2009 Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration Grants

French Heritage Day



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Project Summary

The Addison County Chamber of Commerce sponsored French Heritage Day in Vergennes, Vermont in 2009 through a 2009 Champlain Quadricentennial Commemoration grant from the CVNHP/LCBP. The 2009 French Heritage Day was an educational, family event that provided an authentic portrayal of the French culture and history. The estimated 2,200 participants engaged in a diverse variety of activities such as enjoying a parade, colorful re-enactors, Franco-American music, French-Canadian fiddling, step-dancing, a French ballet, storytelling, fencing demonstrations, French food, and traditional craft demonstrations ranging from rug hooking to fiddle making.

All venues, the Vergennes Opera House, City Park and Otter Creek Basin Falls Park were ADA accessible with a free shuttle provided for transportation.

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Date Complete: Nov. 5, 2009

Grant Amount: \$5,000

Non-federal Match: \$6,981

Total Amount: \$11,981