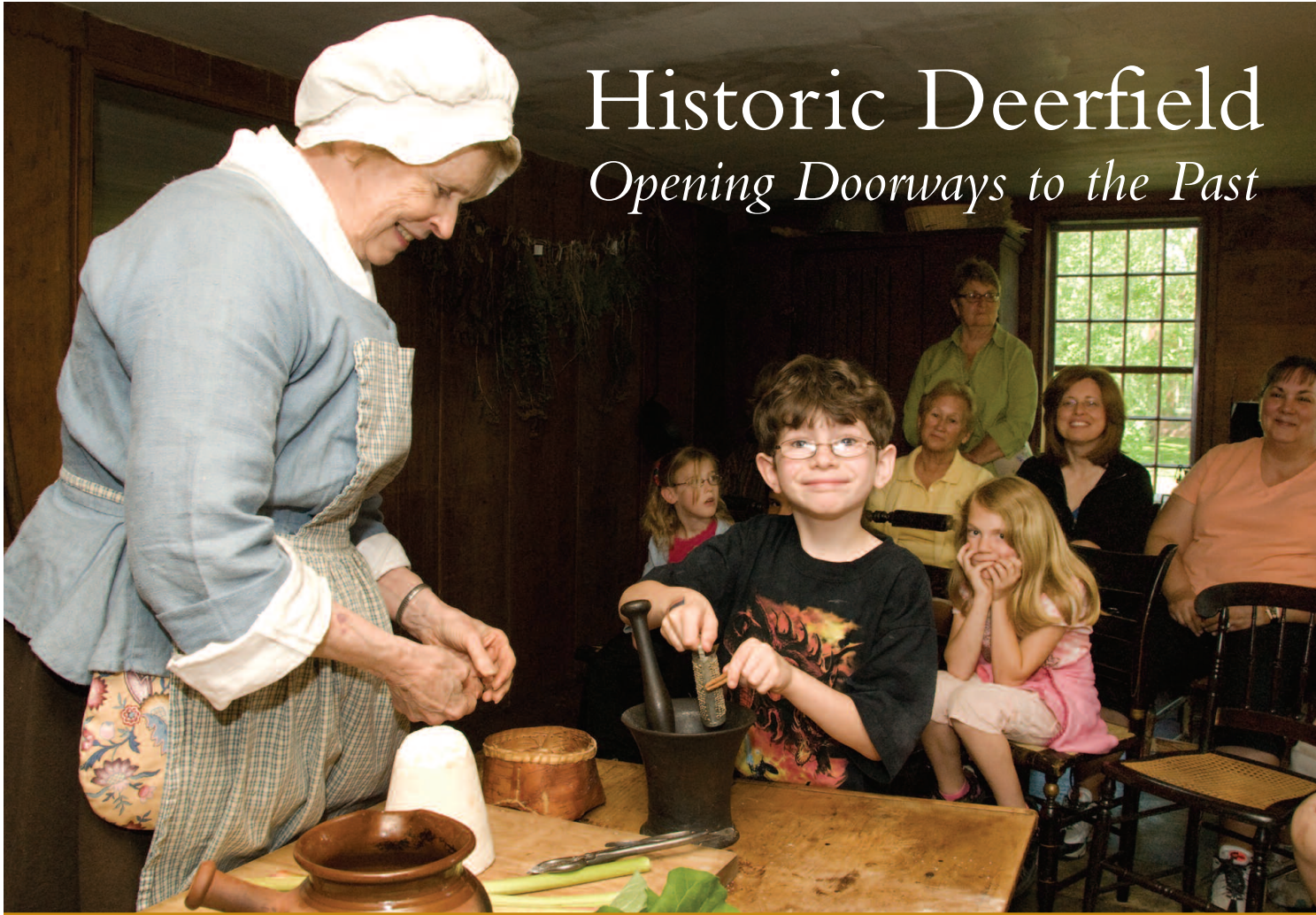


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Opening Doorways to the Past



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Welcome!

Historic Deerfield, located in western Massachusetts, includes 11 historic house museums along a mile-long street. The street today follows the same plan as when it was first laid out in 1669. Our collection of art, artifacts and buildings (most on their original homelots) help us to interpret over three centuries of local and national history. We invite school groups of all ages to learn about American history and culture through our resources. We offer focused field trip visits, as well as outreach programs held in your classroom.

Field Trips

Our programs feature experiences with real objects in a real place. Getting close to primary sources like buildings, landscape and artifacts provides a tangible connection to the past. On tours, students are guided to strengthen their visual literacy and critical thinking skills through careful observation of historic spaces and the objects that furnish them. Student learning is enhanced when they participate in activities that engage multiple senses: they may card wool, weave on a loom, feel the warmth of the hearth fire, or enjoy the aroma of herbs growing in the cooks' garden. Some programs feature a craft or project that students may take back to the classroom.

Outreach Programs

Historic Deerfield staff can also bring our resources to your classroom. Our rich collection of study objects can be brought to you by a trained educator who can teach at your site. Classroom programs include exploration of artifacts, as well as hands-on activities.

Support of Educator Needs

We look forward to working with you to craft a school visit experience that meets your particular needs. Our programs are aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. We also offer programs designed for homeschooling families. Information for booking a program is on the last page of the booklet. We look forward to your visit!

Sincerely,

Amanda Rivera Lopez

Director of Museum Education and Interpretation



Field Trips to Historic Deerfield

18th-Century Deerfield

(gr. 3–8) provides students with an opportunity to experience many aspects of 18th-century life through active learning. The journey back to the 1700s includes:

- A walk to the Town Common and tour of the 18th-century kitchen and parlor at the Wells-Thorn House.
- A hands-on fibers experience that will help students understand the process of turning raw wool into finished textiles. Students will comb wool into long fibers, and weave on a four shaft loom.
- An open-hearth cooking lesson where students are surrounded by the sights and aromas of hearth cookery. Students help the hearth cook mix ingredients as she prepares a period dish using 18th-century kitchen tools and methods. They will have a lively discussion about family roles and food.

