

Friday, April 26th

COLONIAL FAMILY NIGHT AT SMITH TAVERN (6:30 PM – 9:30 PM)

Enjoy family life around the hearth with two performances by the Please and Thank You Swing Band, period finger food, and colonial games in a re-created eighteenth-century tavern setting.

VENUE: RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY, MAP KEY #2*

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OLD FASHIONED BARN DANCE WITH THE FIDDLER'S BRAWL

(8:00 PM – 11:00 PM) (SUITABLE FOR ADULTS AND SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN)

A rousing evening of music and New England style-country dancing as The Fiddler's Brawl joins the Fiddleheads and caller Steve Holland for a night of Colonial tunes, Celtic ballads, and Cajun songs. Sponsored in part by the Ridgefield CVS/pharmacy®

(Food by Downtown Merchant Restaurants)

VENUE: VANITY GYM, MAP KEY #9*

Saturday, April 27th

DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS DON COSTUMES TO CELEBRATE WITH THEMED PROMOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

ALL DAY, MAP KEY #5*

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HISTORICAL PORTRAVALS IN BALLARD PARK AND CASAGMO

(10:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

Children and adults meet leading characters from The Battle of Ridgefield on a walk through Ballard Park to the battle site at Casagmo.

Presented by The Discovery Center at Ridgefield.

VENUE: BEGIN IN BALLARD PARK, MAP KEY #1*

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MILITARY ENCAMPMENT (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

Authentic British & American campsites complete with merchants & demonstrations open to the public.

VENUE: GOVERNOR STREET SITE, MAP KEY #11*

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KEELER TAVERN MUSEUM (10:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

Keeler Tavern Museum comes to life with exhibit of artifacts and archives from the Battle of Ridgefield. Docents will tell of events of April 27, 1777 in the Tavern. "Day before the Battle" will be repeatedly performed in the Tap Room. 12 noon – 2:00 PM. Period craftpersons, will ply their trades in the Garden House and on the lawn. View the British Cannonball, still embedded in a corner post.

VENUE: THE KEELER TAVERN MUSEUM, MAP KEY #4*

PRE-REVOLUTIONARY HOUSE TOUR (10:00 AM – 3:00 PM)

Tour four homes that witnessed the British incursion of Ridgefield in 1777.

Conducted by the Ridgefield Woman's Club

VENUE: FIVE PRIVATE DWELLINGS, ADMISSION \$15.00

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ANDREA WRIGHT, BOOKS ALIVE! AT SMITH TAVERN (11:00 AM & 1:00 PM)

Storyteller Andrea Wright performs *The Red Petticoat*, *The Midnight Ride of Sybil Liddington*, excerpts from *My Brother Sam is Dead*, and other stories in a re-created eighteenth-century tavern setting.

VENUE: RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY, MAP KEY #2*

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FIFE, DRUM & CHANTREYMEN IN CONCERT (2:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

The Ancient Mariners, a Guilford, CT Fife & Drum Corps, display the life of colonial seamen through a rollicking musical good time.

VENUE: BALLARD PARK GAZEBO, MAP KEY #1*

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THE HURDY-GURDY FAMILY BAND AT SMITH TAVERN

(3:00 PM & 5:00 PM)

The Hurdy-Gurdy Family Band performs colonial street ballads on period instruments, and chamber shadow theater, for both young and old, in a re-created eighteenth-century tavern setting.

VENUE: RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY, MAP KEY #2*

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RIDGEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY LEMONADE SOCIAL

(10:00 AM – 1:00 PM)

The circa 1740 David Scott House (witness to the Battle of Ridgefield) debuts as the new home of the Historical Society with a free tour for members and non-members alike.

VENUE: DAVID SCOTT HOUSE, #4 SUNSET LANE, MAP KEY #7*

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TALES OF TREASON: TWO ONE-ACT PLAYS (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

ARNOLD / FEATURING BOB BROWN

The controversial traitor wrestles with his conscience in the autumn of his years. Two performances — 10:00 and 12:45

TRAITOR'S WIFE & SPY / FEATURING PENNY AVERY

Arnold's beautiful young wife, Peggy Shippen, tells all. Or does she?

Two performances — 11:30 and 2:00

VENUE: THE RIDGEFIELD PLAYHOUSE, MAP KEY #6, ADMISSION FREE

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ART & MUSIC AT THE ALDRICH MUSEUM

The acrylic-on-wood paintings of 18th century figures by Mary Dwyer,

Fri-Sun from 12 to 5 PM. Free Americana concert by the Ridgefield

Chorale in the Sculpture Garden. Saturday at 12:30, 1:30 & 2:30.

VENUE: ALDRICH MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART, MAP KEY #13*

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OFFICERS' SOIREE (2:30 PM – 3:30 PM)

Refreshments and conversation will be shared by American officer re-enactors at Keeler Tavern Museum and their British counterparts at The Elms Inn.

