

Members' Month 2008 Events



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Members-only programs and events throughout the month of June

All programs are free and open to Historic New England members only. Please call 617-227-3957, ext 254, or email membership@HistoricNewEngland.org to register. Advance registration required for all events.

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 8–9:30 PM

An Evening at Gropius

Gropius House, Lincoln, Mass.

Walter Gropius's use of subtle flattering lighting illuminates the connection between interior living spaces and exterior landscapes. During this evening slide show and house tour, see how Gropius's innovative lighting scheme comes to life at night. Refreshments provided.

Advance registration required

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 6–7 PM

Beacon Hill Evening Walking Tour

Otis House Museum, Boston, Mass.

Spend an evening among Beacon Hill's treasures, including historic gas-lit streets, elegant mansions overlooking Louisburg Square, the Massachusetts State House, and the African Meeting House. The tour meets at the Otis House Museum and ends on Charles Street, close to many restaurants and shops.

Advance registration required

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 6–7 PM

Tour of the Collections & Conservation Center

Collections & Conservation Center, Haverhill, Mass.

Join curatorial and conservation staff for an exclusive look at Historic New England's extensive study collection of furnishings, decorative arts, costumes, and other household effects. This tour is followed by refreshments.

Advance registration required

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 9:30–11 AM

Seventeenth-Century Saturday Preview

Boardman House, Saugus, Mass.

The Boardman House is one of over twenty-five seventeenth-century properties throughout Essex County open for free on June 7, from 11 am to 3 pm, as part of a regional Escapes North promotion. Members enjoy coffee and refreshments, private tour, directions, and advice about where to go next, before the program opens to the public.

Advance registration required

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 12–2 PM

Members' Picnic and Vintage Baseball Double-Header

Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm, Newbury, Mass.

Bring blankets and lawn chairs, and enjoy a barbeque picnic while you watch the Essex Baseball Club play against regional clubs, using both 1861 and 1886 rules.

Advance registration required

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2–3 PM

Voices from the Backstairs

Roseland Cottage, Woodstock, Conn.

The grand homes of New England required the work of legions of household servants, domestics whose stories are rarely seen in the historic record. Museum Historian Jennifer Pustz discusses these less visible members of the household.

Advance registration required

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 6–7 PM

Portsmouth-Made Furniture

Rundlet-May House, Portsmouth, N.H.

Tour the Rundlet-May House and learn about the Federal style furniture and decorative techniques that were popular when the house was built in 1807. Enjoy light refreshments in the carriage barn after the tour.

Advance registration required

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 5–6:30 PM

Twilight Tour of Castle Tucker

Castle Tucker, Wiscasset, Me.

See rooms not usually open to the public that tell some of the behind-the-scenes stories of the house.

Advance registration required

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2–3:30 PM

Marrett House Tour

Marrett House, Standish, Me.

Visitors on this special tour see the layering of eras and tastes that occurs when a family resides in the same house for three generations.

Advance registration required

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 10-11 AM

Technology Tour of Beauport

Beauport, Gloucester, Mass.

Phillip Hayden leads this behind-the-scenes tour of Beauport, which focuses on its early twentieth-century technologies such as heating, plumbing, and electrical systems. Learn how to recognize these systems and to use them as markers in dating the evolution of complex buildings, like Beauport. Discover what they can tell us about the builder and occupants.

Advance registration required

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 4-5 PM

Hosta Preview Sale and Greenhouse Tour

Lyman Estate Greenhouses, Waltham, Mass.

Enjoy a members-only sale of hostas, followed by a guided tour of the historic Lyman Estate Greenhouses led by Historic New England Horticulturist and Greenhouse Manager Lynn Ackerman.

Advance registration required

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 5:30-6:30 PM

Til Death Do Us Part:

Marriage and Mourning Jewelry

Hamilton House, South Berwick, Me.

Outward signs of bereavement, fidelity, or social status, rings, brooches, and bracelets honoring marriage and mourning have been passed down for generations. Sarah Brierley, cataloguer at Historic New England, presents images of these unique pieces made of stone, gems, and even human hair.

Advance registration required

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1:30-3 PM

Farm Tour and Talk

Casey Farm, Saundertown, R.I.

Join Farm Manager Pat McNiff for a tour and lecture on sustainable organic agriculture, pastured animals and the local food movement. Come early and receive a 10% discount at Casey Farm's Coastal Growers Market.

Advance registration required

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 10-11:30 AM

Garden and Landscape Tour

Hamilton House, South Berwick, Me.

Take part in this special opportunity to learn about the landscape and gardens at Hamilton House. A garden party celebrates the restoration and return of the garden's Carrara marble fountain, first installed in the garden around 1904.

Advance registration required

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 6-7 PM

Tour of Library and Archives

Otis House, Boston, Mass.

Explore Historic New England's fascinating Library and Archives. Curator Lorna Condon will introduce you to the remarkable collections of photographs, architectural drawings, manuscripts, ephemera, and rare books. Refreshments follow the program.

Advance registration required

TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 5:30-6:30 PM

Roses of the Gov. John Langdon House

Governor John Langdon House, Portsmouth, N.H.

Join Piscataqua Region Landscape Manager Gary Wetzel for a tour of the Gov. John Langdon House gardens. The arbor that runs through the center of the landscape has a vast number of rose varieties, many dating to the early twentieth century. Learn how the garden looked when Elizabeth Langdon lived here and how the landscape has changed. Refreshments in the garden follow the tour.

Advance registration required

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 11 AM-1 PM

Family Tea and Garden Tour

Roseland Cottage, Woodstock, Conn.

Enjoy tea in the carriage barn at Roseland Cottage, followed by a walk in the historic parterre garden in full bloom.

Complete your day with period games or a tour of the home.

Advance registration required

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 10-11 AM

Walking Salem's South River Waterfront

Phillips House, Salem, Mass.

This walking tour examines changing topography, architecture, and travel over time from the seventeenth century Salem of Gedney's time to the bustling turn of the nineteenth century during Capt. Phillips's era.

Advance registration required

SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 5-7 PM

Bert and Nina Little: Favorite Things

Cogswell's Grant, Essex, Mass.

This special tour highlights the favorite objects of renowned American folk art collectors Bertram K. and Nina Fletcher Little. Visitors also have the rare opportunity to see treasures stored in the attic, which is not usually open to the public.

Advance registration required

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 11 AM AND 1 PM

Pierce House Tour

Pierce House, Dorchester, Mass.

Get an in-depth look at the architectural evolution of a New England house lived in by ten generations of one family.

Refreshments follow each tour.

Advance registration required