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PRESS RELEASE

Historic Deerfield Announces Exciting New Events for Summer Season

(Deerfield, MA) — [Historic Deerfield](#) is thrilled to announce its summer events lineup. The season will feature a variety of programs and activities designed to engage, excite, and educate visitors of all ages.

[Sweet and Sour: Pickles, Preserves, and Refreshing Summer Foods](#) is a cooking demonstration with a twist. Cooks will make pickles or preserves over a small fire, using fresh seasonal produce. If the weather is too warm for a fire, they'll make a cool drink like lemonade, shrub, or switchel instead. This program takes place on Saturdays in July from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Visitors of all ages are invited to the History Workshop for [Tavern Games](#) from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays through August 20th. Inspired by the recent reopening of the [Barnard Tavern](#), the public is invited to learn and play themed tavern games. In the 18th and 19th centuries, taverns served many functions offering lodging, food, and drink, but also providing a place to socialize, hear any news from neighbors or travelers, and enjoy entertainment. Visitors can learn to play popular board games from the time including related strategy games. They can also make their own [Nine Men's Morris](#) game to take home.

Visitors can take a guided walking tour along Old Main Street in the village and learn about life in a small town during the American Revolution, at [Summer Stroll: Deerfield in the American Revolution](#). Tours take place July 2, 9, and 16, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and departing every 15 minutes. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Dinner entrees at [Champney's Restaurant & Tavern](#) will be discounted 20% with purchase of the Summer Stroll ticket! (Reservations are recommended.)

On Saturday, July 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the museum will be hosting [Family Fun Day: "Farm Animal Frolic."](#) Visitors can meet friendly farm animals, learn about their lives, and find out how to take care of them. Patrons will be able to explore the gardens at the History Workshop and participate in a scavenger hunt around the village. There will be art activities and games, as well as entertaining stories and songs from John Porcino.

Historic Deerfield will be hosting its **summer lecture series** (taking place in-person and on Zoom) focusing on **Indigenous Histories of the Mid-Connecticut River Valley**, on the following dates:

- Thursday, July 6 at 7 p.m. [Peter Thomas, Independent Scholar: "Life and Times of the Pocumtuck"](#)
- Thursday, July 13 at 7 p.m. [Colin Calloway, Dartmouth College: "The 1735 Deerfield Conference: Indigenous Diplomacy in Action"](#), Sponsored by Bank of America.
- Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m. [Margaret Bruchac, University of Pennsylvania: "Hiding in Plain Sight? Reconsidering Native Histories Along the Kwinitekw"](#)

On Tuesday, July 25 at 7 p.m., Historic Deerfield will host [Ononko's Vow - Silent Film and Panel](#) with live music performed by Jeff Rapsis. In 1910, the Edison Company released Ononko's Vow, an early silent movie filmed on location in Deerfield and Whately, Massachusetts. Herbert S. Streeter of Greenfield wrote the script, which he loosely based on actual events in the early colonial history of Deerfield. The 15-minute film tells the fanciful story of a fictional Native American character Ononko, and his relationship with a settler family, set against the backdrop of two violent encounters involving colonial settlers and Indigenous people. Patrons can view a newly digitized version of this almost-forgotten film followed by a panel discussion with Dr. Carolyn Anderson, silent film historian and Professor Emerita of Film and Television at UMass Amherst, and Dr. Margaret Bruchac, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Coordinator of Native American and Indigenous Studies, and Associate Faculty in the Penn Cultural Heritage Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Preregistration required. \$10 (free for Historic Deerfield and Whately Historical Society members) Cosponsored by the Whately Historical Society.

[August Adventures free admission day](#) returns to Historic Deerfield on Wednesday, August 9th during normal museum hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a day when patrons may enjoy free admission to the museum and participate in a variety of activities including demonstrations, hands-on crafts, and games. August Adventures is made possible through [Highland Street Foundation](#) who provides access and opportunities to new and old partners highlighting the geographical and cultural diversity of the Massachusetts arts and culture community.

A full calendar of events 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.