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Historic Deerfield

Calendar
Museum Events, Programs and Exhibitions · Autumn 2022

Historic Trades Demonstrations
Soup Making for Kids
Embellishment Installation
Witness Stones
Harvest Concert
AUTUMN in Deerfield is iconic.

Come take in the unique natural beauty of this place, while enjoying our houses, collections, demonstrations, and more!

We have something for everyone!
September 2022

5 Historic Trade Demonstration: 18th-Century Gunsmithing with Richard Colton · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

10 Historic Trade Demonstration: Gravestone Carving with Allison Steel · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

10, 17, 24 Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration: Waffles and Wafers · 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Kitchen at the Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 Weaving Wonder: The Art and Craft of Making Cloth—Family Program · 12–4:30 p.m., History Workshop

17 Historic Trade Demonstration: Silversmithing with Steve Smithers · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Silver Shop: Silver and Metalware Collection Building

24, 25 Historic Trade Demonstration: The Fine Craft of Building 17th- and 18th-Century Furniture with Craig Farrow · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Flynt Center of Early New England Life

October 2022

1 Historic Trade Demonstration: Coopering with Neil Muckenhoupt · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30 Weaving Wonder: The Art and Craft of Making Cloth—Family Program · 12–4:30 p.m., History Workshop
Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration: Pies · 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Kitchen in the Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

Historic Trade Demonstration: Powder Horn Carving with Laurie Semple McCarthy · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Flynt Center of Early New England Life

Historic Trade Demonstration: White Pine Bark and Ash Bark Basketmaking with Jennifer Lee · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

Historic Trade Demonstration: Blacksmithing with Rick Martin · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Outside the Flynt Center of Early New England Life

Historic Trade Demonstration: Redware Pottery with Rick Hamelin · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Apprentice’s Workshop at the Dwight House

Historic Trade Demonstration: Tinsmithing with Bill McMillen · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Flynt Center of Early New England Life

Harvest Concert with Tim Eriksen · 7 p.m., Deerfield Community Center

Historic Trade Demonstration: Stoneware with Mark Shapiro · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Apprentice’s Workshop at the Dwight House

Deerfield After Dark: Historic Ghost Walk · 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., begins at Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

Historic Trade Demonstration: Architectural Woodworking with Ted Ingraham · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Apprentice’s Workshop at the Dwight House

Historic Trade Demonstration: Gunsmithing with the Day Family · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

Historic Trade Demonstration: Medical Practices with Jack Richman · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Visitor Center at Hall Tavern
Historic Trade Demonstration: Stitcher Saturday! Dressmaking with Linda Oakley, Shoemaking with Peter Oakley, and Tailoring with Henry Cooke · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Flynt Center of Early New England Life

Historic Trade Demonstration: Gravestone Carving with Karin Sprague · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

November 2022

5 Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration: Time for Soup! 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Kitchen at the Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 Pease Porridge: Making Soup—Family Program · 12–4:30 p.m., History Workshop

12, 19 Open Hearth Cooking Class: Supper at the Hall Tavern · 4–8 p.m., Kitchen at the Visitor Center at Hall Tavern. Preregistration required. $75 per person (member price $70 per person)

25, 26 Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration: Thanksgiving Dishes · 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Kitchen at the Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

25, 26, 27 Make a Simple Gift—Family Program · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., History Workshop

26 Season of Thanks: Society of the 17th Century · 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Visitor Center at Hall Tavern

28, 29, 30 Wreath Making Workshops · 11/28 and 11/29 from 2–4 p.m. and 5–8 p.m. and 11/30 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. at the Deerfield Community Center

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Open Hearth Cooking
Demonstrations and Classes

All demonstrations held 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Visitor Center at Hall Tavern Kitchen

Waffles and Wafers · September 10, 17, 24
Come and have fun learning about waffles, wafers, and how they were made at the hearth with special equipment: waffle and wafer irons (they’re different!). Our open hearth cooks will experiment with savory and sweet recipes from the past.

