Through a Quadricentennial Legacy Grant from the CVNHP/LCBP, visitors to Fort Ticonderoga explored the role of an Indian agent in 1759 as part of a program entitled “Within Humane Bounds” in the summer of 2011. The program featured an historic interpreter representing an Indian agent of Sir William Johnson’s Northern Indian Department who supplied and coordinated with Mohawk warriors in 1759. The program included an impressive display of representative trade goods including leggings, shirts, powder horns and weapons that were that were needed to secure Mohawk support to the British army. The program highlighted the role the agent played in maintaining the bonds of alliance as well as being an important source for practical trade goods utilized in the native villages including agricultural tools and cutlery.

The program, which ran Sunday through Thursday afternoons, was extremely well received by Fort visitors. It was a new type of program for Fort Ticonderoga and has become part of the Fort’s broader interpretive emphasis to bring the year 1759 to life. Components of the program will be incorporated into the 2012 season.

Interpreter portraying an Indian Agent at Fort Ti