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STOROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM PRESENTS A LOOK AT VICTORIAN FASHION DURING THE GILDED AGE

Storowton Village Museum's annual First Person Presentation will focus this year on Victorian era fashion. The museum will bring living historian Kandie Carle and her performance of "Victorian Fashion: Getting Dressed in the Gilded Age" to its historic Union Meeting House January 24 at 7pm.

Carle will tell the story of fashion's influence on class, etiquette, purpose and beauty during the Gilded Age of the 1890s by getting dressed in vintage and authentically-reproduced undergarments, clothing and accessories. She will show the steps necessary to go from morning dress to visiting ensembles, bring to light the differences and similarities between modern and Victorian fashion, and include humorous anecdotes while "busting" a few myths about the time period. The program includes audience participation and questions will be encouraged.

"This presentation is much more than a fashion show. We get dressed every day and using clothing and accessories as a learning tool is a very relatable way to understand the lifestyle, etiquette and customs of the men, women and children who lived over 150 years ago," said Storowton Museum Director Jessica K. Fontaine.

Carle created this one-woman show in 1996 and has presented it in places such as the Mark Twain House in Hartford, the Brooklyn Museum of Art and The Westgate Hotel in San Diego, California. She has worked in theatre since 1980 as an actress, dancer and singer, and is currently the Artistic Director of the East Haddam Stage Company. An accomplished seamstress, she recreates pieces from authentic designs and patterns from the Civil War, Victorian and Edwardian periods.

Admission to Storowton Village Museum's annual First Person Presentation is \$8 in advance online at storowtonvillage.com and \$10 at the event. Event updates will be posted on [facebook.com/storowtonvillage](https://www.facebook.com/storowtonvillage). For more information, please call 413-205-5051.

Note: This event is weather permitting. If the weather is questionable, please call Storowton for details prior to your departure.

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ABOUT STOROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM

Storowton Village Museum, an educational arm of Eastern States Exposition (501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization) and located on its grounds in West Springfield, Mass., presents hands-on school programs and guided tours of its historic buildings throughout the year as well as seasonal 19th century-themed events. For more information, visit storowtonvillage.com or call 413-205-5051.