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Historic Deerfield Announces Fall Lineup of Events

The Return of the Ghost Walks, Early Music Concert with Lyracle, a Fashion Forum, and Plenty of Apple-Themed Cooking

(Deerfield, MA) – As we near the change of leaves in the Connecticut River Valley, [Historic Deerfield](#) invites visitors of all ages to experience the sights, sounds, stories, and flavors of fall through an exciting lineup of programs and events that explore New England's past in engaging, hands-on ways. From ghost walks and open-hearth cooking to scholarly forums, live music, and family-friendly art-making, the museum's Fall 2025 season offers something for every curious mind.

Historic Deerfield's fall calendar kicks off on September 6 with [Musick's Recreation](#), a stirring concert by early music ensemble Lyracle, that reimagines what colonial Massachusetts might have sounded like. The following week, the museum hosts its highly anticipated Fall Forum—[Fashioning the Body: Dress in New England, 1600–1900](#), an in-depth exploration of regional fashion, held in tandem with the exhibition [Body by Design: Fashionable Silhouettes from the Ideal to the Real](#).

As autumn nights grow longer and the wind rustles through the trees of the village, Historic Deerfield invites brave souls to step into the shadows with [Deerfield After Dark: Ghost Stories of Old Deerfield](#). On select October evenings, the 1786 Hall Tavern sets the stage for chilling tales drawn from the town's haunted past. Led by a guide, guests will walk the historic street of Old Deerfield and visit sites where whispers of the supernatural still linger. Along the way, spectral figures from Deerfield's history emerge to share eerie stories rooted in local lore. Advance tickets are required \$30/\$25 members; \$10 youth aged 17 and under (recommended for ages 12 and up). Member ticket sales begin August 25 and public ticket sales begin September 2.

And for those intrigued by the art and symbolism of early American burial grounds, [Graveyards and Gravestones](#) on October 25 offers a full day of exploration and discovery. [Watch master stone carver Karin Sprague](#) demonstrate traditional techniques, [take a guided tour of the Old Burying Ground](#) highlighting the evocative work of gravestone artist Solomon Ashley, and [create](#)

[your own historic-inspired gravestone art](#) at the History Workshop. Blending hands-on activities with local history and seasonal atmosphere, this special event invites visitors to uncover the stories written in stone—just in time for Halloween.

As autumn settles over Deerfield, the aroma of seasonal ingredients wafts from the hearth at Hall Tavern, where early New England foodways come to life through immersive open hearth cooking demonstrations. This fall, visitors can experience the rich culinary traditions of the region, from [baking with heirloom apples](#) and [preparing Indigenous-inspired dishes](#) featuring corn, beans, and squash, to sipping [historic hot chocolate](#) made using 18th-century techniques. These programs not only offer a sensory window into the past, but also celebrate the rhythms of the harvest season and the enduring connection between food, memory, and place.

This fall, Historic Deerfield's History Workshop Family Programs offer engaging, hands-on experiences that connect children and families with the rhythms of the season and the stories of the past. In [Apple Time](#), visitors can explore heirloom apple varieties once grown in Deerfield, create apple stamp art, and assemble a recipe booklet filled with ideas for fall baking. As Halloween approaches, [Stones and Bones](#) invites participants to examine gravestone materials and motifs, then design their own historic-inspired paper gravestone. In November, [Sweep Away the Fall](#) celebrates stick season with a mini broom-making activity using broom corn grown in the museum's garden, while [Make a Simple Gift](#) offers a cozy opportunity to craft handmade beeswax candles—perfect for holiday giving. These programs blend seasonal creativity with historical discovery, creating memorable experiences for visitors of all ages.

Visitors can also enjoy living history tied to the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, including two special programs—[Ladies Association of Revolutionary America](#) and [Green Valley Homestead](#)—that spotlight the everyday lives of civilians during wartime.

Throughout the fall, historic trade demonstrations will showcase the skills of artisans and craftspeople working in silversmithing, woodworking, pottery, textile arts, and more.

“We’re excited to offer a season of events that invites visitors to learn through doing, listening, making, and imagining the past. Whether you’re joining us for a scholarly forum, a hands-on workshop, or a ghost story under the stars, Historic Deerfield offers many ways to engage with New England history,” said Danae DiNicola, Director of Marketing and Communications.

The season also opens the doors to the ongoing restoration and interpretation of the [Stebbins House](#), where visitors can explore the tools and techniques behind historic building restoration and gain insight into how 18th-century homes evolved over time.

Other exhibits on view include [Body by Design: Fashionable Silhouettes from the Ideal to the Real](#), [Vermont Furniture from the Alley Collection](#), and [Envisioning America: Deerfield Academy's Collection of Paintings and Drawings](#). These can all be found in the Flynt Center of Early New England Life, Historic Deerfield's 27,000 square-foot modern museum facility, containing exhibition galleries, and visible storage.

Advance registration is required for select workshops and events. For tickets, a full calendar of dates, and more information, visit <https://www.historic-deerfield.org/events/>.

To learn more about Historic Deerfield and plan your tours, visit [historic-deerfield.org](https://www.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. Visitors are invited to stay at Historic Deerfield's [historic inn](#), eat at its [restaurant & pub](#), and shop at its [museum store](#).