



## **Friends of the Office of State Archaeology, Inc.**

### **2025 FOSA Continuing Education Program**

#### **Material Culture Patterns and Backstories of Connecticut's American Revolution Period**

Join in FOSA's 2025 Continuing Education Program. Shake off the winter cold and get energized by learning and exercising your creative talents. Open to all FOSA and ASC members.

FOSA is offering a five-week program, consisting of one evening zoom class per week, beginning Wednesday Feb. 5, 2025. Each class will consist of a 30 minute introductory lecture followed by a class participative session to creatively outline stories of interest from the archaeological materials.

Through readings, lecture and class discussion we will look for distinctive American / Connecticut Revolutionary Period (1768-1784) patterns revealed in the archaeological record, museum collection artifacts, and around us in the State's landscape. Focus will be given to individual artifacts, archaeological assemblages, sites, and extent 18<sup>th</sup> century elements of our landscape – each that provides insight into Revolutionary Connecticut. Topics being considered include:

- Archeological Evidence of the British Burnings of New London and Fairfield
- Beneath our Feet: The Odyssey of a King George III Statue.
- Fifth Camp (Bolton) of Rochambeau's March through CT.
- Artifacts in the Archives:
- Coin of the Crown: currencies
- Unmarked Graves: Norwichtown Cemetery; Lebanon Grave of Unknown French Soldier; Pox House burials; Ridgefield Investigations
- The Landscape: Roads, walls, mile markers, commons & pounds

For each topic, the class will collaboratively formulate, in outline or short paragraphs, informative stories or backstories that ultimately may be used in a FOSA Public Outreach program.

Please contact Tom Ford at [Fordtb72@gmail.com](mailto:Fordtb72@gmail.com) to express your interest and register. Class times and zoom connection details will be emailed to registrants at the end of January.