MAP KEYS #4 & 8* RESPECTIVELY

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PATRIOT BALL (8:00 PM – 12 MIDNIGHT)

Fund-Raising gala in colonial costume, complete with live period and contemporary music, Revolutionary libations and light fare.

VENUE: LOUNSBURY HOUSE, MAP KEY #10* ADMISSION \$100 PER PERSON

Sunday, April 28th

MILITARY ENCAMPMENT (10:30 AM – 3:00 PM)

Authentic British & American campsites complete with merchants & demonstrations open to the public.

VENUE: GOVERNOR STREET SITE, MAP KEY #11*

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OLDE TOWNE GRAVEYARD TOUR (11:00 AM – 12 NOON)

Half hour visit to several markers, including 5th CT Col. Bradley & Rev. Thomas Hauley.

Tours led by the Graveyard Committee at 11:00 and 11:30.

VENUE: OLDE TOWNE GRAVEYARD, MAP KEY #12*

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RE-ENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF RIDGEFIELD

(1:30 PM – 2:30 PM)

A recreation of the 1777 engagement at the barricade, complete with artillery. Followed by a "Pass in Review" by both British and American re-enactor units.

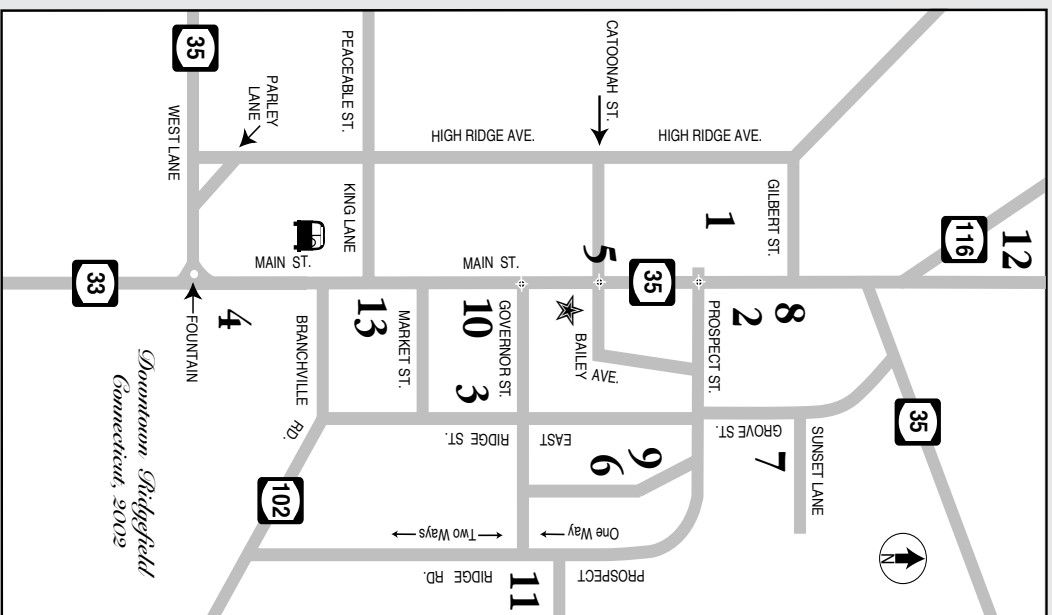
VENUE: VETERANS PARK FIELD, MAP KEY #3*

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UNVEILING OF THE MEMORIAL MARKER (3:00 PM)

Ceremonial unveiling of new 3-foot by 5-foot granite marker describing the events of April 27, 1777, provided at no cost to the town by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

VENUE: BALLARD PARK, MAP KEY #1*



Bus: Will Leave From Jesse Lee United Methodist Church for Tour of Five Historic Ridgelyfield Homes

*Key numbers refer to event locations shown on map.

Admission charge to the House Tour will go to support the Scott House, the new home of the Ridgelyfield Historical Society.

Admission charge to the Patriot Ball will help defray costs of the 225th Anniversary Celebration.

Information  Center



Ridgelyfield Bank
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The Official 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Ridgelyfield Commemorative coin is exclusively available at these **Ridgelyfield Bank Branches:** 150 Danbury Road, 374 Main Street, and the Georgetown Branch. Coins will also be sold at the **Ridgelyfield General Store, Touch of Sedona, "Squash's" and Keeler Tavern Museum Gift Shop.** Destined to be a collector's item, the antique finish medal coin with a burgundy ribbon, or in a decorative gift box, depicts American Generals David Wooster and Benedict Arnold in action. Through the generosity of Ridgelyfield Bank, all proceeds from the \$10 Coin will help fund the 225th Anniversary program.

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Events Program