



Folsom Tavern, c. 1775

★ SPECIAL EXHIBIT ★

**FOLSOM TAVERN, c. 1775:
A FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

Folsom Tavern • Free with museum admission
Be sure to visit our Special Exhibit during the 5th anniversary of the Folsom Tavern's restoration and re-opening. Learn about the building's dramatic past and how it was saved for future generations!

ABOUT US

Located in historic downtown Exeter, New Hampshire, the American Independence Museum celebrates the extraordinary accomplishments of ordinary people during our nation's fight for freedom. Tour the Ladd-Gilman House, c. 1721, a National Historic Landmark that was home to a signer of the U.S. Constitution, a Governor's mansion, and the NH State Treasury, and the Folsom Tavern, c. 1775, a site for passionate political discourse during the Revolution.

VISIT US

Tours of the American Independence Museum are offered mid-May through October, Wednesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit our Museum Shop at the Ladd-Gilman House to purchase admission tickets and fine products. School and group tours available by reservation year-round.

From points East: Take Exit 10 off Route 101, turn left, following Rte. 85 to stop sign and turn left onto Water Street. To reach the Museum take Center Street, the next right.

From points West: Take Exit 9, turn right, following Rte 27 onto Water Street in downtown Exeter. Take Center Street, next right, to reach Museum.

JOIN US

Membership support allows us to:
★ introduce 18th-century history to people of all ages
★ provide intriguing educational programs
★ preserve our historic properties for generations to come
Three easy ways to join at www.independencemuseum.org!
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★ UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE MUSEUM ★

FEBRUARY

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
PRESIDENT WASHINGTON!**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. • \$7 per person; \$5 members
Best for ages 5 – 95! • Registration appreciated
Stop in and celebrate our first president's 280th birthday! Learn how to dance the minuet, listen to 18th century music, make your own Purple Heart and enjoy light refreshments. Wish President Washington a Happy Birthday when he stops by from 11 am to 1 pm! *Special prizes for children dressed as George or Martha Washington!*



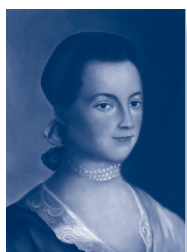
MARCH

**THURSDAY, MARCH 8
VOLUNTEER INFORMATION MEETING**

10 a.m. • Ladd-Gilman House Library • Ages 16+
Do you enjoy history? Want to share your knowledge and enthusiasm with others? Become an AIM volunteer! Join us for an informational meeting and learn about our many volunteer opportunities such as leading tours, teaching programs to visiting students, assisting with marketing and fundraising projects, or helping with a special event. Can't make this meeting? Call 772-2622 for more information.

**WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 14 AND 28
REMEMBER THE LADIES**

7 p.m. • \$5 adults, \$5 members/students
Abigail Adams wrote these words to her husband John in 1776 when he and other colonial leaders were writing the Declaration of Independence. During Women's History Month we will "remember the ladies" with two talks which focus on the lives of Revolutionary-era women. *Certificates of Attendance*



available to students and teachers.

March 14: Last year we met Rachel Revere and now we will meet Mrs. Walker, Paul Revere's mother-in-law, portrayed by Kate Carney.

March 28: Imagine witnessing the fight at Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775, and that your own husband is part of the turmoil. We'll hear from Diann Strausberg as Mrs. Phebe Emerson Ripley, wife of Reverend William Emerson, the Patriot Minister.

APRIL

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21
TEATIME AT THE TAVERN**

11 a.m. or 2 p.m. • \$20 for adult and 1 child; \$5 each additional child. Adult must accompany child; best for ages 6+



• Registration necessary
Sandra Tarbox of the "Colonial Table" invites you for a proper 18th century tea! Sandra will discuss the latest fashions of the day while you indulge in cakes, little cakes (cookies), hedgehogs, sweetmeats along with tea or punch. Crafts and refreshments included!

**TUESDAY – THURSDAY, APRIL 24 - 26
ALL-AMERICAN ARTISTS
COLONIAL CRAFT SERIES**

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. • \$25 per child per class includes all supplies. *SAVE!* Sign up for all three and pay \$60. Ages 8+; parent may stay but not required
Registration necessary. • Class size limited to 8 participants.

Colonists certainly didn't visit Wal-Mart or order what they needed online! If they needed it, they often made it themselves. Participants in this new hands-on vacation-time Colonial Craft Series will learn how to make their own pottery, paper, and patchwork. See full descriptions online at www.independencemuseum.org.

MAY

MAY 16 – OCTOBER 27 ★ OPENING DAY!

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. • \$6 adults, \$5 seniors, \$5 ages 6 - 18, under 6 and museum members free

Huzzah! Take a tour of the Ladd-Gilman House and Folsom Tavern! Guided tours are offered at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. and are approximately 90 minutes. Self guided tours available all day. Be sure to visit our Museum Shop for items of local and historical interest!

