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## Amanda Lange Featured in New Chocolate Anthology

### "Chocolate: History, Culture, and Heritage" released by Wiley Press

Loved by many cultures for centuries, chocolate is still today perhaps the world's most adored confection. But how did this sweet treat become so revered? A new 1,000 page book titled "Chocolate: History, Culture and Heritage" explores the topic in depth, including an article from Amanda Lange, Curatorial Department Chair and Curator of Historic Interiors at Historic Deerfield.

The book first sprouted roots in 1998 when the Chocolate History Group was formed by the University of California, Davis, and Mars, Incorporated. It was the research and contributions from more than 100 members of this group that led to this new encyclopedia of chocolate.

"It really covers, in-depth, the current scholarship on chocolate," Lange said. "There are items about the economic and regional aspects of chocolate, down to the associations between chocolate and crime."

Lange's chapter in the anthology, "Chocolate Preparation and Serving Vessels in Early North America," focuses on how Americans were preparing their chocolate in the 17th and 18th centuries. Included in the chapter are descriptions and images of artifacts from Historic Deerfield's collection, including a 1760 chocolate pot made by Zachariah Brigden of Boston, MA.



"We have some wonderful items right here in our own collection," Lange said. "My personal

favorites are now on view in the lobby of the Flynt Center."

The special exhibition "Stimulating Beverages: Tea, Coffee, and Chocolate Wares at Historic Deerfield" is currently on view in the lobby of the Flynt Center of Early American Life through August 9. The lobby exhibition features numerous artifacts from Historic Deerfield's Collection.

Lange's research even inspired the creation of the American Heritage Chocolate Celebration. This annual special event at Historic Deerfield takes place on or near Valentine's Day. Visitors can enjoy delicious chocolate desserts from the Deerfield Inn, all while learning about the history of chocolate.

Historic Deerfield is also one of just seven historic sites in North America where visitors can purchase American Heritage Chocolate™. Created by the Historic Division of Mars, Inc., this product recreates the taste, consistency and experience of Colonial chocolate.

For more information about chocolate programs at Historic Deerfield, visit [www.historic-deerfield.org](http://www.historic-deerfield.org) or call 413-775-7214

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### About Historic Deerfield

Historic Deerfield ([www.historic-deerfield.org](http://www.historic-deerfield.org)) is a nationally recognized museum offering tours of period houses and the Flynt Center of Early New England Life. Now featuring exhibitions:

- *Stimulating Beverages: Tea, Coffee and Chocolate Wares at Historic Deerfield* on view through August 9, 2009.
- *Hadley Sampler: An Anniversary Celebration* on view through January 1, 2010.
- *Into the Woods: Crafting Early American Furniture*, a long-term furniture exhibition on view through 2013.
- *Engraved Powder Horns from the French and Indian War and the American Revolution: The William H. Guthman Collection*, permanent.
- *Celebrating the Fiber Arts: The Helen Geier Flynt Textile Gallery*, a permanent exhibition with changing elements.

Historic Deerfield also offers relaxed fine dining at Champney's Restaurant and Tavern at the Deerfield Inn, lodging at the 1884 Deerfield Inn ([www.deerfieldinn.com](http://www.deerfieldinn.com)), and shopping at the Museum Store ([www.deerfieldstore.com](http://www.deerfieldstore.com)). Please call 413-775-7214 for museum information and program schedule.



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