

The Colchester History Museum will open for the season with a new Scavenger Hunt!

Visit the Colchester History Museum this year to participate in our new Scavenger Hunt! Bring your family or be a solo sleuth to find all 20 of the objects pictured on the hunt card and win a \$5 gift card from Dunkin Donuts, Mel's Downtown Creamery or The Plum Tomato. Have fun while discovering amazing facts about Colchester's history.

The Colchester History Museum opens to the public on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The museum, located at 24 Linwood Avenue, will be open for the season on Sundays from April 2<sup>nd</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The museum, adjacent to the Cragin Memorial Library, is free and offers both permanent and special exhibits all highlighting the people and events in Colchester's rich history.

Current exhibits include the History of the Bulkeley Family, including the story of the Discovery and Excavation of the Gershom Bulkeley Tomb. A special exhibit, Emerging from the Shadows: Colchester's School for Colored Children, 1803-1840, explores the nearly forgotten history of education of African and Native American students in the early nineteenth century. Colchester's Roots in Agriculture: Then and Now highlights centuries of farming through original documents, imagery and objects. Additional exhibits tell the story of the Champion Family, distinguished military leaders, and the history of the Hayward Rubber Company, the industry that brought both boom and bust to Colchester.

The Colchester History Museum is free and welcomes all, offering both guided and self-guided tours.

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