**SUNDAY, MAY 20 ★ WHAT'S IN YOUR
ATTIC? ART & APPRAISAL DAY**

1 p.m. – 4 p.m. • \$5 per item or 5 for \$20. Limit of 5 items per visit. No pre-registration necessary

In 1985, the 25th copy of a Dunlap Broadside of the Declaration of Independence was found in the attic of the Ladd-Gilman House, spurring the creation of the museum. Are treasures sitting in *your* attic? Find out as local auctioneers and appraisers Caroline French, Devon Moisan, and Daniel Olmstead offer confidential and objective verbal appraisals.. Event is held at Folsom Tavern.

**THURSDAY, MAY 31
GUARDIANS OF THE PAST: CARING FOR
YOUR HISTORIC HOUSE**

7 p.m. – 9 p.m. • \$20 adults, \$15 members of AIM or NH Preservation Alliance. Registration through www.nhpreservation.org.

The NH Preservation Alliance joins us for a special program during Preservation Month that will focus on the stewardship of an historic home. Experts will use the restoration of Folsom Tavern to highlight some of the issues, such as restoring sash windows, dealing with multiple layers of paint and paper, and finding the right contractors. Learn more about the Alliance at www.nhpreservation.org



★ All events are held at the Folsom Tavern unless otherwise noted. ★

To register for events via Paypal, visit the Calendar page at www.independencemuseum.org or call 603-772-2622

JUNE

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 6 AND JUNE 20
CONVERSATIONS WITH THE AUTHOR

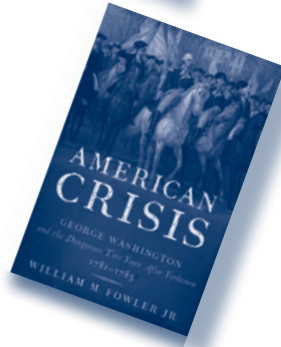
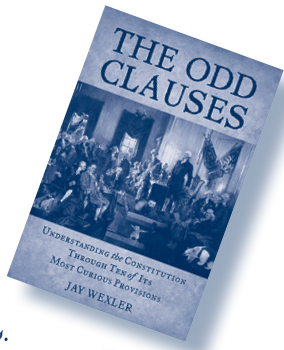
7 p.m. • \$5 adults, \$5 members/students

Meet two authors whose work focuses on the founding of our nation. The authors' books will be available for sale and signing. *Certificates of Attendance available to students and teachers.*

June 6: Jay Wexler, professor at Boston University School of Law and author of *The Odd Clauses*, takes an entertaining look at some of the lesser-known clauses of the Constitution.

June 20: Professor William M. Fowler, Jr.'s latest book, *An American Crisis*, relates the dramatic story of the turbulent two years following the surrender at Yorktown when our new nation almost collapsed. He teaches History at Northeastern University.

★ Thank you to Water Street Books for their assistance with these programs.



JULY



WEDNESDAY, JULY 4
FESTIVE FOURTH!

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Visit us on Independence Day as we celebrate our nation's 236th birthday! Take a tour, try our trivia contest, and enjoy some birthday cake. Special children's craft available at no charge.

JUNIOR ROLE-PLAYER CAMP
MONDAY-FRIDAY, JULY 9-13

Performances at American Independence Festival

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. • \$250/\$225 members

Ages 10+ • Registration necessary

Young ladies who love acting will enjoy this five-day history camp as they take on the role of an 18th century Exeter resident.

Participants will learn proper speech and etiquette as well as daily chores and amusements which they will share at the American Independence Festival. Basic costume available.



SATURDAY, JULY 14 ★ MUSTER DAY!

Muster at American Independence Festival

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. • \$50/\$40 members • Ages 7 – 11

Registration necessary

We Want You! General George Washington is coming to Exeter for the American Independence Festival and properly trained troops are needed to escort him. Prepare for his visit by participating in Muster Day! Learn about the life of a Revolutionary War soldier, how to march and drill. Sign an Oath of Allegiance to

the Patriot cause with a quill pen and make military decorations for your "uniform".

FRIDAY, JULY 20 ★ CHICKEN BARBEQUE

5 – 7:00 p.m. • Congregational Church, 21 Front Street • \$12 adults; \$6 children's hotdog meal; Ice Cream Buffet only: \$5 each

Feast on a delicious chicken barbeque with all the "fixins" and ice cream before you enjoy the live musical, 1776! Last year's event earned four thumbs-up from the AIM staff!

