

2017 Events and Programs

Rufus Porter Immersion Weekend – Friday – Sunday, June 2-4

Come see our astounding new collection or original Rufus Porter murals, and learn about the “father of American folk art” who was also an inventor. Create a Rufus Porter inspired stenciled floor cloth or wall hanging with Polly Forcier (material fee \$110), or a painted wooden box with Martha Kinney (material fee \$30). Weekend includes lecture, wine and cheese reception, & brunches. Cost: \$150, or \$135 museum members

Volunteer & Member Tea “New England Meeting Houses” – Sunday, June 11, 3 p.m.

Join us in the newly restored Grammar School, and former Congregational Meeting House, for a lecture and slide show by Paul Wainwright about Colonial Meetinghouses of New England. Everyone is welcome to this free program sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council. We honor our wonderful volunteers, and get inspired for the 2017 season.

Antique Engine Show – Saturday, June 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Members of the Vermont Antique Gas & Steam Engine Association will exhibit their working engines and collections. Members of Cars of Yesteryear will display antique and classic cars. Small engine exhibitors welcome. Phone 754-2022 for information. Lunch by the Brownington Ladies Aid. Free admission to the Engine Show and the first floor of the museum.

Rufus Porter Talk – Saturday, July 1

Linda Lefko, author of Folk Art Murals of the Rufus Porter School 1825-1845 will give a Lecture and Slide Show at 4 p.m., followed by a Wine and Cheese Reception at 5 p.m.

Back Roads Readings at 3 p.m. in the Brownington Congregational Church, reception after in the Hall House.

Sunday, July 9th- A Celebration of Leland Kinsey and his Poems

Sunday, July 23th- Ellen Bryant Voigt

Sunday, August 6th-Charles Simic

Gala Benefit Auction – Thursday, July 20, 6 – 9 p.m. at the Eastside in Newport

Major fund raiser for the Museum at the Eastside Restaurant in Newport. Tickets \$30 Advance, \$35 at the door. Limited Seating. Delicious hors d'oeuvres, live music, live and silent auctions featuring unique gifts, services and experiences. A good time for a good cause!

Time Travelers Camp – July 24-28 for children 8-12 (see article on page 3)

Rufus Porter Talk – Saturday, August 5

David Ottinger, painted wall expert and preservation carpenter, who removed the Rufus Porter panels from the Adams Female Academy in Derry, N.H. and transported them up to the Old Stone House will talk about how the murals were rescued, and preservation of painted walls. Talk at 4 p.m., followed by Wine and Cheese Reception at 5 p.m.

Old Stone House Day – August 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The teamsters and oxen are coming back to help us celebrate the Grand Opening of the newly restored Grammar School/Brownington Grange Hall. Museum Open House, Oxen Events, Vermont Fiddle Orchestra Concert and Contra-dance, Demonstrations of Traditional Skills, Crafts, Farmers Market, Food, Music, Pie Auction. \$5 a carload. Parking on Prospect Hill and beside Twilight House. Come celebrate local history at our biggest event of the year.

Craft Circles

Monthly Get-togethers for Crafters. All are Welcome!

If your craft circle meets over lunch time, please bring a lunch along with you.

Spinner's Circle: 3rd Thursday, noon to 3 p.m.. May-October

Quilter's Circle: 3rd Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon, May - October

Basket Weaving Workshops: 3rd Saturday, 10 am – 2 pm.

Blacksmithing: 2nd Saturday, 8:30 – 12:30 Intro to Blacksmithing/1:00 – 5:00 Open forge \$10 material fee

2017 Adult Classes

Learn to Fly-Fish – Doug Swanson - Saturday & Wednesday, June 3 & 7, 10 am – 2 pm

Doug Swanson will teach 2 beginner classes. The morning will be an introduction to fly fishing and technique. In the afternoon, we'll go practice on our pond. Children 10 + welcome with a parent. Cost is \$25 or \$20 for Museum members

Cape Cod Blueberry Basket - Tracie Quirion - Saturday, June 3 10 am – 2 pm

Make a beautiful basket in this beginner basket making workshop. Learn the basics of basket making and work your way up to the more intermediate baskets offered later in the season.

Cost \$25 or \$20 for members, plus a \$26 material fee.

Harvest Basket - Tracie Quirion - Saturday July 1 10am – 2pm

Make a wonderful harvest basket for friends or family in this basket making workshop. Bring a lunch

Cost \$25 or \$20 for members, plus a \$26 material fee.

Heritage Craft Week July 10th-16th

Rug Braiding - Mary Ragno - Monday & Tuesday, July 10 & 11, 1-5pm and Sunday, July 16, 10am – 2pm

Students will create a 2' x 3' oval rug using recycled wools and wool-blend fabrics. In three 4-hour lessons, students will choose colors, fabrics, develop snug braids, and then learn to lace braids to ensure a rug that sits flat. A 2' x 3' rug is the perfect size for learning all of the essential skills needed to carry you into a rewarding new hobby. Some hand-sewing is required. If you bring in your own material please bring wool or wool blends. There will be wool available to buy.

Cost \$75 for 3 session course, plus a \$17 Supply fee. (Material not included)

Introduction to Needle Felting - Laura LaCroix - Wednesday July, 12

Join Needle Felter Laura LaCroix of Charleston, Vermont for this very special workshop.. What is Needle Felting? Needle felting is a process which uses barbed needles to interlock wool fibers to form a more condensed material. Felting needles are used to entangle the fibers. As the felting needle is moved up and down, the barbs on the needles catch the scales of the wool and entangle them into place.

Traditional Rug Hooking, Diane J. Moore - Friday July 14th and Sunday July 16th, 1pm – 4pm

Enjoy time at the Old Stone House exploring traditional hooked rugs. We will hook a small project learning the basic techniques of hooking rugs with fabric pieces. Please bring small shears and a hook if you have one. If you have a pattern you want help with, bring it. Should you have a hoop or frame, bring it. Materials fee for the class may be-not more than 0-\$10. A pattern and strips are being donated and hooks may be borrowed or purchased.

Cost \$45 or \$40 for members

Stonewall Building Workshop, Charles MacMartin - Saturday, July 15, 9 am – 4 pm

Charles MacMartin of Queen City soil and stone, will be teaching an introductory workshop for homeowners and trades people to promote the beauty and integrity of stone. He will focus on the basic techniques of creating dry-laid garden retaining walls and free standing walls using field stone. During the workshop we will be working on an existing but falling down stone wall here at the museum. Cost \$100 or \$80 for members, please bring a lunch

Complete blacksmith course for Beginners, Courtney Mead, Wyatt Mosely, Lynn Lang - Saturday & Sunday, July 15 & 16, 9am – 5pm

Students will learn the basics of Blacksmithing as they practice half-faced hammer blows, drawing out, twisting, leaf work and a simple weld. Cost \$150 or \$125 for members plus a \$25 Material Fee.

Plantation Herb Basket, Tracie Quirion - Saturday, August 5 10 am – 2 pm

Make a wonderful plantation herb basket for friends or family in this basket making workshop.

Cost is \$25 or \$20 for museum members plus \$26 material fee. Don't forget to bring a lunch