Fort Pitt Museum to Host Lecture on 1779 Bucktooth Run Battlefield
- The 2019 Fort Pitt Speaker Series will launch with guest lecturer Dr. Joe Stahlman, a Haudenosaunee researcher -

PITTSBURGH, March 4, 2019 – The Fort Pitt Museum, part of the Smithsonian-affiliated Senator John Heinz History Center museum system, will kick off its 2019 Fort Pitt Speaker Series with a lecture by Dr. Joe Stahlman on the 1779 Bucktooth Run Battlefield on Saturday, March 9 at 11 a.m.

In 1779, George Washington ordered Colonel Daniel Brodhead, commandant of Fort Pitt, to subdue American Indian allies to the British as part of the Clinton-Sullivan campaigns.

Brodhead left Fort Pitt and traveled along the Allegheny River into Seneca Nation territory, where his troops skirmished with American Indians. One such skirmish took place along Bucktooth Run, which intersects the Allegheny River just north of modern day Salamanca, N.Y.

During his presentation, Dr. Stahlman, a Haudenosaunee researcher and lecturer, will explore the impact of Brodhead’s 1779 expedition into Seneca country.

Stahlman will also discuss a recent project in which he and Dr. Douglas Perrelli from the University of Buffalo, in collaboration with Seneca Nation Tribal Heritage Preservation Office, examined available oral histories, historic maps, and secondary archival resources to understand the impacts of Brodhead’s expedition and the battle at Bucktooth Run.

This program is sponsored by the Seneca Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

Registration for this program is $5 for adults and students and free for Heinz History Center members and includes full museum admission. Register online at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

The Fort Pitt Museum, built in a recreated bastion of the British fort originally constructed in 1759, focuses on the critical role that Western Pennsylvania played during the French & Indian War, the American Revolution, and the founding of Pittsburgh. The Fort Pitt Museum is located in Point State Park in downtown Pittsburgh. The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, operates the Fort Pitt Museum in partnership with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). For more information, please visit www.heinzhistorycenter.org/fort-pitt.
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