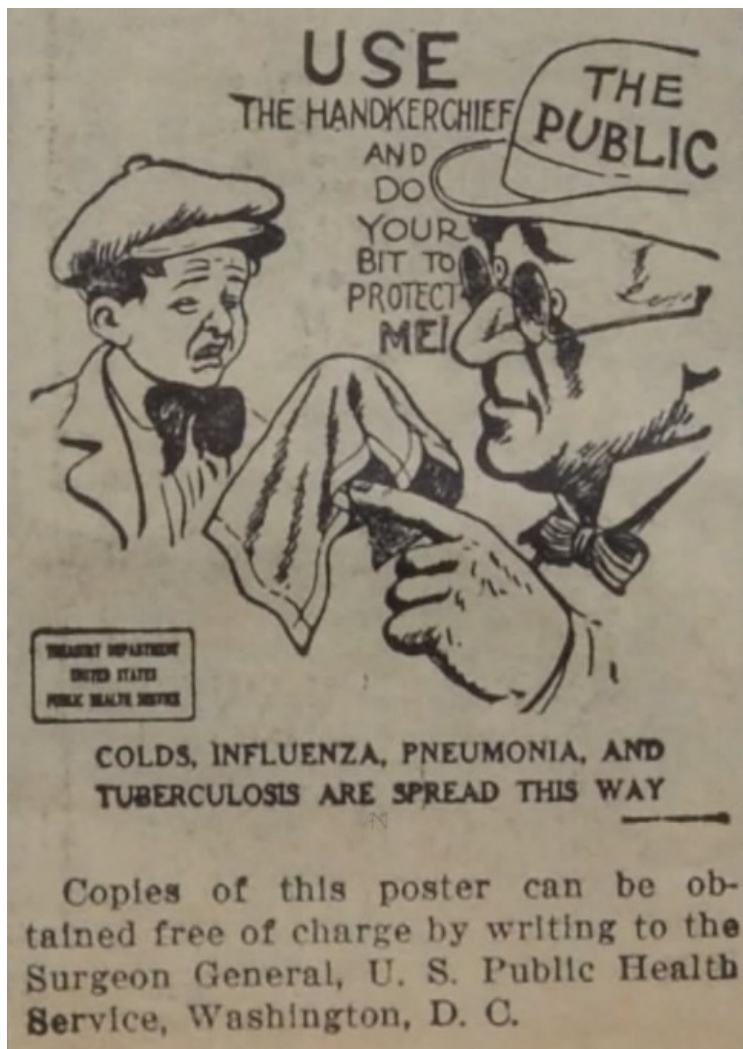


THE MUSENEWS

A MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER FROM THE TOWN OF WINDSOR MUSEUMS



Above: This illustration appeared in a December 1918 edition of Windsor's Poudre Valley Newspaper. Just like today, visual reminders and posters were important public education tools!

FOR THE LOVE OF HISTORY

PANDEMICS IN THE PAST

By Caitlin Heusser, Museum Curator

People of the past and the present endure many of the same experiences, just in different times. Just as those in the past braced for the Spanish Influenza to hit Windsor in 1918, we too have experienced the anxiety and dread of the inevitable.

As expected, in 1918 the first wave of illness arrived in October and by December, the full effects of the flu were being realized. According to a Poudre Valley Newspaper article published on December 26, 1918, Windsor's death rate from the flu was 15 for every 1,000 people. That was two to three times the death rate of larger cities such as New York (4.1), Philadelphia (7.4), Pittsburg (6.3) and Chicago (3.5). Windsor was in a dire situation, however there was some hope.

The first "anti-flu serums" arrived to doctors in Windsor in December 1918. Reports of the effectiveness of the vaccine were touted and a free vaccine clinic was offered to Windsorites. 248 people were inoculated at the free clinic, dozens more were being privately treated by local doctors, and workers at the Sugar Factory had received their vaccines as well. Flu cases continued into March 1919, but the worst was over by the end of January.

Studying history gives us insight not only into the past, but also into our present. We have the opportunity to learn from those who have lived through similar experiences throughout history by remembering their stories and passing them on.

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PROGRAMS & EVENTS

CLICK LINKS BELOW FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER

FOR KIDS (AGES 6-12)

Make & Take Afterschool Art Workshop: Young Artists

Tuesdays 4/5-4/26 // 3:30-5pm

Young Rembrandts Afterschool Drawing Class

Wednesdays 4/7-4/28 // 4:30-5:30pm// Aspen Room CRC

Young Rembrandts Cartooning Class

Wednesdays 4/7-4/28 // 5:45-6:45pm// Aspen Room CRC

Super Science Saturdays: Let's Fly!

Saturday 4/10 // 9-10am

Painting Workshop: Rainy Day

Saturday 4/17 // 2-3:30 // Spruce Room CRC

School Out Afternoon: Art of the Outdoors

Monday 4/5 // 1-4pm

FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

Wild at Heart Preschool: Spring!

Tuesdays & Thursdays 4/6-4/29 // 9-10am // AHC

FOR ADULTS

Open Art Studio

Mondays // 10am-1pm // Art & Heritage Center

FOR FAMILIES

Family Painting Pairs: Spring Colors

Sunday 4/11 // 3-4:30pm// Spruce Room CRC

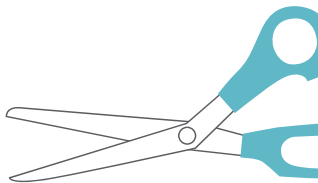
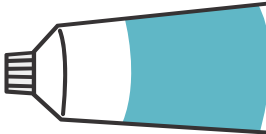
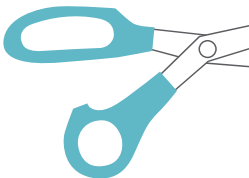
Creative Creations Club: Birdfeeder & Seed Bomb

Sunday 4/18 // 3-4:30pm // Spruce Room CRC

Homeschool Day: Historic House Adventure

Thursday 2/18 // Register for FREE timeslot
10-11:30am, 1-2:30pm, or 2:30-4pm

BACK!



EXTRA EXTRA!



WINDSOR HISTORY MUSEUM

We open our doors for the summer season on May 28th, but did you know you can visit the Windsor History Museum year-round by scheduling a personalized tour for your family or small group?! Tours of the historic train depot and four other historic buildings on-site can be tailored to any age group! To schedule a FREE guided tour of the Windsor History Museum contact Katherine Mercier at 970-674-3532 or kmercier@windsorgov.com

IN THE NEWS

HOMESCHOOL DAYS AT THE MUSEUM!

Katherine Mercier, Museum Education Coordinator

Last November, in collaboration with Clearview Library District, the Town of Windsor Museums launched a series of free, monthly Homeschool Days! To date, over 150 homeschoolers have spent a few hours learning about Windsor history!

Each month's Homeschool Day explores a new topic through hands-on activities, scavenger hunts, and an interactive art project, customized for PreK-12 grade levels. From discovering ancient artifacts to learning about Windsor's Germans-from-Russia immigrants, homeschool families have had unique museum adventures every month.

On Thursday, April 15, homeschoolers will go back in time to explore how people lived in the past. We'll discover a 1920s farmhouse and 1910s beet shanty to learn how our living spaces reflect our lives. Then, design a house in the art workshop! For more information or to register for a safe, socially distant time slot, visit [here](#) or call 970-674-3500.

