

The Mysterious Origins of Shediac

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Date/Time: Wednesday; Jan 31; 2:00 – 4:00pm

First class: Wednesday; Jan 31 (1 Session/s)

Location: Shediac Multipurpose Centre

Participants: Min: 6; Max: 24

Course Outline:

My talk will begin with an in depth look into the background of the twenty-four families who settled Shediac in 1767. I will discuss what the historical documents tell us about who they were and where they came from.

That will lead into what the historical documents tell us about Fort Gediaque and what we know about the French military and what they were doing in Shediac in 1749-50. And the lingering mystery associated with the fort. Lastly I will talk about what is known about the Mi'kmaq Fort Sauvage on the tiny island in Shediac Bay. The interesting story of how it was found, as well as the Mi'kmaq tribe that inhabited Shediac in 1761. And the lingering mystery associated with the Mi'kmaq fort. And that's about it.

Instructor Bio:

Gordon MacDonald was born and raised in Moncton. He began spending summers in Shediac in 1965 in an area in which one of the properties was said to contain an ancient Mi'kmaq cemetery. His curiosity into that subject and the general history of Shediac began then and culminated in the 2015 publication of my first book *The Secret About Skull Island and the Hidden History of Shediac*, followed by three more on the subject.

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