★ Sponsored by Angelino's Sausage House

FRIDAY, JULY 20 - SUNDAY, JULY 22
1776: THE MUSICAL

Fri & Sat at 7:50 p.m.; Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. • Exeter Town Hall, 7 Front Street

For more information, visit <http://1776exeter.wordpress.com>

Musical Arts Academy of School and Dance presents a live production of 1776! With music and lyrics by Sherman Edwards and a book by Peter Stone, the story dramatizes the events surrounding the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It focuses on the efforts of John Adams to persuade his colleagues to vote for American independence and to sign this historic document.

Note: this is not a program of the American Independence Museum. All inquiries should be directed to 1776exeter@gmail.com



AUGUST



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8 ★ PURPLE HEART DAY

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Free admission to all active and retired military personnel during regular tour hours

On August 7, 1782, General George Washington issued an order allowing soldiers who performed "meritorious action" to sew a purple heart of cloth or silk onto their uniforms. We honor the anniversary of this prestigious award and the service of our military by offering free admission to all active and retired military personnel during regular tour hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

JULY



SATURDAY, JULY 21
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
FESTIVAL

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. • Rain or shine • \$7 for events on museum grounds. Members and under 10, free. Swasey Parkway events are free, but donations are appreciated.

On July 16, 1776, the Dunlap Broadside of the Declaration of Independence arrived in Exeter from Philadelphia. Now, 236 years later, we celebrate this momentous occasion and America's freedom! Join the crowd escorting President Washington down Water Street, see the horseback delivery of the Declaration of Independence and listen to the public reading (complete with hecklers!), chat with historic role-players, step to the stirring music of the Lincoln Fife and Drum and delight in the maneuvers and cannon firings of the militias. Visit the traditional New Hampshire artisans' village, view our original Dunlap Broadside and early drafts of the U.S. Constitution. Enjoy plenty of food, music, sidewalk sales and children's activities, then stay for the town's evening fireworks and live band, Rhythm Method.

★ Sponsored in part by the NH State Council on the Arts, Hampton Inn & Suites Exeter, and The Provident Bank

AUGUST

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

CSI: THE CASE OF THE MISSING FOLSOMS

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. • \$50/\$40 members • Ages 10+ • Registration necessary

Become a Colonial Site Investigator to solve this mystery! It's July 16, 1776, and evidence shows that a significant event has just occurred, but the rooms of Folsom Tavern are empty! Young investigators will use clues to solve the Case of the Missing Folsoms!

SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVERSATION

7 p.m. • Free

On Sept. 17, 1787, 39 brave men changed the course of history by signing our U.S. Constitution. Join us for a salon-style evening of discussion as Richard Hesse, Professor Emeritus, Franklin Pierce College, portrays Chief Justice John Marshall, who helped establish a strong national government despite opposition from powerful politicians. *Certificates of Attendance available to students and teachers.* ★ Sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 ★ GOVERNOR GILMAN'S BANQUET

Save the Date! Celebrate with members of the Society of the Cincinnati during our annual gala event! Watch our website for details.

OCTOBER

CRAFTERNOONS!

SECOND THURSDAYS IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

3:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. • \$5 per child per session; Ages 5+; parent may stay but not required

NEW! A fun series of after school activities at historic Folsom Tavern. Try one or try them all!

October 11: Ghouls and Gourds! Learn about Halloween and share ghost stories while creatively decorating your pumpkin.

November 8: Cornhusk Dolls. Colonial children husked corn for the winter and saved the husks for toys. Role player Carol Welch shows us how to make our own.

December 13: Christmas Treasures! Sing carols, decorate cookies and make cards for your family!



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 ★ BREWING IN NH: AN INFORMAL HISTORY OF BEER IN THE GRANITE STATE FROM COLONIAL TIMES TO THE PRESENT

7 p.m. • Free

Presenter Glenn Knoblock explores the fascinating history of NH's beer and ale brewing industry from Colonial days to today's modern breweries and brew pubs. *Sorry, no beer samples given out at this lecture!* *Certificates of Attendance available to students and teachers.* ★ Sponsored by The NH Humanities Council



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 ★ CLOSING DAY

Our tour season ends today. Thank you for another wonderful season!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 ★ GHOSTS OF THE WINTER ST. CEMETERY

Two sessions: 3 p.m. or 4:50 p.m. • \$10 adults, \$8 members and under 12 • Rain Date Oct. 28

Here's your chance to meet some of Exeter's famous departed residents! Join us for a tour of the Winter Street Cemetery, "home" to more than 20 Revolutionary War veterans. Pre-purchase tickets (choose a session) through our website and meet at Winter Street Cemetery in Exeter.

NOVEMBER



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 ★ NATIVE PEOPLE AND THEIR ROLE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

7 p.m. • \$5 adults, \$5 members/students

Native warriors fought alongside both the Colonists and the British during the Revolutionary War. Historical writer and lecturer Dana Benner will discuss the roles they played during this turbulent period. *Certificates of Attendance available to students and teachers.*