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STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM TO CELEBRATE MAPLE HARVEST DAY, MARCH 12
The Shops at Storrowton and Farmers Market Open

Storrowton Village Museum will celebrate all things maple on Maple Harvest Day, **Saturday, March 12**, from 10am to 2pm. The annual FREE event highlights the history and tradition of maple sugaring in New England.

The historic Gilbert Farmhouse will turn into a sugarhouse for the day. Visitors can learn how the “liquid gold” is made, from tree tapping to sap boiling, with historian Dennis Picard, and watch 19th century open hearth cooking demonstrations of maple recipes inside. Docent-led tours and 19th century craft demos will also be available.

West Springfield Lions Club Pancake Breakfast – 10am – Noon - \$5 per person

The West Springfield Lions Club will flip pancakes, served with pure New England maple syrup, in the Village’s red Greenwich Barn. Offerings include sausages, coffee and juice. All proceeds from the pancake breakfast will be donated to Storrowton’s educational programs.

Horse Drawn Wagon Rides – 11am – 2pm (last ride departs at 1:30pm) - \$8 per person

Take a horse drawn wagon ride from 11am to 2pm (last ride departs at 1:30pm) for \$8 per person (under 1, free). The ride travels between Storrowton Village’s South entrance and the Farmers Market near the Mallary Complex. Tickets are on sale now online and on-site.

“Our Maple Harvest Day event is a fundraiser for the educational programs at the Village and we are happy to be back this year with the same fun activities, plus a few new offerings to add to the excitement,” Jessica K. Fontaine, director of Storrowton Village Museum, said.

The Shops at Storrowton and Farmers Market

The Shops at Storrowton will be open with the Gift Shop featuring Yankee Candles, jewelry, gifts and more, and the Christmas Shop offering holiday ornaments and collectibles. The nearby Farmers Market, with a variety of maple products, apparel and hot maple wine and wine slushies, will also be open during the event.

Storrowton Tavern Maple Luncheon – 11am – 3pm – \$23.95 adults; \$12.95 children 10 and under

Across the green, Storrowton Tavern will feature a special maple-themed menu. Entrees include maple glazed salmon, Yankee pot roast with maple infused butternut squash or turkey dinner with cranberry maple chutney. The full meal includes choice of main course, fresh garden salad with maple vinaigrette, a fresh bakery basket with corn bread and anadama bread served with a crock of maple butter, family style maple baked beans and maple walnut ice cream brownie sundae. The children’s entrée will be a choice of

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a child size portion of the turkey dinner or chicken fingers with maple mustard. Reservations are not required, but recommended.

In keeping with the spirit of our Maple Harvest Day, the following is a recipe from the Village's publication, "Maple Harvest Sampler: Recipes from the Sugarbush." The book is sold in the Storowton Village Gift Shop.

Sweet Potatoes with Maple Glaze

5 Medium Sweet Potato
½ teaspoon Grated Lemon Peel
½ teaspoon Table Salt

½ Cup Maple Syrup
1/8 teaspoon Ground Ginger
2 Tablespoon Butter

Cover potatoes with water in a large saucepan and boil until fork tender. Remove from heat and put potatoes on a towel until cool. Remove skins and cut potatoes into ¼ inch slices. Arrange slices evenly in a shallow buttered baking dish and pour the maple syrup over the slices. Sprinkle with the grated lemon peel, ginger and dot with butter. Bake in a preheated oven at 375 degrees Fahrenheit for 20 to 25 minutes or until potatoes have browned.

For more information about Storowton Village Museum's Maple Harvest Day, visit storowtonvillage.com or call 413-205-5051.

Storowton Village Museum, an educational arm of Eastern States Exposition (a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization), is located in West Springfield, Mass., and presents educational programs, tours, and events throughout the year. It is the site of Storowton Tavern and Carriage House, the Shops at Storowton, as well as a popular place for weddings. For more information, visit storowtonvillage.com or call 413-205-5051.

Photo: Historian Dennis Picard demonstrates sap boiling in Storowton Village.