

# Historic Deerfield Calendar

Winter 2012

Museum Exhibitions, Events and Programs

## A Year for Anniversaries

### Open Hearth Cooking Classes

Historic Deerfield will offer instruction in open hearth cooking for those who are interested in historic foodways and hearth management. A series of seven one-day classes has been scheduled for Saturdays in February and March 2012. In the kitchen of the 1786 Hall Tavern, museum guides will demonstrate cookery techniques and lead discussions on 18th- and early 19th-century food preparation, preservation technology, seasonality, diet, and the availability of local and imported foodstuffs. A bibliography on open hearth cookery will be distributed.

Registrants will participate in the process and assist hearth cooks in the tasks undertaken. We recommend that you dress comfortably, bring an apron, pen, and paper for notes. Participants will sample the foods prepared in the program or, if preferred, participants may bring a brown bag lunch. For program information, please contact Claire Carlson at 413-775-7217 or ccarlson@historic-deerfield.org.

The registration fee for each class is \$55.00 per person (\$50.00 for members). Please make checks payable to: Historic Deerfield, Inc. Mail completed form to: Cooking Class, Historic Deerfield, P.O. Box 321, Deerfield, MA 01342. Registration fees will be refunded if cancellation is made by 12 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the program. Participants will receive a confirmation letter in the mail.



Please check each class you would like to attend:

*Saturday, February 4, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.*

\_\_\_ Hearth Cooking Basics

*Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.*

\_\_\_ Soups and Stews

*Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.*

\_\_\_ A Winter Menu

*Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.*

\_\_\_ 17th-Century Cooking

Please note that there will be no class on March 3.

*Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.*

\_\_\_ On the Rise: Breads, Cakes and Biscuits

*Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.*

\_\_\_ Pies

*Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.*

\_\_\_ Cooking with Herbs

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Remembering 1704 as Historic Deerfield Turns 60

The vision of Henry & Helen Geier Flynt continues as we enter our Diamond Jubilee Year and look back on those events that put Deerfield on the map—most notably, in this leap year, the French and Indian Raid of February 29, 1704.

Historic Deerfield welcomes all interested in learning more about the stories of 1704 to participate in a one-day symposium on March 3, 2012, that will focus on what we know about the Deerfield Raid. Our program will bring together scholars with museum staff and interested public to investigate the context of the Raid itself and its outcomes.

Speakers will include: John Demos, Samuel Knight Professor of History Emeritus, Yale University; William M. Fowler, Jr., Northeastern University, Distinguished Professor of History; Alice Nash, Associate Professor at University of Massachusetts,



Amherst; R. Scott Stephenson, Director of Collections and Interpretation, American Revolution Center; Kevin Sweeney, Professor of History at Amherst College; and Philip Zea, President of Historic Deerfield.

Participants will also receive a copy of a new “1704 Raid Walking Tour,” and will view the new exhibition *Furnishing the Frontier: The Material World of the Connecticut River Valley, 1680-1720*.

Pre-registration is required. The registration fee is \$75 (\$65 for members). For information and reservations, please visit [www.historic-deerfield.org/1704Symposium](http://www.historic-deerfield.org/1704Symposium).

### Free Public Launch of “1704 Raid Walking Tour”

Please see entry at March 3 on calendar for details.

## Food, Gardening on Menu to Mark Milestone

### Open Hearth Cooking Program Celebrating Silver Anniversary

In 2012, the Historic Deerfield Open Hearth Cooking Program will enter its 25th year of service! To celebrate this special occasion, scholars and experts will come together on three Sundays this winter to delve into the savory and seductive world of food and gardening in a winter lecture series titled “Gathering, Gardening, Preserving: Exploring Local Food in New England.”

The first lecture, titled “Enough is Not Enough: 19th-Century Food Preservation,” will be given on January 22 by Debra Friedman, Director of Public Programming, Old Sturbridge Village.

“Slow Food/Sustainable Gardens,” will be delivered by John Forti on February 26. Forti is Curator

of Historic Gardens and Landscapes at Strawberry Banke Museum, and co-author of *American Household Botany: A History of Useful Plants, 1620-1900*.



Finally, Sandra L. Oliver will present the lecture, “Banbury, Succotash, and Bannocks: Transplants, Natives, and Universals in New England Cookery,” on March 18. Oliver is an Independent Food Historian, and author of *Food in Colonial and Federal America*.

All of the lectures will be offered at 2 p.m. at the Deerfield Community Center, and are free and open to the public.

For the most up-to-date information, log on to

[www.historic-deerfield.org](http://www.historic-deerfield.org)



## Programs & Events

### Winter Hours

The Flynt Center of Early New England Life is open Saturdays and Sundays, December 3, 2011–April 8, 2012, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (except December 24–25). Enjoy current exhibitions (see box at lower right) and “The Museum’s Attic” gallery. Seasonal Winter Admission: \$7 Adults, \$5 Youth (ages 6–17), under 6 and members free. Historic Deerfield’s museum houses are closed to the public during the winter months (December–mid-April), although pre-arranged tours-by-appointment, school tours and group tours can still be scheduled. For more information, please call 413-775-7132 or e-mail [lmiskinis@historic-deerfield.org](mailto:lmiskinis@historic-deerfield.org). The museum will reopen for the 2012 season on Saturday, April 14.

## JANUARY 2012

January 22 \* Winter Lecture Series

### Enough is Not Enough: 19th-Century Food Preservation

2 p.m., Deerfield Community Center\*

Presented by Debra Friedman, Director of Public Programming, Old Sturbridge Village. Free.

