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Have some fun this month at the OCHM

A new exhibit on view, a virtual visit to Heritage Museum and Gardens, and a ukulele performance celebrating Asian American Pacific Island Heritage Month highlight our events this May!

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 visit our Calendar online at 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.

May Events at the OCHM:

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

Virtual Visit to Heritage Museum and Gardens

Friday, May 6, 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 May we’ll visit **Heritage Museum and Gardens** just in time to see a new exhibit and their beautiful gardens in bloom.

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, May 7, 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.

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****NEW for 2022****

Architecture Walking Tour

Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m.

A free, one-hour 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, May through October, rain or shine. Meet us on the Museum's front steps at 11 am!

Afternoon with the Author

Saturday, May 7, 2 p.m.

Spend an *Afternoon with the Author* at the Old Colony History Museum as Kerrin Willis presents her new novel, *Iron & Fire*. A presentation of the novel will be followed by book sales & signing by the author. Refreshments will be served at 1:30 pm.

This wonderful work of historical fiction is set right in the Museum's backyard, against the backdrop of King Philip's War and explores the experience of a clever, educated woman at a time when being so often resulted in death. This book is perfect for fans of Amy Belding Brown's *Flight of the Sparrow*, or Elizabeth George Speare's *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, *Iron & Fire* was written for those who read the original American Girl series as children and are now all grown up. *Iron & Fire* is available locally at Readmore books and through the [author's website](#).

Hands on History Week

Tuesday, May 10 through Saturday, May 14, 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. May's theme is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Celebrate Asian American Pacific Island Heritage with a concert by the Legacy Ukulele Ensemble!

Saturday, May 14, 2:30 p.m.

A one-hour musical performance by the Legacy Ukulele Ensemble will be the super fun finale to the OCHM's May Hands on History week celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month! The Legacy Ukulele Ensemble is a group of 22 players from across the US and Canada, directed and led by internationally acclaimed ukulele teacher, Peter Luongo. The ensemble is committed to performing and sharing their music with audiences. You can learn more about the Ensemble on their Facebook page!

OCHM Tag Sale!

Saturday, May 21, Member Shopping 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Open to all 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

We're hosting a tag sale! Have you recently cleaned out your attic or basement and come across

some treasures you just don't have the space for? Bring them to the Museum to be added to our tag sale! We're collecting items for the sale from now until Wednesday, May 18.

We are looking for gently used collectibles, vintage items, and antiques such as kitchen goods, home décor, small furniture items, tools, and books that need a new home. **Please no electronics, textiles/clothing, or large furniture.** These are not museum donations, but things that have a second life still in them, and the sale of which will support the museum. You can drop items off during the Museum's regular hours of Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am-4 pm. We ask that you please do not leave donations outside the building.

The tag sale will take place on Saturday, May 21 from 12-4. And OCHM members get Early Bird access from 10-12!

Liberty & Union Downtown Walking Tour

Saturday, May 21, 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, May through October, rain or shine. Meet us on the Museum's front steps at 11 am!

A Taste of Old Colony History

Thursday, May 26, 6:30 p.m.

This month we're looking back at menus in the collection and making **Dinner from Taunton's Transfer Restaurant**. Get this month's recipes from our online Recipe Box to try it yourself and be sure to join us May 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://oldcolonystorymuseum.eventbrite.com> or call us with any questions at 506-822-1622.

CLOSED for Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 28

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.

