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**New programs and lots of local history this month at the OCHM**

**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 all the events we have to offer, please visit our Calendar online at <http://www.oldcolonyhistorymuseum.org/events>. Highlight tours with the Curator take place daily at noon, and our regular hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Exhibit on View:** *We Are What We Eat* is a look at local history through the recipes in our collection!

**WALKS:**

**Liberty & Union Downtown Walking Tour**

*Saturday, September 17, 11 a.m.*

Come walk the Liberty and Union Downtown Walking Tour! Join us for a free, one-hour guided tour of Historic Downtown Taunton. Our one-mile walking tour highlights some of the important architectural, cultural, and commercial sites between Church Green and Taunton Green. A great way to learn about the city, from its earliest days through the present, these tours are the third Saturday of the month, through October, rain or shine. Meet us on the Museum's front steps at 11 am!

**Cemetery Tour**

*Saturday, September 10, 11 a.m.*

Explore even more history of the Old Colony with a visit to a different cemetery each month where we will discuss various topics in the history of our region and residents from the past! For September we'll explore **Early Families of Taunton at Staples Street Burying Ground**. Admission is free but preregistration is required using our Eventbrite page <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> so that we can be in touch with any changes and where to park!

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## TALKS:

### #ThrowbackThursday Live!

*Thursday, September 14, 11 a.m.: Richard DeWert*

Once a month, we invite you to gather in the OCHM's Gallery for *Throwback Thursday Live*. We will show images of Taunton, then and now, to inspire friendly conversation about the good ol' days over a cup of coffee. Please feel free to bring your own photos and memories to share!

### Virtual Visits

*Cape Cod Picture Framing and Restoration, Dennis, MA, Friday, September 9, 2 p.m.*

Join us as we virtually "visit" sites to learn about the history of the Old Colony region and beyond! On the first Friday of each month, we share a video tour of one historic site or museum from around the Old Colony region and host a speaker from the site for a live Q&A with the audience on Zoom! Afterwards the video tour will be uploaded to our YouTube channel to revisit any time. Virtual Visits are free and open to all. You just need to register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> to get the Zoom link.

## Talks:

Andrew Spooner presents *Bathsheba Spooner: A Revolutionary Murder Conspiracy*, Thursday, September 15, 6 p.m.

Join us to learn something new every month! Our *Talks* will feature presentations by local authors, academics, business owners, and history buffs in our Gallery. *Talks* are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 5:30 and the presentations will begin at 6:00 pm.

## MAKE:

### Let's Make History

Saturdays, 2-4 pm

Historians of all ages are invited to join us on the OCHM's front lawn to make some history! On Saturdays through September, we will have a demonstration, activity, or game for you to learn something new about the history of the Old Colony region while having some hands-on fun!

**September 10 & September 17: Meet a Revolutionary War Soldier!**

### A Taste of Old Colony History

Poor Man's Cake, Thursday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.

You can find each month's recipes from our online [Recipe Box](#) to try it yourself and be sure to join us August 28 for a live *Conversation from the Kitchen* to see how it went and share your own memories and how your recipes work for you! This is a free online event and you can register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> or call us with any questions at 508-822-1622. Videos are posted to YouTube following the event so you can catch up any time!

## **SPECIAL EVENTS:**

### **Night at the Old Colony Mystery Museum**

*September 8, 7-9 p.m.*

*Tickets are \$15 for OCHM members or \$20 for non-members.*

Grab your friends and head to the Old Colony Mystery Museum for a night of puzzles, games, and curious history!

Sign up for a session to play our custom escape game A River of Puzzling History! You can register as a single player or as a group! Prizes will be awarded for the fastest team to solve their puzzle box!

As a reward for all your sleuthing, relax in our beer garden as you sip on a craft beer or mystery mocktail, listen to music, play games, or try your hand at making ice cream with a mysterious twist (if you're brave enough!)

For more information and to reserve your tickets, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/night-at-the-old-colony-mystery-museum-tickets-383545152877>



### **Workshop with the Garden Patch**

*September 21, 5:30-7 p.m.*

*Tickets are \$40 for OCHM Members, \$50 for non-members and include all plants and supplies.*

Join us at the Old Colony History Museum to create a beautiful decorative planter for Fall with the talented team at the Garden Patch! Space is limited and tickets are required.

## **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.

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.