## FEBRUARY 2012

February 8 \* Special Event

### “A Winter Day in Deerfield” Home- school Program

10 a.m.–3 p.m., Hall Tavern  
Visitor Center

Homeschool families are invited to visit Historic Deerfield this February for a special program for ages 8 and up. Participants will work cooperatively to prepare a simple lunch that they will eat together. Once the prep-work is done and lunch is cooking under the watchful eye of a hearth cook, the group will enjoy learning about natural fibers and how they were used to produce useful and decorative textiles. After lunch the group will participate in handwork as they make a project to take home. A visit to a historic building is also included in the day. Admission for this special event is \$25 per person for ages 8 and up (\$20 for members). Pre-registration by February



8 is required. Please contact Claire Carlson, Education Program Coordinator, at 413-775-7217 or [ccarlson@historic-deerfield.org](mailto:ccarlson@historic-deerfield.org).

February 25 \* Exhibition Opening

### Furnishing the Frontier: The Material World of the Connecticut River Valley, 1680-1720

Deerfield at the end of the 17th century bore little resemblance to what is here today. Fewer than 50 families lived in small houses with one or two-rooms and a garret, clustered within and around a protective stockade. Their dwellings provided modest living space and a place to store crops, marketable commodities such as furs and lumber, and farming tools. Only the wealthiest owned luxury goods such as a clock, refined textiles, or perhaps several silver spoons. This exhibition features objects drawn from Historic Deerfield’s collection, many with local histories. On view through February 17, 2013.



February 26 \* Winter Lecture Series

### Slow Food/Sustainable Gardens

2 p.m., Deerfield Community Center\*

Presented by John Forti, Curator of Historic Gardens and Landscapes, Strawberry Banke Museum. Please see front cover for details. Free.

## MARCH 2012

March 3 \* One-day Symposium

### Exploring the 1704 Deerfield Raid

9 a.m.–5 p.m., Deerfield Community Center\*

See front cover for details. Pre-registration required.

March 3 \* Special Event

### Free Public Launch of “1704 Raid Walking Tour”

1–4:30 p.m., drop by any time

Pick up a free copy of this new walking tour aimed at interpreting village sites connected to the Deerfield Raid of 1704 at the Flynt Center of Early New England Life. At 4:30 p.m. the public is invited to attend a free scholarly talk by Kevin Sweeney, Professor of History at Amherst College, entitled “The 1704 Deerfield Raid and Its Aftermath.” Pre-registration for this talk is required. Register online at [www.historic-deerfield.org/1704WalkingTour](http://www.historic-deerfield.org/1704WalkingTour). Funded in part by a generous grant from



### Register Now!

April 11, 18, 25 \* Museum Course

### NEW! From Wedgwood to Wash Basins: Exploring 18th-Century English Pottery

7–8:30 p.m., Bartels Seminar Room, Flynt Center of Early New England Life

Almost everyone is familiar with the term “Wedgwood”—to some it represents an English china company and to others a fashionable blue and white pottery. Josiah Wedgwood (1730–1795)—the man behind the name—is less well known to a modern audience, but in the 18th century he was one of the most influential ceramic manufacturers in the world.

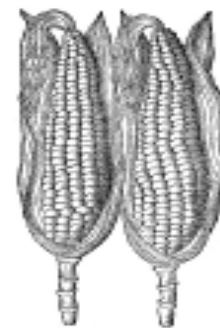
In Spring 2012, Amanda Lange, Curatorial Department Chair and Curator of Historic Interiors at Historic Deerfield, will offer a three-week course introducing the new collector, student, or the curious to the fascinating area of 18th-century English earthenwares and stonewares. Ms. Lange has specialized in the study of English ceramics, and is the author of *Delftware at Historic Deerfield* (2001) and *Chinese Export Art at Historic Deerfield* (2005).

Participants will explore together how English ceramics were created in the 18th century and the early types of ceramics that preceded Wedgwood’s production. We will also trace the rise of the Five Towns of North Staffordshire as they became the center of the world’s potting industry. The class will



learn how Josiah Wedgwood revolutionized the ceramic industry, invented new types of earthenwares and stonewares, and created marketing methods that we would find familiar today. Finally, the class will conclude with a survey of influences on ceramics in the 18th century from Asian inspiration to Neo-classical design. Each class session will feature an illustrated lecture and access to objects from the Historic Deerfield collection.

The cost for this museum course is \$105 (\$95 for members). Special early bird registrations save \$10 by March 21. Pre-registration is required by April 4. For more information and registration, please contact Julie Marcinkiewicz at [events@historic-deerfield.org](mailto:events@historic-deerfield.org) or 413-775-7179.



March 18 \* Winter Lecture Series

### Banbury, Succotash, and Bannocks: Transplants, Natives, and Universals in New England Cookery

2 p.m., Deerfield Community Center\*  
Presented by Sandra L. Oliver,  
Independent Food Historian.  
Free.

\* Please note that the name of the White Church has been changed to the Deerfield Community Center.

## Save the Date

### Patriot’s Day Revolutionary Muster & Parade

Saturday, April rain or shine

### April School Vacation Week: “Quillwork” Program

Monday–Sunday, April 16–22



## Current Exhibitions

at the Flynt Center of Early New England Life

### Curators’ Choice: A New Look at Old Objects

On view through February 5, 2012.

### 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.

### Into the Woods: Crafting Early American Furniture

Long-term with changing elements.

Opening February 25, 2012

### Furnishing the Frontier: The Material World of the Connecticut River Valley, 1680-1720

On view through February 17, 2013.