

# Historic Deerfield



# MemberNews

Autumn 2017



## INSIDE THE COLLECTION

### Oversized Jug

Staffordshire, England,  
ca. 1790

Yellow-glazed earthen-  
ware with black transfer  
printed decoration and  
overglaze enamels  
Gift of Doris and Stanley  
Tananbaum via the  
Winterthur Museum,  
2017.5.18

Standing approximately 17 inches in height, the jug's sheer size suggests that it was used for advertising purposes, and placed in a china merchant's storefront window to attract the attention of prospective buyers. The jug's plethora of transfer-prints also suggests that it may have sat inside a shop and been used to showcase a variety of images one could have printed on smaller ceramic wares. Of the 16 prints found on the jug (some of which are duplicates) several are Masonic in nature, and likely reflect the public's fascination with the fraternal organization. Similar yellow-glazed earthenwares were produced in England during the latter years of the 18th century and the first several decades of the 19th century.



### Volunteer Appreciation Reception

President Philip Zea thanked the museum's many volunteers at a special volunteer reception on Monday, October 3 at the Visitor Center. "Our volunteers give so much to Historic Deerfield," Zea said. "We simply would not be the great museum that we are without their help and support." Museum volunteers provide a wide range of impor-

tant duties, including helping to run special events, making holiday wreaths for houses along Old Main Street each winter, and maintaining the museum's 54 structures. Each volunteer received a thank you gift from the museum and a certificate honoring his or her service.

## Summer Fellows Immerse Themselves in Deerfield

Each summer, six Fellows participate in a nine-week, intensive program on history and material culture. They live in the historic village, explore history and material culture with Historic Deerfield staff and visiting lecturers, guide in the museum's furnished houses, conduct original research on New England history, and go behind-the-scenes in visits at museums and historic sites in New England and the mid-Atlantic region. The program culminates with presentations of original research work by each fellow.



The Summer Fellows of 2017 (from left to right) James Kelleher, Hampshire College '17, Huntingdon, PA; Rebecca Gale, University of Maryland '17, Kensington, MD; Adam Smith, Kansas State University '18, Overland Park, KS; Catherine Cyr, Bowdoin College '17, West Baldwin, ME; Sophie Olson, Wellesley College '18, La Crosse, WI; India Dial, Washington and Lee University '17, Columbia, SC



## Stan Rosenberg Receives Historic Deerfield President's Award

Senator Stan Rosenberg, President of the Massachusetts Senate, was presented with the museum's President's Award at our Annual Awards dinner on May 5 by President Philip Zea.

"Senator Rosenberg is the Commonwealth's leading legislative advocate for Arts and Culture funding," said Zea. "He has had a profound impact on state support for institutions like Historic Deerfield, and we are very proud to have him as Historic Deerfield's state senator."

The annual President's Award is presented to the individual, organization or corporation whose outstanding support and consistent collaboration has helped Historic Deerfield fulfill its mission.



## Spend a Cozy Winter Weekend at the History Workshop

Saturdays and Sundays, December 2–17  
9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., History Workshop  
Building • Join us and experience a cozy  
winter day in the tradition of early New  
Englanders who used indoor time to social-  
ize, play games, and do handwork. Try card-  
ing wool, play a game of checkers, or dress  
up and play in our pretend kitchen, parlor,  
and tent. Curl up on the sofa and read a  
book. Make a hand-made gift to give to  
someone special. Fun for the young and the  
young at heart!



## A Grand History Tour of San Francisco

History Deerfield members toured San Francisco's historic homes, multiple private collections, and world-class museums throughout the Bay area September 21–25. President Phil Zea, Friends of Historic Deerfield, and staff explored the rich history of San Francisco while sampling the West Coast's famous cuisine. The group topped off the trip with an evening sail on San Francisco Bay while watching the sunset beyond the Golden Gate Bridge. Stay tuned for an announcement of the exciting destination for the 2018 members trip!

### Grants and Sponsorships Received

- ★ **\$34,200**—Massachusetts Cultural Council for operating funds.
- ★ **\$17,500**—Decorative Arts Trust to underwrite half of a special two-year curatorial internship
- ★ **\$3,380**—Society of Colonial Wars in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and General Society of Colonial Wars for replacement of the storm panels in the Wells-Thorn House.
- ★ **\$3,000**—Skinner Auction sponsorship of the 2017 Fall Decorative Arts Forum.
- ★ **\$1,000**—Decorative Arts Trust award stipend for a Deerfield Summer Fellow

## Annual Members' Holiday Sale at the Museum Gift Shop & Bookstore

Double Your Discount\*  
Friday, Nov. 24–Sunday,  
Dec. 24, 2 p.m.

Museum members will receive an increased membership discount of 20% on all purchases.\* (Deerfield Descendants members will receive 25% off.)\* Complete your holiday shopping with our large selection of locally made, Massachusetts-made or USA-made crafts, gifts and books. Your purchase continues your generous support of Historic Deerfield.

*\*Some restrictions apply, and cannot be combined with other discounts or coupons.*



## Volunteers Decorate the Doorways of Deerfield

Members and volunteers helped create beautiful natural wreaths to decorate the doorways of Deerfield at our free wreath making workshops on November 27 and November 28. See the wreaths on display during your visit to Deerfield in December.

