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Ring in the New Year with Events at the OCHM
A military history tour, baking, hands-on fun, and more!

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/.

January Events at the OCHM:

Virtual Visit to Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum

Friday, January 7, 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.

This month, we’ll tour the Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum located within a Civil War-era military base in New Bedford.

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.

Hands on History Week

Tuesday, January 11 through Friday, January 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Hands on History day is now Hands on History WEEK! You can find all our in-person, fun, family-friendly programming within one awesome week every month. Each one is themed to inspire an appreciation of history, art, and culture in visitors of all ages with daily story times, crafts, and objects to learn from, hands on!

January is Braille Literacy Month! We’ll read a book on the life of Louis Braille and try writing our names with the Braille alphabet.

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A Taste of Old Colony History

Thursday, January 27, 6:30-8 p.m.

A Taste of Old Colony History is expanding! We have had a ton of fun cooking live with you all over the last year, but we want to expand beyond our 90-minute time limit and find a way to share with you, even if you can't join in live. In 2022, our new format will allow us to share a wider variety of sweet and savory dishes including dinners, desserts, and sides inspired by the history of the Old Colony region.

We'll make the recipe and record how it went. Then the video will premier in our usual Thursday night time slot live on Zoom and will be followed by a *Conversation from the Kitchen* to discuss more about the history, cooking process, and nostalgia that the recipe inspires. To join in, you need to register on Eventbrite. You'll have access to the recipe card for that month, and you can make it ahead of the program to share your thoughts or come to watch the cooking show and hear the history lesson. Come enjoy however you want! After the program, our cooking videos will be uploaded to our YouTube channel (if you haven't checked it out yet, you should because we put a ton of awesome content on there) so viewers have the option to watch later and cook on their own time!

For January we're cooking up two classics that have been enjoyed by Old Colony families for generations: Brown Bread and Baked Beans!

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

OCHM CLOSINGS IN JANUARY

Saturday, January 1 for New Year's Day

Saturday, January 15 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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.