Colonial Life Long Ago

(gr. K-2) helps younger students understand what life was like in the past. Children will explore food, clothing, and shelter through activities such as:

- open hearth cooking,
- carding wool,
- examining a colonial tavern building, and
- making an herbal sachet or apple pomander.

Tea and Revolution

(gr. 3-8) addresses the political issues of the American Revolution as well as the role of global trade goods in daily life. Students will:

- explore the role of tea in daily life at an open hearth cooking demonstration,
- practice etiquette at a tea party,
- take a liberty walk down the Street, and
- see the home of the loyalist minister, the Rev. Jonathan Ashley.

A Day in a One-Room Schoolhouse

(gr. 1-6) teaches about daily life and education in early 19th-century New England in the 1838 Wapping Schoolhouse. School is taught as it would have been in the early 1800s. Activities include:

- A writing lesson using real quill pens and ink,
- A math or “ciphering” lesson using slate pencils and slates,
- A reading lesson using early text books, and
- A recess period where the children may play with reproduction toys and games.

The Apprentice’s Workshop

(gr. 3-12) explores the role of work and labor in early New England. Students learn about apprenticeship and craftsmanship in the woodworking, weaving, or ceramics trades. Includes hands-on activities and a visit to the Flynt Center of Early New England Life to see furniture, textiles, and ceramics. Students will:

- Use period potter’s tools,
- Card wool, and
- Use woodworking hand tools.

All Historic Deerfield School Programs address the Massachusetts History/Social Science Curriculum Framework for Concepts, Skills, and Learning Standards for the grade range listed.



Outreach Programs in your Classroom

Art and Commerce of the China Trade

(gr. 3-12) introduces the China Trade and its role in the lives of New Englanders in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Students will learn about the importance of tea, silk, and porcelain as they help unpack a case filled with reproduction objects, and create table-top exhibits.

Celebrating the Fiber Arts

(gr. K-6) is a hands-on fibers program featuring wool, flax, cotton, and silk. Students compare the role of animal and plant fibers in the production of textiles. Activities can include carding wool or handling silkworm cocoons.

Herbs and Spices

(gr. K-6) Students use their five senses to explore the herbs and spices used in food and medicine in colonial life. Students make an herbal sachet and take part in a map activity that illustrates the global origins of everyday ingredients.

English and Native Technology

(gr. K-6) Students explore the contributions of Native people to colonial life as they help unpack an ash-splint basket filled with reproduction objects important to both Native people and English colonists. Topics explored include Native contributions to colonial foodways and the importance of corn, the beaver trade and the importance of beaver hats in colonial fashion, and how Native technologies like snowshoes and canoes helped the English adapt and survive in New England.

Ox-Cart Man

(gr. Pre-K-2) After listening to the story, *Ox-Cart Man* written by Donald Hall and illustrated by Barbara Cooney, young students learn about the seasons, and explore some of the objects like the ones made by the Ox-Cart Man's family.

Led by a Museum Educator with instructions for classroom post-visit projects.
\$60 per class plus 50 cents per mile roundtrip

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Homeschool Programs

Field Trips • Many of our field trip programs for schoolchildren can be adapted to suit the needs of today's homeschooling families. We work closely with a coordinating parent to create a program suited to your curriculum, age range of the children, and any special needs. Depending on the size of the group, we can accommodate young children and their parents in a special separate program designed for children under the age of five.

Homeschool Days • Historic Deerfield hosts several "Homeschool Days" each year. In the fall, we offer a program that is based on the seasonal themes of harvest, food, and cooking. In the winter, we offer a program that features either open hearth cooking and weaving in the Hall Tavern Visitor Center, or a special gallery-based program in the Flynt Center of Early New England Life. Each of these programs includes making a simple project to take home. Check our on-line calendar for dates and pre-registration information at www.historic-deerfield.org.

Information and Reservations

Field Trips to Historic Deerfield:

Each field visit to Historic Deerfield is approximately 2 hours long with a rotation of pre-arranged activities. One adult per 10 students is admitted free of charge. Additional adults pay the student rate. We require one adult for every ten students for grades 3-12, and one adult for every five students for grades Pre-K-2. Adults are expected to assist museum staff with supervision, and must remain with their group at all times.

Groups are encouraged to bring a bag lunch and picnic on the grounds outside Hall Tavern where there are picnic tables and public restrooms. There are also picnic tables inside the Harry Brown Barn in case of rain.

Accessibility:

Wheelchairs and assisted listening devices are available at the Hall Tavern Visitor Center. The first floors of several Historic Deerfield museum houses, the Memorial Libraries, the Flynt Center of Early New England Life, the White Church Community Center, the Deerfield Inn, and the Museum Store are accessible to those in wheelchairs.

Outreach Programs in Your Classroom:

A Museum Educator will travel to your school and work with your students in your classroom. Each session is approximately 50 minutes, with a maximum of three sessions per visit.

Reservations and Rates:

Please contact Claire Carlson, Education Program Coordinator, at 413-775-7217, or ccarlson@historic-deerfield.org.

Once your program is confirmed, you will be sent a confirmation letter, information for teachers, and directions to Historic Deerfield.

Rates:

- Field Trips: \$6 per student. (Minimum field trip program fee is \$60 with hearth cooking or \$40 without hearth cooking.)
- Outreach Programs: \$60 per class plus round-trip mileage (42 cents per mile)

