

Surgeons in New France: The trade and its tools Cultural program (in French)

Montréal, February 7, 2012 — The cultural program of the Château Ramezay — Historic Site and Museum of Montréal invites you to discover the fascinating and multifaceted aspects of being a surgeon in New France. On **Sunday, February 19, at 2 p.m.**, David Ledoyen will give a talk that brings to light the many-sidedness of this profession by means of the most telling surgical instruments.

Mr. Ledoyen will trace the development of the practice of medicine in New France from the barber-surgeon to the professional medical practitioner. His presentation will take you right into the heart of the world of a surgeon in those days by focusing on the latter's training, responsibilities and instruments. In New France the surgeon was a general practitioner who performed amputations, trephinations, bloodlettings, very popular at the time, and tooth extractions.



Surgical Operation, David Teniers the Younger

Since 1991, David Ledoyen has been engaged in cultural heritage dissemination activities on historic sites protected by Parks Canada. For more than a decade, he has also been active in publishing and historical reconstructions. Throughout the years, he developed a deep passion for historical surgical instruments which, he believes, bear witness not only to the ingenuity of the surgeons who designed them, but also to the skillfulness of the cutlers who made them.

This will be followed by a conversation café during which you'll be able to visit the exhibition and learn more about the medical practices in New France.

In the Time of Smallpox - Physicians, Surgeons and Apothecaries in New France

The exhibition invites you to take the pulse of various aspects of 17th and 18th century health. Physicians, surgeons, apothecaries, as well as midwives, hospital nuns, healers and "quacks" will offer you a rewarding consultation!

Upcoming talk:

Epidemics in New France, presented by Michel Barbeau

Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m.

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