



Calendar

Virtual Museum Programs · Winter 2021



Historic Deerfield



This winter,
Historic Deerfield's popular
programs go virtual! Choose your
favorite subject—from chocolate to
architecture to the history of protest.
We look forward to seeing you!

Winter Evening Entertainment: History of Chocolate in Early New England

An Historic Deerfield Members' Program

Wednesdays, January 6, January 20, and
February 3, 2021, 6:30–7:30 pm

There's nothing better than chocolate—especially on a cold winter's evening. This multipart program explores the impact of chocolate, first introduced into the colonial American diet in the late 17th century. A series of short lectures and interactive question sessions include information on the introduction of the beverage to Europe and its social, military, and medicinal uses, the botanical nature of the cacao plant, how chocolate was processed and prepared, and what we know about the use of chocolate in Deerfield, Massachusetts. All sessions are approximately 45 minutes long with an opportunity for questions and answers at the end.

Session 1: January 6, 2021

“Warming Winter's Chill: A Brief History of Chocolate,” with Amanda Lange, Curatorial Department Director and Curator of Historic Interiors, Historic Deerfield.

Learn about the history of chocolate from the Amazon rainforest to the breakfast tables of London and Boston. Topics include the role of chocolate in Europe and the British American colonies, chocolate as an early medicine, the beverage's use for breakfast and portable energy for the military, as

well as the equipment needed to prepare and serve chocolate.

Session 2: January 20, 2021

“Chocolate Pies and Little Flies: The Botany of Cacao,” with Faith Deering, Museum Educator, Historic Deerfield.

Learn more about the unusual and wonderful cacao tree. Participants will find out where the chocolate tree grows, how it is pollinated, and how chocolate is prepared in today's factories from bean to bar.

Session 3: February 3, 2021

“Breakfasting on Chocolate: An Open-Hearth Cooking Demonstration,” (pre-recorded) with Ellen Zale, Guide and Hearth Cook, Historic Deerfield, and “A Cup of Chocolate in 1771,” with Claire Carlson,



Cacao plant

Education Program Coordinator and Director of Archaeology, Historic Deerfield.

Learn from Ellen Zale how to prepare an 18th-century cup of hot chocolate over the hearth in the Hall Tavern North Kitchen. Using the American Heritage® recipe, especially created by Mars Wrigley for historic sites, Ellen will scrape, mix, and froth a hearty cup of chocolate for breakfast. Claire Carlson discusses the consumption of chocolate in Deerfield using evidence and information gleaned from local account books, probate inventories, and diaries.

This program will be presented live via Zoom webinar. The link to the webinar will be sent to registrants prior to the event.

Registration is required. Free for Historic Deerfield members. Non-members \$10 each session or \$25 if you register for the entire program. To become a member, see historic-deerfield.org/join.

For more information and registration, contact Julie Orvis at (413) 775-7179 or jorvis@historic-deerfield.org. Registration: historic-deerfield.org

Cancellation Policy: A full refund of the registration fee can be obtained if you cancel before 4:30 p.m. on December 23, 2020.



Speaking Up:

Histories of American Protest and Activism

2021 Winter Lecture Series

Protest and dissent are an integral part of American political and cultural identity. Join us this winter for three virtual webinars devoted to exploring vibrant, lesser-known histories of American activism including the radical abolition movement of the 19th century, how women of color transformed the women's suffrage movement, and the raucous electoral politics of the post-Civil War era.

Sunday, January 24, 2021 2 p.m. · "Equal to the Best Written Pamphlets": Ceramics and the Abolition Movement · Presented by Ron Fuchs II, Senior Curator, Reeves Museum of Ceramics, Washington and Lee University

Sunday, February 28, 2021, 2 p.m. · Presented by Cathleen Cahill, University of Pennsylvania

Sunday, March 28, 2021 · Presented by Jonathan Grinspan, National Museum of American History, Washington D.C.

Free, registration is required. This lecture series will be presented live via Zoom webinar. The link to the webinar will be sent to registrants prior to the event. Registration: historic-deerfield.org.

The Vernacular Architecture of Early New England

**An Historic Deerfield
Museum Course
March 3, 10, 17, 24
6–8 p.m.**

Join Eric Gradoia, Historic Deerfield's Director of Historic Preservation as he explores the early roots of New England domestic architecture

and its development through the ensuing centuries. The evolution of the dwelling house will be examined with respect to changes in architectural trends, advances in construction technology, and the role social customs played in the design and arrangement of one's home. This museum course will focus on vernacular architecture—common buildings, purpose built, that employ local building traditions and materials in their construction. Each session will cover a distinct period of architecture, starting with 17th-century “First Period” buildings and ending in the mid-19th century with Picturesque architecture. Talks will examine typical house forms, building plans, construction practices and architectural details unique to each period, along with discussions on broader themes that directly influenced architecture and building practices of the time, such as architectural treatise and print material, the transition from craft-based building practices to machine-manufactured materials, and the design movements and trends that influenced the public's taste in architecture.

Whether you're interested in architecture, a practicing tradesperson, professional in an allied discipline or simply curious about



early buildings, this introductory course will change the way you look and think about the built environment that surrounds you.

Course Schedule

March 3 (6–8 p.m.) · First Period Architecture: English Tradition and the New World Dwelling.

