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Historic Deerfield Announces Exciting Lineup of Events for All Ages and Interests

The Unnamed Figures exhibition, hearth cooking and historic trade demonstrations, a Juneteenth musical event, kids' crafts, nature walks—and more—mark the start of an exciting season in the historic village on May 1st.

(Deerfield, MA) — [Historic Deerfield](#) is thrilled to unveil a diverse and engaging roster of upcoming events, offering something for everyone this season. Whether you're a history or art lover, a nature enthusiast, or simply looking for a fun family outing, Historic Deerfield has an event that will spark your curiosity and ignite your imagination.

The season kicks off on May 1, when the museum reopens its doors to the public and begins its exhibition of [Unnamed Figures: Black Presence and Absence in the Early American North](#). Through 97 remarkable works including paintings, needlework, ceramics, and photographs, the exhibition invites visitors to focus on figures who appear in—or are omitted from—early American images and will challenge conventional narratives that have minimized early Black histories in the North. The exhibition, originally shown at the [American Folk Art Museum](#) in New York City, will be on view at Historic Deerfield's Flynt Center of Early New England Life from May 1 to August 4, 2024.

To mark the start of the new exhibition—and a new season—**Historic Deerfield will hold an [Opening Celebration on Saturday, May 4th](#)** at Hall Tavern, the Flynt Center, and other locations along the street. The day will feature demonstrations of printing, powderhorn carving, tours, hearth cooking, a craft activity, and more!

On May 12 (Mothers Day!) and June 9 at 10 a.m., a guided [Natural History Walk](#) around Old Deerfield will take place. The season continues with [Wooly Wonders – Heritage Breed Sheep Weekend](#) on May 18-19. Visitors can see rare, historic and adorable heritage breed sheep, learn about textiles, and wool-processing in New England, do craft activities, play games, and watch a

demonstration of sheepdog herding! On June 20th at 7 p.m., Historic Deerfield will host [Music for Juneteenth](#) at the Deerfield Community Center.

The season will also be filled with workshops and demonstrations of open hearth cooking and historic trades, including:

[Wilson Printing Office with Printer-in-Residence Martin Antonetti](#) May 4

[Stoneware Pottery Demonstration by Mark Shapiro](#) May 4

[Measure and Mix: Reading Old Recipes](#) May 11

[Open Hearth Cooking Demonstration: In Season Now](#) June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

[Silversmithing with Steve Smithers](#) June 1

[Dressmaking with Linda Oakley and Shoemaking with Peter Oakley](#) June 8

[Gunsmithing with Richard Colton](#) June 15

[Bobbin Lace with Lynne White and Ceramics with Buster White](#) June 22

[Woodworking with Sharon Mehrman](#) June 29

A full calendar of events for the remainder of Historic Deerfield's season can be found at www.historic-deerfield.org/events.

To learn more about Historic Deerfield, visit the website, historic-deerfield.org.

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About Historic Deerfield. Historic Deerfield is a museum of early American life situated in an authentic 18th-century New England village in the Connecticut River Valley of Massachusetts. Its historic houses and world-famous collection of early American decorative arts open doors to new perspectives that inspire people to seek a deeper understanding of themselves, their communities, and the world.