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Storrowton Village Museum to Offer History & Harvest Tours This Fall

Want to combine history and learning with fun as the leaves change color and the weather begins to cool? Storrowton Village Museum will present its History & Harvest tours November 6 for children and families, and anyone interested in learning about harvest activities. Registration is available for two time slots, 10am and 1pm, and tickets are \$12.

Learn about the history of New England's storied harvest in this educational, hands-on experience. Museum staff will invite visitors into the Clark Blacksmith Shop to find out how oxen were integral to the process of harvesting and to make horseshoe nail rings.

On a stop by the Greenwich Barn — built circa 1750 — find out how corn is ground and turned into traditional treats like Johnny Cakes, and make corn husk dolls.

Additional stops include candle and tin sconce making, learning the history of the modern jack-o-lantern while you paint your own gourd, and finally, visit the Gilbert Farmstead, a classic New England farmhouse, to explore its gardens and talk about food and seed preservation. Visitors will be given items along the way to take home, including recipe cards and other seasonal surprises.

"Harvest time was an integral part of New England life and remains a part of our fall family traditions today. We love to be able to share with families the activities that happened around a New England farm in the 19th century and how those things have changed and grown in the 21st century," said Jessica K. Fontaine, Director of Storrowton Village Museum.

Tickets can be purchased in advance (recommended) at www.storrowtonvillage.com and will be available the day of the event if there are openings. Check in at the Museum Gift Shop to start your tour or purchase tickets the day of the event.

The event is rain or shine and includes both indoor and outdoor locations. Outdoor activities will take place indoors or under covered outdoor spaces if inclement weather occurs.

ABOUT STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM

Storrowton 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 storrowtonvillage.com or call 413-205-5051.