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Historic Deerfield Welcomes the Winter Season with New Programming

(Deerfield, MA) — <u>Historic Deerfield</u> invites visitors indoors for the winter season with a cozy selection of new programming. This season will feature fun and learning for all ages, from the <u>Winter Frolic at Hall Tayern</u> to Hearth Cooking Workshops.

Visitors will get **free admission** to the <u>Flynt Center of Early New England Life</u> from now to February 4! Visit the modern museum facility, which includes the <u>Garden of Hearts exhibition</u> in the lobby and more than 80 glass cases of collections items on the second floor--including Historic Deerfield's world-famous collections of New England furniture and clocks, American powder horns, Samuel Pierce pewter tools, Chinese export porcelain, English pottery, and American ceramics. The Flynt Center is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through February 4th.

<u>Fun in February: School Vacation Week</u> at Historic Deerfield invites families to the History Workshop from February 19 to 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Visitors can play games, make crafts, pretend to cook in a historic kitchen, dress up, write with a quill pen, and weave on a loom all in the History Workshop This drop-in program requires children to be accompanied by an adult.

Visitors do not have to wait until February to get the family festivities started! Recreate the winter fun of early New England on December 16 with music, dancing, and parlor games. Drop by the Winter Frolic to make molasses popcorn balls and sip historic hot chocolate by a crackling fire in our 1786 tavern, all included with winter admission.

<u>Lesser Known Witches of New England</u> is a free virtual three-part lecture series taking place on January 28, February 25 and March 24. Stay plugged in for the three-session virtual <u>Museum Course – Archaeology in Deerfield: Digging Deeper into Deerfield's Histories</u>, available at a discount to members and students. Archaeology Director Claire Carlson will host each session on March 6, 13 and 20, accompanied by guest instructors Dr. Elizabeth Harlow, Dr. Siobhan Hart, Dr. Elizabeth Chilton, and retired archaeologist Rita Reinke.

As learning a new skill tops New Year's Resolutions, Historic Deerfield's hearth cooks invite participants to four different <u>open hearth historic cooking workshops</u>, from demonstrations to hands-on classes throughout the month of February. Registrations for <u>Basics: From Hearth to Table</u> on February 3, <u>Supper at the Hall Tavern</u> on February 10, <u>Desserts and Hot Chocolate</u> on

February 17, and Baking in the Beehive Oven on February 24 will quickly reach capacity!

View the <u>full calendar</u> of Winter Season events online and learn more about by visiting https://www.historic-deerfield.org/.

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About Historic Deerfield. Historic Deerfield, founded in 1952, is an authentic 18th century New England village. The open-air museum interprets the history and culture of early New England and the Pocumtuck Homeland. Visitors can tour twelve carefully-preserved antique houses dating from 1730 to 1850, and explore world-class collections of regional furniture, silver, textiles, and other decorative arts on display in the authentic period houses and in the Flynt Center of Early New England Life, a state-of-the-art museum facility featuring exhibitions and a visible storage area. Our research library, the Henry N. Flynt Library, includes more than 21,000 volumes (reference works, microfilm and newspapers) on the history and material culture of the region.