Pies · October 1, 8, 9, 10, 15, 22, 29
Autumn is a great time to bake pies. Seasonal ingredients like pumpkin, squash, and apples are readily available. Pies were a common dish served as part of the meal. They were savory or sweet—sometimes with surprising flavor combinations. Come see them baked without the convenience of a modern oven.

Time for Soup! · November 5
As the days get shorter, gather by the fire as an open hearth cook makes a pot of hot bubbling soup using seasonal ingredients and a recipe from the 18th century.

Thanksgiving Dishes · November 25 and 26
Come and see how our hearth cooks prepare traditional Thanksgiving dishes on the hearth and over the fire. Learn about the history of harvest celebrations and the evolution of the American Thanksgiving holiday.

Open Hearth Cooking Class:
Supper at the Hall Tavern
November 12 and 19 · 4–8 p.m.

Come try a cooking experience by the fire to brighten up a dreary November day. Help prepare a hearty meal using seasonal ingredients and enjoy the fruits of your labor as you dine by the fire in the parlor. Space is limited and preregistration is required. $75 per person (member price $70 per person). Please call or email the Program Coordinator at (413) 775-7217 or ccarlson@historic-deerfield.org to reserve your space.
Harvest Concert
October 15 at 7:00 p.m.,
Deerfield Community Center
Renowned musician and scholar Tim Eriksen performs historic Pioneer Valley music celebrating the harvest and the seasons. $25/$20 members

Deerfield After Dark: Historic Ghost Walk
October 21, 22, 28, 29 at 5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m.
Meet at the Visitor Center at Hall Tavern then walk a loop to the Common and back, finishing in front of the Deerfield Inn. The ghosts of Old Deerfield’s past are waiting to greet you and share their stories, from Deerfield’s earliest days to the early 20th century. Listen to some of Deerfield’s most mysterious stories, including the tale of the Woman in White who haunts the village. This is a great tour for any history enthusiast who likes to have spooky fun! Historic Ghost Walks are led by tour guides to locations in the center of the village of Old Deerfield, where actors in costume portray individuals from Deerfield’s past. The village characters reveal ghost stories in short vignettes, telling personal stories that connect them to those who have preceded us. Please dress warmly and wear comfortable walking shoes, as the tour takes place entirely outdoors. Visitors will purchase a timed ticket. Advance purchase only. $20/$15 for members

Programs at the History Workshop
All programs held from 12–4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Weaving Wonder: The Art and Craft of Making Cloth—Family Program · September 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and October 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30
Come to the History Workshop and have fun with weaving: use our small floor loom to learn the basic steps of making a piece of cloth, or craft a bright and beautiful woven wall hanging to take home. Everyone can become a weaver! Apply your new knowledge and skills to explore woven textiles in our collection.

Pease Porridge: Making Soup—Family Program · November 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20
As days in November grow colder, our thoughts turn to warm, nutritious foods. Come join us to learn about one of the favorite winter staples of the past: soup! Beans and dry peas, like the beans grown in our Three Sisters Garden, are the main ingredients of pease porridge. At the
History Workshop you can have fun assembling your very own jar of dry ingredients to make peas porridge at home. You can also make and take a small booklet of historic recipes. After playing in the History Workshop kitchen, explore the kitchens of Deerfield’s historic houses.

**Make a Simple Gift—Family/Public Program**

**November 25, 26, 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Get started on your holiday shopping by making a special hand-made gift. This year’s gift will be a simple ornament crafted with a wooden template, colorful feathers, and your imagination. Be inspired by the ceramic bird figurines in our collection.

**Season of Thanks: Society of the 17th Century**

**November 26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center at Hall Tavern**

Meet the Society of the 17th Century, a group of reenactors who will bring our historic Hall Tavern building to life with an incredible array of period arts, crafts and trades that represent 17th-century English life, such as redware pottery, spinning, lace making, herbal lore, quill pen writing, wood carving, basket making and arms and armor. Skilled reenactors invite hands-on involvement when appropriate. Also, enjoy open hearth cooking demonstrations and craft a gift with the help of a museum educator.