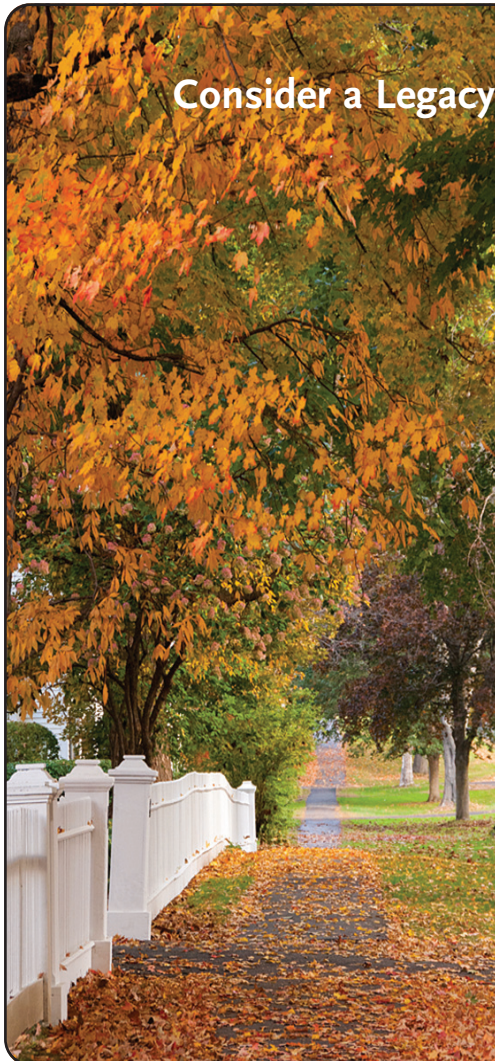


Historic Deerfield's Board of Trustees honored Alice Newton Smith, a long-time patron of the museum, by naming the Memorial Libraries Reading Room in her honor on Friday, November 3, 2017. Alice and her family, both the Newtons and Childs, have been major supporters of both Historic Deerfield and the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association for many decades. "Alice was such a strong supporter of Historic Deerfield and a tireless volunteer for many area organizations throughout her life," said President Philip Zea. "She was keenly interested in history and the teach-



## Alice Newton Smith Dedication

ing of history, and we want to recognize her in this special way." Alice made a significant bequest to the museum upon her death in 2015.



## Consider a Legacy Gift to Historic Deerfield

A Bequest to Historic Deerfield, Inc. can help preserve the rich history and incredible stories only found in Deerfield. A Bequest is the simplest way for many donors to make a significant, lasting gift, and may also significantly reduce the federal estate tax due at death. It enables you to make a major gift that might not otherwise be possible.

You can shape specific provisions in your bequest. Or, you can make an unrestricted gift that offers Historic Deerfield the flexibility to use your funding where it is needed most. A bequest may also be made in honor or memory of another individual.

Historic Deerfield is here to help you with sample language and to answer any questions that you may have. If you have made such a bequest, or would like to do so, please tell us about it by contacting Kim Snyder at (413) 775-7178.

## Collector's Guild Leadership Announced

Historic Deerfield President Philip Zea recently announced the appointment of Taylor Wagenseil as Chair of the Collectors Guild and Hollis Barber, Pierre Pureur, Deborah Dearborn as Co-Vice Chairs.

Taylor is the retired Senior Managing Director for global fixed income at MacKay Shields Investments and a major collector of guns and military memorabilia from the American Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War. Hollis is an Associate in the New York City office of BlackRock Financial Planning & Investment Management. Debby is an avid gardener and book collector and participates in the Connecticut Ceramics Study Circle. Pierre is Company-Wide Chief Architect for Travelers. All are members of the Deerfield Collectors Guild.

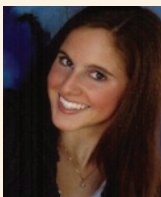
"I have been interested in New England history since moving to the region more than 50 years ago. For anyone who shares this interest, Deerfield is truly the jewel in the crown—a magical place that captures the look and feel of a 17th- or 18th-century colonial village better than any other place in the country. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to the success of this wonderful enterprise," said Wagenseil.

The Deerfield Collectors Guild was established in 2014 after a rare opportunity to acquire a tall clock owned by Asa Stebbins around 1799 in Deerfield.

"We appreciate the leadership of Taylor, Hollis, Debby and Pierre in helping us grow the Guild," Zea said.



Taylor Wagenseil



Hollis Barber



Pierre Pureur



Deborah Dearborn



## Give the Gift of Membership!

As holiday time approaches, Give the Gift of Old New England! What better gift for friends and family than a membership to Historic Deerfield. Membership provides free entry to the Museum and Museum Houses for a full year, plus a 10% discount at the gift shop, Deerfield Inn, and Champney's Restaurant and Tavern. What better offering is there for your loved ones than world-class decorative arts, antiques, and early New England history—all while supporting the preservation of this cultural gem! Contact us at [membership@historic-deerfield.org](mailto:membership@historic-deerfield.org) or (413) 775-7176 to give a gift of membership.



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Highlights:

- \* Free unlimited admission
- \* Discounts at the Museum Gift Shop & Bookstore, the Deerfield Inn, and on trips, classes, and workshops
- \* Guest passes

And much more!

To learn more about these and other great benefits of being a member, call or email the Membership Department (413) 775-7176, [membership@historic-deerfield.org](mailto:membership@historic-deerfield.org) today!

