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**Discover something new this month at the OCHM**

*We're virtually visiting the Mattapoisett Museum, trying out a Wampanoag succotash recipe, welcoming the return of Passport to History, and celebrating Portuguese Heritage Month this June!*

**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 [www.oldcolonystorymuseum.org/events/](http://www.oldcolonystorymuseum.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.

**June Events at the OCHM:**

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

**Passport to History** returns June 1<sup>st</sup>. *Passport to History* is a joint effort of local museums to share and explore the diverse history of southeastern Massachusetts for FREE from June 1 through September 1. Grab your passport and get started at any of this year's sixteen participating locations. A passport equals free admission for up to four people at each site. Be sure to collect your "I WAS HERE" stamp at all the sites, and tag us on your journey with #PassportToHistory.

**Virtual Visit to the Mattapoisett Museum**

*Friday, June 3, 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. In June we'll visit the **Mattapoisett Museum**.

This program is free and open to all. You just need to register on our Eventbrite page at <http://oldcolonystorymuseum.eventbrite.com> to get the Zoom link.

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## **Photo Scanning Day**

*Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

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.

**\*\*NEW for 2022\*\***

## **Architecture Walking Tour**

*Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m.*

A free, 90-minute guided tour highlighting some of the architectural gems of our city and stories of Tauntonians from the past. This guided tour follows a 1-mile loop around Church Green and Taunton's Historic District. The tours are scheduled for the first Saturday of each month, June through October, rain or shine. Meet us on the Museum's front steps at 11 am!

## **Hands on History Week**

*Tuesday, June 7 through Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.*

One week every month we offer extra in-person, fun, family-friendly programming, themed to inspire an appreciation of history, art, and culture in visitors of all ages. Designed to be fun for all ages, this week we offer daily story times, crafts, and opportunities to get up close with objects are all free with Museum admission. June's theme is Portuguese Heritage Month.

## **Liberty & Union Downtown Walking Tour**

*Saturday, June 18, 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 every month, June through October, rain or shine. Meet us on the Museum's front steps at 11 am!

## **A Taste of Old Colony History**

*Thursday, June 23, 6:30 p.m.*

This month we're looking back at menus in the collection and making **funky recipes from the 1950s**. Get this month's recipes from our online [Recipe Box](#) to try it yourself and be sure to join us June 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.

## **Beer with Bronson**

*Friday, June 24, 5:15 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!

Admission is free for Old Colony History Museum members, non-members \$5, seniors \$3. Get your tickets on Eventbrite at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> or by calling us at 508-822-1622.

### **Cemetery Tour**

*Saturday, June 25, 11 a.m.*

On the 4th Saturday of each month, through October, we'll visit a different cemetery to talk about the history of our city and residents from the past! For June we're back to explore even more of the stories in Mayflower Hill Cemetery, highlighting the emigrants and immigrants buried there.

Admission is free but pre-registration is required. You can do so on Eventbrite at <http://oldcolonyhistorymuseum.eventbrite.com> or by calling us at 508-822-1622.

### **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.