

Seminar

*The American Revolution in Québec: An Invasion and an Invitation.
Context, Perspectives, and Repercussions.*



John Trumbull, The Death of General Montgomery in the Attack on Quebec, December 31, 1775, 1785, Yale University Art Gallery

Montréal, November 6th, 2025 — On the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the surrender of Montréal to the rebel armed forces of the American colonies, the **Château Ramezay — Historic Site and Museum of Montréal** invites you to the seminar “The American Revolution in Québec: An Invasion and an Invitation. Context, Perspectives, and Repercussions.”, which will take place at the Grande Bibliothèque on **November 15th from 9:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

History

The Château Ramezay was at the heart of the events of the American Revolution that took place on Canadian soil. On November 13th, 1775, the day after the city's surrender, Montréal opened its gates to General Richard Montgomery and his troops. Montgomery established his headquarters at the Château Ramezay, a seat of power that Governor Guy Carleton occupied until November 11th, before leaving the city to take refuge behind the fortifications of Québec. The Continental Army occupied the city and the Château until June 15th, 1776.

Schedule

9:15 a.m. : A word of welcome

André Delisle, director and curator of the Château Ramezay Museum

9:30 a.m. : « D'une capitulation à l'autre : Montréal, 1760-1775 »

Mario Robert, president of the Société historique de Montréal

10:00 a.m. : « Terre d'écho. La Province de Québec à l'heure des révolutions atlantiques »

Régis Coursin, researcher, Université du Québec à Chicoutimi

10:30 a.m. : Break (15 minutes)

10:45 a.m. : *Contexte géopolitique de l'invasion américaine* - video clip of Pierre Monette, author of « Rendez-vous manqué avec la révolution américaine »

11:00 a.m. : « 1774-1776 : l'invasion des idées et l'essor des lettres québécoises »

Bernard Andrès, professor emeritus, UQAM; Académie des lettres du Québec

11:30 a.m. : « Une famille divisée: Les Chartier de Lotbinière et la Révolution américaine »

Dave Noël, historian and journalist at Le Devoir

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. : Lunch

1:30 p.m. : Historical skit: The Surrender of Montréal

2:00 p.m. : « Haro sur les Noir.e.s, et vive la liberté! Fusil en main, ils sont venus chanter la pomme »

Frank Mackey, author and researcher

2:30 p.m. : Break (15 minutes)

2:45 p.m. : « Les conséquences de l'invasion américaine de 1775 sur les Premières Nations »

Gilbert Desmarais, historian and author

3:15 p.m. : « Trouver ses soldats allemands (1776-1783) »

Dominique Ritchot, coordinator at the Société généalogique canadienne-française

4:00 p.m. : « La Révolution américaine : une clé essentielle pour comprendre le soulèvement des Patriotes de 1837-1838 »

Gilles Laporte, lecturer and historian

4:30 p.m. : Closing remarks

The seminar is offered free of charge and without reservation, but it is still suggested to confirm your attendance by registering: [Colloque à la Grande Bibliothèque](#). **This seminar will be held in French.**

Other events

On **November 13th, 2025**, exactly 250 years after the surrender of Montréal, join us for a historical reenactment at **10 a.m. and 1 p.m.** to hear the discussions between General Montgomery and three of the twelve Montrealers (James McGill, Pierre-Méru Panet, and Jean-Louis Besnard dit Carignant) appointed to represent the city's population during the negotiations of the surrender terms. Afterwards, witness the raising of the "Grand Union" flag at the Château. A lecture by Mr. Dave Noël will follow the 1:00 p.m. reenactment. Visit our website for complete details.

About

The **Château Ramezay – Historic Site and Museum of Montréal** is a non-profit organization which aims to preserve and make accessible the first building in Quebec to be classified an historical monument, as well as highlight a collection centered around the history of Montréal and the province. Founded in 1895, the Museum is certified by the Government of Quebec. Visit our website at chateauramezay.qc.ca and our Facebook page, facebook.com/Chateau.Ramezay.

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