

# 2010 Quadricentennial Legacy Grants

Installation of four new computer-based oral history listening stations on the steamboat *Ticonderoga* at Shelburne Museum



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## Project Summary

A \$3,318 Quadricentennial Legacy Grant from the CVNHP/LCP supported the installation of four new computer-based units aboard the steamboat *Ticonderoga*. New oral histories from Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy and Vermont philanthropist Lois McClure reflect the steamboat's recent history, including her role in the Quadricentennial celebration of 2009.

The steamboat *Ticonderoga* is a National Historic Landmark and was the last commercially operating steamboat on Lake Champlain. In 1955, the 220-foot boat was relocated to Shelburne Museum, where she serves as an educational resource and icon of the region's cultural history for over 100,000 visitors annually. The visitor experience of the "Ti" is illuminated by oral histories from people who rode or worked on the vessel, accessible through these new listening stations. The museum anticipates interactive, easy to use technology and visually attractive screens will increase visitor participation. As a result, more Vermonters, New Yorkers, and other visitors to the museum are exposed to the history of the "Ti" and Lake Champlain.



Senator Patrick Leahy aboard the "Ti" in 2009



A new interactive listening station

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