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December Events at the OCHM

Enjoy some local history this holiday season! We have lots of events coming up and hope you can join us for one or all of them!

TAUNTON, MA—

All are invited to join the Old Colony History Museum for family-friendly events, both in person and virtually this month. To see everything we have to offer and register for those that take place on Zoom, visit our Event Calendar at www.oldcolonyhistorymuseum.org/events/.

December Events at the OCHM:**Virtual Visit to The Bristol County Natural History Center at Bristol County Agricultural High School!**

Friday, December 3, 2-3 p.m.

Join us as we virtually “visit” sites to learn about the history of the Old Colony region and beyond!

This month, we’ll get a special look at the collection belonging to The Bristol County Natural History Center at Bristol County Agricultural High School. We’re sure to learn a lot about local flora, fauna, and natural resource management efforts with this one! This program is free and open to all. You just need to register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> to get the Zoom link.

Photo Scanning Day

Saturday, December 4, all day

Bring in your photos taken in the Taunton area (people, events, landmarks, holidays, and more) and let us scan them for our digital collection. We’ll give you back the originals and your images will become a part of OCHM’s photographic record of our community. Loose, unframed photos up to 11x17 inches can be scanned. Limit 5 per person please!

M is for Museum Story Time

Tuesday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.

M is for Museum is the OCHM’s sensory-friendly story time to encourage early literacy in our future historians! Books will be middle-elementary level with stations for coloring and Legos and fidget boxes available. Families of all ages are welcome! Drop-in or join on Facebook Live!

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Crafternoons

Tuesday, December 7 through Saturday, December 11

Feed your creativity with a new craft each month!

For December we are crafting: **Craft Stick Snowmen!**

Drop in anytime this week between 1:00-3:00 pm for a fun, easy craft! We provide instructions and all the materials. *Crafternoons* are free with regular museum admission.

Wednesday Workshop: Faux Stained-Glass

Wednesday, December 8, 5:30-7 p.m.

Learn a DIY technique for making Faux Stained-Glass art! Choose from a variety of templates to create a beautiful display for your windows and soon your home will be filled with color and light to brighten up the winter months!

This 90-minute, hands-on workshop includes all materials and is limited to 20 people, age 10 and up. Each workshop is \$5 for OCHM Members or \$10 for non-members. You can register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> or give us a call at 508-822-1622.

Beer with Bronson: Medicine and Medical Objects in the Collections

Thursday, December 9, 5:15-6 p.m.

Grab a pour and take a tour with Curator of Collections, Bronson Michaud. Hear about the untold stories from our collection and take a peek at objects on display just for you. Plus, you'll receive a Beer with Bronson koozie to keep your beer (or root beer) cold and hands warm! This tour will focus on medicine and medical equipment in the Museum's collection and is free with regular Museum admission (OCHM Members receive free admission). And we provide the drink!

You can register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> or call us with any questions at 506-822-1622.

Live reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"

Saturday, December 11, 4:30 p.m.

Join in the merry-making at the Old Colony History Museum with a live reading of Charles Dickens' holiday classic, *A Christmas Carol*, performed by OCHM staff, board members, and friends! Enjoy coffee, cocoa, and holiday goodies while you watch.

The reading will begin at 4:30 pm but there is fun to be had all day long! Enjoy our Holiday History slideshow accompanied by your favorite tunes of the season all day along with shopping in the OCHM Gift Shoppe, a display of ornaments from The Christmas City, crafts and hands on activities, and don't miss taking a photo with our tree for memories that will last a lifetime!

Admission to the reading of *A Christmas Carol* is free but regular admission will be taken during the Museum's normal hours of 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors 65+, OCHM members and all children 12 and under are free!

Lecture: What Should I Grow in My Medicinal Herb Garden?

Thursday, December 16, 5:30 p.m.

Join us as we welcome our favorite mother-daughter duo that make up The Grounded Goodwife! They'll teach us about the herbal "superstars" that can help treat all kinds of common ailments, from the common cold and flu to anxiety and insomnia and take the guesswork out of starting your own medicinal herb garden.

We will welcome our speakers virtually via Zoom on the big screen in our Gallery.

Two ways to enjoy our Fall Lecture Series presentations!

#1 Join us in person at the Museum! Seating is first-come, first-served.

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#2 Join us from home! Register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> to access the Zoom meeting. The Zoom chat will be open for the Q&A portion so you don't miss out on the experience!

A Taste of Old Colony History: Lemon Caraway Cookies

Thursday, December 23, 6:30-8 p.m.

Join the OCHM staff from their home kitchens as we try our hand at historic recipes and local favorites. Once you register on Eventbrite, you'll have access to the recipe of the month and ingredient list so you can cook along with us, step-by-step, or just sit back and watch!

This month we're baking Lemon-glazed Caraway Cookies!

For the recipe and to register, visit <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> or call us with any questions at 506-822-1622.

OCHM CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK

Friday, December 24

Saturday, December 25

About the Old Colony History Museum:

The Old Colony History Museum houses significant collections which chronicle lives lived, wars waged, fortunes won and ingenuity rewarded. We encourage visitors to walk among our exhibits and discover regional history. The Museum's parent organization is the Old Colony Historical Society, one of the oldest organizations of its kind in New England. Founded in 1853, it serves the region of southeastern Massachusetts that was once part of the Plymouth Colony.

At OCHM, we're committed to the preservation of our history through public engagement and community outreach. We're here to collect, curate, interpret, and bring to vibrant life the history of the Old Colony, collaborating with the community to share those meaningful connections that knit together our past, present, and future. We invite you to experience what we mean by *history happens here*.

The Old Colony History Museum is located on historic Church Green in Taunton. The Museum has its headquarters in the former Bristol Academy, designed in 1852 by the New York architect Richard Upjohn. Regular Museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission to the Museum is \$5 and free for Museum members.