Upcoming Events

JUNE EVENTS –
Saturday and Sunday, June 2 & 3 – Civil War Encampment. Fee - $5 per car. Lantern Tour & Concert - $20 pp – pre-reservations suggested. 7 – 9 pm
Dessert with the Lincolns - $5 per car.
June 9 – Early Summer Flea Market – 8am – 3pm (rain date June 10) $3 shoppers. Vendors $30.
June 9 – Walk for the Scolerodema Foundation. 8AM – Noon.
June 10 – Maria Allaire’s Wedding Reenactment. At the Chapel – 3PM. Rain Date July 1 – $5 per car.
JULY EVENTS –
Saturday, July 1 – Independence Day Celebration – 11am -4pm Parking fee - $5
Saturday, July 14 – Summer Flea Market – 8am-3pm (rain date July 15). $5 pp.
Saturday, July 21 – Ducky Derby (rain date July 28) Parking $5 per car.
AUGUST EVENTS –
Sunday, August 5 – early Summer Flea Market – 8am-3pm (rain date Aug. 12) $3 pp shoppers. Vendors $30
Saturday, August 19 – Rolling Iron Antique Auto Show (rain date Aug. 26) $5 parking fee.
SEPTEMBER PREVIEW –
Saturday, Sept. 1 – Our First “Back to School Bash” – a fund raiser for the Village Education Programs.
Saturday, Sept. 15 – Late Summer Flea Market
Saturday, Sept. 22 – FALL FESTIVAL IN THE VILLAGE!
Buy tickets for all events at: www.allairevillage.org

About the Village
The Historic Village at Allaire is a 501(c)3 non-profit living history museum that celebrates the life and times of James P. Allaire’s Howell Works Company, a major industrial center in the 1830’s. Your support and donations to the village help us to provide educational opportunities to the community.

WE’RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!
Want to take a trip to the past every weekend? Do you like to learn new things? Are you crafty? Would you like to become a part of something unique and exciting?
The Historic Village is recruiting new volunteers to take a role in the life of the village. We need tinsmiths, woodworkers, blacksmiths, weavers, hearth cooks, gardeners and more! Interested? Call Gina Palmisano at: 732-919-3500 ext. 10 Come Join Us!

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Gina is new to the Allaire team for 2018 as the Coordinator of Volunteers and Interns. A recent graduate of the College of New Jersey with a degree in History and Secondary Ed. Gina has a lot of memories of Allaire having grown up attending its events as a child. She began volunteering at the village in high school and was later hired to be Allaire’s blacksmith. Her experience working in other museums include being one of five people countrywide to be selected for an internship at Washington D.C. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon where she learned more about the inner workings of living history museums. She is excited to start her new position and is happy to be back at Allaire.

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The Historic Village is a prime example of what can be done within the public history field.

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Meet Gina Palmisano

The Historic Allaire Village
In the Good Old Summertime!

The Up and Coming Field of Public History
With advances in technology and research, today’s understanding of history is now more accessible and plentiful than ever. Due to this, our ways of teaching history have changed and adapted as well, including an expanding interest in the field of public history. Public History is the teaching of history in an informal setting using tools and resources that are not commonly found in classrooms. This field is designed to make history more relatable and to help people make real life connections to the past. Museums, in particular, are most commonly associated with public history as they are now coming up with new interactive and innovative exhibits to teach history.

As a living history museum, we interpret to the public what life was like in an 1830s industrial town, with a focus on the many trades that were here at the time. Allaire is playing a role in public history because it is letting its visitors step into the past and visualize its history up close. As visitors enter the village they are truly able to see, hear, touch, and smell the history. By doing historical interpretation and active demonstrations, Allaire is teaching history in ways that are not possible in an everyday classroom. The goal of public history is to bring people of all levels of historical understanding together and have them make a connection to the past. As the field of public history continues to expand, so will Allaire’s methods of teaching its history to the public. – by G.P.

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What’s Going on at the Foreman’s Cottage?

The Apothecary Arts take the stage for hands-on How To’s

In Leather and Wood

Some of our specimens include: catnip (see picture at left of our little furry friend enjoying the flowering catnip), lavender, lemongrass, peppermint, oregano, rosemary, thyme, chamomile, sage, bee balm and coneflower (Echinacea.) All of these plants are credited as having certain properties which aid in the treatment of various common maladies. Catnip is a muscle relaxant and has natural sedative properties for some. However, catnip can cause that goofy, active frame of mind that many cats exhibit upon chewing or smelling the herb. It was also used to calm stomach distress, headache, asthma, colds, and insomnia. Hence, catnip tea was a common curative drink, easily made and given to children as well as adults. 3 tsp. of fresh catnip or 1 tsp. of dried catnip steeped in boiling water for 5-20 min. (depending on your taste and desired effect) will cure ‘what ails ya’!

Lavender is perhaps the most versatile of all of our garden medicinals. In addition to the lovely fragrance often found in potpourri, lavender can be used in cooking to flavor chicken, fish, ice cream or muffins. It can also be used to promote sleep, soothe a headache, a rinse for hair, a freshener for linens and an ingredient to discourage biting insects. Is there anything this beautiful and aromatic powerhouse can’t do?

Stop by the Foreman’s Cottage when you visit the Village and ask about the current projects made to entertain and delight. The spoons, pictured above, began life in the village and have been made over 30 squares throughout the season.

What’s New?

We are pleased to announce a new addition to our Carpenter’s Shop! Thanks to the generosity of Thomas Botte, we will be receiving a replica treadle lathe he constructed when he was a student at Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey.) It is fully operational and with this welcome addition, we will be able to demonstrate wood turning. Stop by at the end of May and have a look at our newest acquisition, pictured below!

The Historic Village relies solely on the generous support of its members, visitors, donors, and granters, to offer educational and interpretive programs throughout the year. All gifts and membership levels are tax deductible.

For complete information on our membership program please visit our web site under “Get Involved” and click the link to our membership form.

Call Kathy Geiser at 732-919-3500 ext. 14 for further information.