

PRESS FACT SHEET
Summer 2009

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MISSION STATEMENT:

Historic Deerfield, Incorporated, is dedicated to the heritage and preservation of Deerfield, Massachusetts and the Connecticut River Valley. Its museums and programs provide today's audiences with experiences that create an understanding and appreciation of New England's historic villages and countryside.

FOUNDED:

1952

LOCATION:

Just off I91, Exit 24N or 25S in Deerfield, Massachusetts. Approximately 2 hours west of Boston, 3 ½ hours north of New York City, 1 ½ hours east of Albany, New York, and 5 hours south of Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

2009 HOURS OF OPERATION:

2009 Season: museum houses and Flynt Center of Early New England Life open daily March 28–December 27, 2009, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except Thanksgiving Day and December 24-25.) Winter Hours in effect December 29, 2008–March 27, 2009: exhibitions and galleries at the Flynt Center of Early New England Life open weekends 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (museum houses closed).

MUSEUMS:

11 museum houses dating from c1720 to 1850 display more than 25,000 objects made or used in America from 1600-1900. Highlights of the collection include American furniture with special emphasis on the Connecticut River Valley; English and Chinese ceramics; American and English silver – including work by Paul Revere; and American and English textiles. The Flynt Center of Early New England Life offers exhibitions including: **“Celebrating the Fiber Arts: The Helen Geier Flynt Textile Gallery,”** permanent with changing elements; **“Engraved Powder Horns from the French and Indian War and the American Revolution: The William H. Guthman Collection,”** permanent; **“Stimulating Beverages: Tea, Coffee, and Chocolate Wares at Historic Deerfield”** on view until August 9, 2009; **Hadley Sampler: An Anniversary Celebration** opening August 22, 2009 and on view until January 31, 2010; and **“Into the Woods: Crafting Early American Furniture,”** long-term with changing elements, on view through 2013.

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SPECIAL EVENTS AND PROGRAMS:

Full Calendar available upon request.

LIBRARIES:

The Memorial Libraries include the 21,000 volumes of the Henry N. Flynt Library of Historic Deerfield, as well as the books and manuscripts of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association Library. The Memorial Libraries offer an extensive collection of materials relating to the history and material culture of Deerfield and the Connecticut River Valley. Students, scholars, and the general public are welcome. Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. year round.

DINING AND LODGING:

The 1884 Deerfield Inn offers visitors 23 guestrooms, a and Champney's Restaurant and service tavern. Groups are welcome, as are weddings, private parties and business meetings. Open year round. (413) 774-5587 or online at www.deerfieldinn.com.

SHOPPING:

The Historic Deerfield Museum Store offers books, museum reproductions, souvenirs, and gifts for all occasions. (413) 775-7170 or online at www.deerfieldstore.com.

MEMBERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Friends of Historic Deerfield support the museum through membership, annual gifts, and individual and corporate donations. (413) 775-7176 or membership@historic-deerfield.org

PUBLICATIONS:

Historic Deerfield magazine; *Up & Down The Street* member newsletter; and *Annual Report*.

GOVERNANCE:

Board of Trustees. The museum is chartered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a not-for-profit organization which is fully accredited by the American Association of Museums.

STAFF:

59 full time. 100 part time.

VOLUNTEERS:

200

PROPERTIES:

52 buildings on 93 acres.

ANNUAL BUDGET:

\$5 million.