**Wreath Making Workshops**

**November 28, 29, 2–4 and 5–8 p.m. and November 30, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Deerfield Community Center**

Help create beautiful, natural wreaths to decorate the doorways of Deerfield. Bring your creativity, enthusiasm, and an extra pair of pruning shears. No experience required. Supplies and refreshments provided. Free, pre-registration required. Register online at historic-deerfield.org starting in October.

**Coming Soon!**

**A New Historic Deerfield Mobile App**

A walking tour mobile app, *Encountering Pocumtuck: A Walk through Deerfield’s Indigenous History*, will launch this fall. The app is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Dr. Margaret Bruchac, an Indigenous scholar and historian, will guide listeners in exploring 16 stops that reveal evidence of Pocumtuck life, culture, and history in the surrounding landscape.

**Witness Stones to be Installed at Historic Deerfield this Fall**

Over a third of the households on Deerfield’s mile-long village street included at least one enslaved person by the mid-18th century. These stones will honor the humanity and contributions of the enslaved people who were an integral part of this community. Historic Deerfield is an affiliate of The Witness Stones Project, a non-profit organization based in Guilford, CT. The installation of Witness Stones Memorials at sites along the street where enslaved men, women, and children lived and worked is an essential element in our ongoing initiative to share this history with visitors to Deerfield. A dedication ceremony will be held in Deerfield on October 12.
**Things to Do When You're in Deerfield**

**At The History Workshop** · Young visitors can explore colonial life at the History Workshop through period games, dress-up clothes, a family-friendly garden, handicrafts and more. This autumn the History Workshop gives families and visitors of all ages the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics, including soup-making and weaving (see more in the *Highlights* section.)

**In the Apprentice's Workshop** · This interactive learning space provides visitors with a hands-on experience to show how woven wool textiles, architectural woodworking, and English factory-made ceramics were produced in the late 18th and early 19th century. Please check at the Visitor Center at Hall Tavern desk for more information about tour times.

**Guided Outdoor Walking Tours (45–60 minutes)** · Enjoy an outdoor walking tour of Deerfield. Tours include Deerfield Architecture Tours and Deerfield History Tours. On the day of your visit, inquire at the Visitor Center to find out which tours are happening for the day. All tours are weather-permitting. (Included with admission.)

**The Henry Needham Flynt Silver and Metalware Collection** is recognized as one of the top ten collections of American silver nationwide. The building features a silversmith’s workshop with many traditional tools, and a room devoted to pewter and other metalwares made and used in early America, including pieces made by Paul Revere. Guided and self-guided tours of the Silver and Metalware Collection are available by appointment during the regular season. Please check at the Visitor Center at Hall Tavern desk for more information about tour times.

**The Deerfield Inn and Champney's Restaurant & Tavern**

Visit champneysrestaurant.com or call 413-774-5587 for reservations.

Join us for our weekly specials: $16 Pizza Night Mondays, Burger Night Tuesdays, Oyster Wednesdays, and Prime Rib Fridays. Enjoy live music on the Terrace on September 1. Celebrate the fall season with hayrides in October (29 & 30) and get your ghoul on with *Halloween events*, including a Witches' Ball, live kids' music, and Halloween treats.
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)

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on the 30th. On the 31st, we’d love to see your costume, so come eat, drink, and be scary …we’ll be giving out treats and you can vote for our staff pumpkin decorating contest.

Don’t forget to reserve your table for Thanksgiving Dinner and kick off the holidays with Hayrides at the Deerfield Inn from noon to 3 p.m. on November 26 and 27, December 3, 10, 11, 17 and 18. These private, 30-minute carriage rides will be given by Clay Hill Farm on Old Main Street in Deerfield. $75 for up to 4 people ($5 for each additional person up to 8). Call to reserve. Payment taken at time of booking.

