upsweep of land leading to Vermont's Green Mountains is known today as the Champlain Valley region. The scenic islands of Grand Isle, South and North Hero and Isle La Motte are collectively described as the Champlain Islands.

A Google search for Champlain brings up nearly 6.5 million listings to the computer screen. A bit more focus is found in the most recent FairPoint Communications Burlington-Middlebury White Pages with a full page of tiny font listings beginning with "Champlain ARC" and ending with "Champlain Yacht Underwriters, Inc. Though, it is difficult to find anyone with the last name of Champlain in the listings.

Many are familiar with landmark buildings like the Champlain Mill, a former woolen mill on the banks of the Winooski River or the Champlain Bridge connecting Addison with Crown Point, NY. The state's largest annual event - Champlain Valley Fair in Essex Junction - used Champlain's familiar portrait as its logo for many years.

At least three U.S. Navy ships have carried his name, including most recently the USS Lake Champlain, a guided missile cruiser. The "Champlain" is also one of the modern Lake Champlain Ferries carrying passengers and cars across the broad lake daily.

Of course, there was the ill-fated luxury steamship "Champlain" that ran aground on the rocks off Westport, NY in July 1875 when the captain was high on morphine to alleviate the pain from gout.

Even the elusive Vermont cousin of the Loch Ness Monster, took on a variation of the name when searchers dubbed it "Champ." A friendlier and greener version of Champ is the popular mascot for the Lake Monsters Baseball team in Burlington.

The French explorer's name helps sell fine chocolates, chiropractic services, bowling lanes, parking lots, self storage centers, apiaries, insulation, antiques, printing and more. It's the name of a chain of convenience stores, hair salons, moving companies, health care centers, country clubs and schools.

But it wasn't until nearly 350 years had passed since Champlain and his Native American guides entered the northern waters of the lake that the Burlington Business College was renamed Champlain College and moved uptown to the historic Hill Section of Burlington in 1958. Today, college students from around the world enjoy a world-class view of Lake Champlain from many vantage points on campus.

And thanks to the support of Dr. John W. Heisse Jr., and vision of President David F. Finney, the connection between the French explorer and the college that proudly bears his name will be strengthened when a new statue of Samuel de Champlain by Vermont sculptor Jim Sardonis is unveiled July 2 as the four-day international symposium focusing on Champlain's legacy begins at Champlain College.

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Vermont Quadricentennial Named a Top 100 Event in US



BURLINGTON, Vt. – This year marks the 400th anniversary of French explorer Samuel de Champlain’s first trip by canoe up the Richelieu River and his arrival at the lake that now bears his name. Vermont is commemorating that historic event with festivals, pageants, exhibits, performances, educational symposiums and much more. There will be something for everybody; and all are invited to share in the fun and help commemorate this historic moment.

The American Bus Association (ABA) named the “Vermont Celebrates Champlain,” and “Hudson 400th Celebration of Discovery” as the top U.S. events, respectively, in its 2009 list of the “Top 100 Events in North America.”

The 27th annual guide for professional travel planners and the general public highlights the top fairs, festivals, parades and regional events across North America. While the Top 100 are not ranked, ABA highlights the top U.S. and Canadian events for 2009.

First Night Burlington on Dec. 31, kicked off the statewide “Vermont Celebrates Champlain” commemoration events and other Quadricentennial signature events will continue throughout the year, including the Burlington International Waterfront Festival, July 2-14 and the Champlain Quadricentennial Symposium at Champlain College, July 2-5.

Other annual events will celebrate Champlain: the Burlington Discover Jazz Festival, June 5-14, the Vermont Quilt Festival, June 19-21, the Green Mountain Chew-Chew Festival, June 27-30, and the Champlain Valley Fair, Aug. 29-Sept. 7. These are a sampling of the events listed on www.CelebrateChamplain.org, along with contact information for individual events.

The Top 100 list is chosen from among 524 events nominated by state and provincial tourism officials and CVBs. A 14-member Selection Committee of tour operators bases its picks on the events' broad appeal and other criteria.

The full list of 2009 winners is on www.buses.org/2009Top100.

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Vermont Quadricentennial Events Sampler

Here is a sampling of Quadricentennial events celebrating the 400th anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's arrival on the lake that now bears his name.

For a complete list of events, www.celebratechamplain.org.