March 10 (6–8 p.m.) · Georgian Architecture: New England Classicism and the Rural Residence.

March 17 (6–8 p.m.) · Federal Architecture: The Refined and Elegant House.

March 24 (6–8 p.m.) · Greek Revival and Picturesque Architecture: Building in the Age of Technology.

Eric Gradoia is the Director of Historic Preservation at Historic Deerfield. Prior to joining Historic Deerfield, Eric held positions at the Albany, New York, firm Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects and with the Massachusetts Historical Commission. He has served as an adjunct faculty member at Roger Williams University, School of Architecture, Art and Historic Preservation, and the Boston Architectural Center teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in architectural conservation, traditional build-



ing practices, and American architectural history. He holds his BA in Architectural Conservation from Roger Williams University and his MA in Historic Preservation from the University of Vermont. Eric's primary fields of study include 17th-, 18th-, and 19th-century New England vernacular architecture, traditional materials and construction methods, and the technology and evolution of American domestic conveniences.

This program will be presented live via Zoom webinar. The link to the webinar will be sent to registrants prior to the event. Recordings will be available to registrants for a period of two weeks after each session.

The cost for the course is \$125 (\$110 for members, \$145 for new members*). Registration: historic-deerfield.org. For information and registration, contact Julie Orvis at jorvis@historic-deerfield.org or (413) 775-7179.

*This registration includes a new Individual Membership in the Friends of Historic Deerfield (a \$50 value). See benefits below. Special membership offer is not valid for renewals of current or lapsed memberships.

Cancellation Policy: A full refund of the registration fee can be obtained if you cancel before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

Join the Friends of Historic Deerfield!

Friends of Historic Deerfield,

supporting all aspects of museum operations with their unrestricted gifts, are recognized with a number of attractive member benefits, including:

- ★ Free admission to museum houses, the Flynt Center of Early New England Life, and exhibitions for one full year
- ★ A subscription to our magazine, *Historic Deerfield*
- ★ A subscription to our member newsletter
- ★ Discounted admission to all programs

- ★ Advance notice and discounts for trips, classes, and workshops
- ★ A 10% discount at the Museum Gift Shop and Bookstore
- ★ A 10% discount at the Deerfield Inn
- ★ Invitations to special Friends events and exhibition openings
- ★ Guest Pass(es)

Visit historic-deerfield.org/membership to join online or call (413) 775-7176.



Stop by for a Bite at Champney's, Stay a while at the Deerfield Inn

The old New England charm and the warm, inviting atmosphere of Champney's are what you'd expect from an historic inn. It's the creative cuisine and innovative flavors that will surprise you! Our menu includes modern renditions of classic favorites, comfort foods, and some eclectic surprises to take advantage of what the farmers bring to our kitchen door. Stay a while longer and choose from one of 24 guestrooms, each one uniquely appointed to welcome you with New England charm and cozy details.

Join us for the following events at Champney's.

Reservations: (413) 774-5587

Mondays: \$15 Pizza Night

Tuesdays: \$15 Burger Night

Wednesdays: Oyster Night

Fridays: Prime Rib Night

Carriage rides from The Deerfield Inn

Saturdays, January 2, 3, 9, 16, 23 & 30,

12-3 p.m. • A perfect outside activity for a winter afternoon! Take a 30-minute carriage ride through Deerfield. Reservations: (413) 774-5587.

Robert Burns Night

Saturday, January 23, 5-8 p.m.

Honoring Robert Burns with a

Scottish dinner • The great poet was the most lively and amusing company. He was fond of a dram or two and has been honored with a traditional feast since 1801, which remains much the same in format and menu 220 years later. Pipes, songs, poems, whisky, and a dose of real haggis combine to make a cold winter night a little brighter and warmer! \$65

per person. Includes three-course meal, whisky toast, tax and gratuity. Make reservations early—this is sure to be a sellout event.

Valentine's Day: A Weekend of Romance

February 12-14 • Champney's lovely, one-of-a-kind country setting is perfect for a romantic dinner. Warm up by the fire and enjoy Champagne and chocolate-covered strawberries. Live music each night, 5-8 p.m. Reservations: (413) 774-5587

St. Patrick's Day • Wednesday, March 17

Everyone has the luck of the Irish on March 17th! Enjoy Irish soda bread served with corned beef and cabbage, grab a pint of Guinness and listen to lively Irish music, 5-8 p.m. Reservations: (413) 774-5587

**Explore the
Museum Gift Shop & Bookstore**

Semi-Annual Clearance Sale
January 1, 2, 3, 8 & 9 • 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Up to 75% off select
merchandise**

Visitor Information

Museum Houses and the Flynt Center of Early New England Life: Due to COVID-19, Historic Deerfield's museum houses and the Flynt Center of Early New England Life will be closed for the winter season. The museum will reopen for the 2021 season on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

Memorial Libraries Hours: Open by appointment, Tuesday–Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–5 p.m. Please call (413) 775-7126 for an appointment to visit the libraries.

Museum Gift Shop & Bookstore Hours: Open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through January 10, 2021, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Closed Dec. 25–27.

Champney's Restaurant & Tavern at the Deerfield Inn: Open for lunch: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Monday holidays, 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Open for dinner: Monday–Sunday, 4–8 p.m. Visit www.champneysrestaurant.com or call (413) 772-3087 for reservations.



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