**Holiday Sweater Event · December 16 · 11:30 a.m.–9 p.m.** Come dressed in your favorite holiday sweater and receive 15% off your entée!

**New Year’s Eve Dinner · 4–9 p.m.** Celebrate the new year with family and friends at a charming New England Inn! Live music from 5–9 p.m.

**New Year’s Eve Day · Kid’s Countdown to Noon · 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.** Live kids’ music and countdown to noon with a cider toast, and a buffet of pizza, mac & cheese, hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, and warm apple crisp for dessert. Kids $15/adults $20.

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What’s On View?

In the Flynt Center of Early New England Life

**Embellishment** · This fall 2022 installation in the Flynt Center’s Helen Geier Flynt Textile Gallery highlights several masterpieces of 17th-century embroidery in the Historic Deerfield collection. It is on view through December 2022.

**Engraved Powder Horns from the French and Indian War and the American Revolution: The William H. Guthman Collection** · One of the finest assemblages of this unique American art form ever presented are on exhibit.

**Boston Furniture Masterworks at Historic Deerfield** · Come visit the “Into the Woods” gallery to view an impressive array of furniture produced in Boston in the 18th and 19th centuries. Rare and exceptional forms include an 18th-century japanned high chest, an 18th-century turret-top tea table, and a 19th-century sideboard attributed to cabinetmakers John and Thomas Seymour.

**Anti-Slavery Ceramics at Historic Deerfield** · In 18th- and 19th-century Britain and America, ceramics became an important medium for denouncing the horrors of slavery and promoting social change. Come view and learn more about examples of anti-slavery ceramics and the meaning behind their design and decoration.

**Celebrating the Fiber Arts: The Helen Geier Flynt Textile Gallery** · (Permanent with changing elements) Historic Deerfield’s Textile Gallery provides a visual feast for visitors this fall! Come see masterpieces in woven and embroidered design from the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, domestic textile treasures including quilts and coverlets, and examples of men’s and women’s fashion including a 1760s robe à l’anglaise, a c. 1810 men’s dressing gown, and even a 1950s American day dress. Three focused displays include 17th-century needlework, Arts and Crafts embroidery from the Deerfield Society of Blue and White Needlework, and the material culture of hair.

**Grow Up! The New England Child, 1700–1900** · Our modern understanding of childhood as a separate stage of life from adult responsibilities is a relatively recent concept. In New England’s past, Anglo-European children assumed adult duties much more quickly than they do today. Using clothing, portraiture, games, toys, furniture, needlework, silver, ceramics, diaries and autobiographies, children’s literature, and advice manuals, this exhibition explores the changing nature of New England childhood at home, work, and school from the early 18th to the end of the 19th century.
Visitor Information

Hours: Historic Deerfield is open to the public Wednesday–Sundays, and Monday holidays, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., through November 27, 2022. Closed Thanksgiving Day. The Henry N. Flynt Library is open Tuesday–Friday, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1–5 p.m. The Museum Gift Shop & Bookstore is open Wednesday–Sunday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Admission: $18 for adults (18+), $5 for youth ages 13–17, and FREE for children (ages 12 and under), members, and residents of Deerfield/South Deerfield. Admission includes walking tours, historic house tours, the History Workshop, the Apprentice’s Workshop and the Flynt Center of Early New England Life. For specific event information or to purchase tickets in advance, visit historic-deerfield.org.

Accessibility: Wheelchairs (26”) and assistive listening devices are available at the Visitor Center at Hall Tavern. The first floors of several Historic Deerfield museum houses, the Memorial Libraries, the Flynt Center of Early New England Life, the Deerfield Community Center, the Deerfield Inn and the Museum Gift Shop and Bookstore are accessible to those using standard-size 26-inch wheelchairs.

Food: Champney’s Restaurant & Tavern at the Deerfield Inn is open every day for breakfast (from 7–10 a.m.) and dinner (4–9 p.m.), and Wednesday–Sunday for lunch (from 11:30–4 p.m.)