- **Champlain's Lake Rediscovered: Exhibition of Vermont Artists, Through Oct. 31.** A traveling juried show highlighting artistic talent around the Champlain Basin of Vermont. The project celebrates many of the local and talented visual artists who call Vermont their home. It also provides both the artists and the state a forum to share the unique heritage and inspiration Lake Champlain has provided through the years. Schedule of exhibitions: June 1 - 15, at the National Arts Club, New York City, NY; June 29 – Aug. 1 at the Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boston, MA; Aug. 22 – Sept. 20 at the Southern Vermont Arts Center, Manchester, VT; Sept. 23 – Oct. 31, at the Vermont State House, Montpelier, VT. Sponsored by the Willowell Foundation. www.willowell.org
- **Champlain College Quadricentennial Symposium**, July 2-5, "When the French Were Here" is a gathering of scholars and educators from around the world at Champlain College to look at the influence Champlain's arrival had on the region over four centuries. A new bronze sculpture of Samuel de Champlain will be unveiled on July 2. Other events include the 17th-Century themed dinner with the "Order of Good Cheer," a fireworks cruise on Lake Champlain and excursions to historic sites. www.champlainquadricentennial.com
- **Celebrate Champlain Burlington International Waterfront Festival**, July 2-14 , Waterfront Park and Environs, Burlington, VT. Vermont's resplendent lake-side city will host an unforgettable 11-day extravaganza featuring music, comedy, film, theater, writers, dancers, new technology, lake ecology, and special events. There will be youth workshops and performances; the staging and broadcast of an original radio variety show; and world-class performance events. Also Native American and Franco-American showcases, dynamic history forums, invigorating lake walks and waterfront activities, poetry readings, headline music concerts, and fireworks extravaganzas. On Saturday, July 11, with each of Vermont's towns and the entire Champlain Valley converging on the city, Burlington will host a mammoth parade and day-long celebration culminating in a stunning pageant and international fireworks spectacular. www.celebratechamplain.org

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- **Meet Samuel de Champlain!** Aug. 1-2, Alburgh, VT. Wearing an authentic 17th century French costume, historic interpreter Donald Thompson will play the role of the famous explorer of the New World. He will share stories of his exploration of the lake that he would name "Lake Champlain" and tell about his experiences with Native Americans. Many of his anecdotes come directly from the writings of Samuel de Champlain himself. Thompson is a retired history teacher who spent 34 years teaching Social Studies and nine years as an historical interpreter. Thompson also plays the role of the Dutch explorer Henry Hudson, whose 1609 exploration north through what is now New York State took him very close to Samuel de Champlain's southernmost exploration of the Lake Champlain valley. On Saturday, Aug. 1, he will be at the Alburgh Public Library and on Sunday, Aug. 2, he will be at the Ransom Bay Inn, both in Alburgh.
- **Lake Champlain Maritime Festival, Aug. 14-16.** Celebrate the past, present and future of Lake Champlain and the vibrant Burlington waterfront in this multi-day event with activities taking place up and down the lake shore park and piers. Activities including boat parades, demonstrations, entertainment, food, sporting events, and lake and walking tours will take place at the Community Sailing Center, Perkins Pier, U.S. Coast Guard, Burlington Boat House, ECHO Lake Aquarium and Science Center, Lake Champlain Transportation, and the Burlington Waterfront Park. Board the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum's canal schooner Lois McClure and learn about life aboard this replica 1860's vessel. Take a guided tour of underwater shipwrecks using remote sensing video technology or ride one of the Lake Champlain ferries or tour boats. Enjoy special musical performances – everything from Atlantic Crossing's engaging musical tales about the region to musicians making 21st century history.
- **Champlain Valley Fair, Aug. 29-Sept. 7,** Vermont's largest annual event features the biggest and best of the state fair events – animal judging, giant vegetables, crafts, tractor-pulling, 4-H exhibits, fair food, midway rides and 10 days of entertainment in the Coca-Cola Grandstand. www.cvexpo.org.
- **Festival of Nations / Fete des Nations,** Sept. 18-20, Chimney Point, VT, Crown Point, NY, and the Lake Champlain Bridge. Join an intercultural, international and many-nations celebration taking place on both sides of the lake in Vermont and New York. The Champlain Bridge itself, a literal and figurative connection between regions, will host activities including performances, living history demonstrations, a boat parade and the Northeast Atlatl Competition.

