

Dear Fellow History Lover,

On behalf of the St Lawrence County Historian, the 250th Commemorative Commission and the St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce, we are excited to launch a new 2026 initiative celebrating St. Lawrence County's rich history and architectural heritage, and we invite you to participate.

In honor of America's 250th anniversary, we are introducing **Open Doors to History**, a free public event series designed to encourage residents and visitors to explore historic places across St. Lawrence County that they may have never experienced before.

Museums, heritage sites, historic buildings, and unique landscapes will be featured throughout the county. We envision this as a family-friendly day trip opportunity and a chance to step inside places that are not regularly open to the public. Visitors might climb a church bell tower, explore historic mill ruins, tour a landmark inn, visit the homes of notable local leaders, or step inside a university building they've long admired from the outside.

To add a fun and interactive element, participants will take digital photos with our themed Revolutionary War characters provided at each participating site. Visitors to 3 or more locations in varying regions can earn a commemorative challenge coin and be entered into a special raffle during October's St. Lawrence County History Month.

Participating sites will receive the flat character displays, promotional materials, and free marketing support through local media and the Chamber's outreach channels.

This initiative offers your organization increased exposure, new visitors, and potential members or volunteers while celebrating the stories that make St. Lawrence County unique.

### **Regional Showcases by Date**

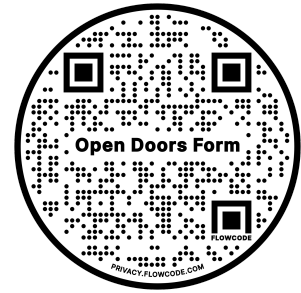
Communities will be organized into three regions, each hosting its Open Doors to History event during a designated month to encourage exploration across the county.

1. **St. Lawrence Seaway - Saturday, May 2:** Chippewa Bay, Hammond, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Louisville, Massena, Morristown, Ogdensburg, Oswegatchie, Waddington
2. **River Valley - Saturday, June 6:** Brasher, Canton, DeKalb, De Peyster, Gouverneur, Hermon, Lawrence, Macomb, Madrid, Norfolk, Norwood, Potsdam, Richville, Rensselaer Falls, Rossie, Stockholm
3. **Adirondack Foothills - Saturday, July 4:** Clare, Clifton, Colton, Edwards, Fine, Fowler, Hopkinton, Parishville, Piercefield, Pierrepont, Pitcairn, Russell

Be part of a countywide celebration of history. Welcome visitors to meet local historians, uncover the stories of our founders and influential citizens, admire architecture worthy of Europe, capture photos with historic character cutouts, enjoy exclusive giveaways at participating sites, and enter for a chance to win great prizes.

## Open Doors to History Sign Up Form

Join us to host an "Open Doors to History" event in your region by signing up using this form. Following sign-up, you will be sent an informational packet, flat characters, and free promotional items and giveaway incentives for visitors. Your participation will also be listed on advertising and wider promotions. **Sign-up Deadline is March 27th.**



### Contact Information

Organization / Site Name	
Contact Name	
Contact Email	
Contact Phone Number	
Organization Full Mailing Address (for materials disbursement)	

### Regional Showcase Designation

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- Unable to participate - Reason:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Marketing & Promotion Details

Describe your organization / site as you would to a visitor. This description may be used for promotional purposes in print and digital marketing and advertising materials.

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Will your organization or site be a part of the 250th Commemorative celebrations happening around St. Lawrence County this year? ( **Yes / No** )

If yes, please provide event name(s) and date(s) below. Attach additional sheet if needed.

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