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School Program Information
2025-2026

Featured America 250 Programs

Rebels & Royalists: The American Revolution in Connecticut

On-Site Program for Grades 3-5

Available March - June 2026

Rebels & Royalists uses people who lived in the Bush-Holley House during the American Revolution to explore the complexities of choosing a side. A school docent leads students through a tour of the Bush-Holley House. The tour will focus on Sarah Bush and David Bush, the homeowners, as well as Dorcas and Cull who were enslaved by the Bushes at this time. Students will be challenged to think about the details of their lives and how that might have influenced which side they chose to support. The tour is dialogic – encouraging students to ask questions and make observations about the history. In the Education Center, students will be challenged to become historical detectives. Presented with a basket containing six reproduction historic objects, some known and some unknown, students will have to determine the occupation of the owner of these possessions and whether they would have been a Patriot or a Loyalist. The workshop is multi-sensory, engaging students' senses of touch, vision, and even smell!

Time Travel to 1776: Life in Revolutionary Greenwich

Outreach Program for Grades K-5

Available September 2025 - June 2026

Time Travel to 1776 leads students on an exploration of what daily life 250 years ago was like for families in Greenwich. Through costumed interpretation used by museum educators alongside reproduction historical objects, students will learn about food, clothing, careers, entertainment, and education in 18th century Connecticut. An interactive activity allows students to investigate how various historical objects were used and who they were used by.

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On-Site Programs

Available April-June 2026

Historic Homes

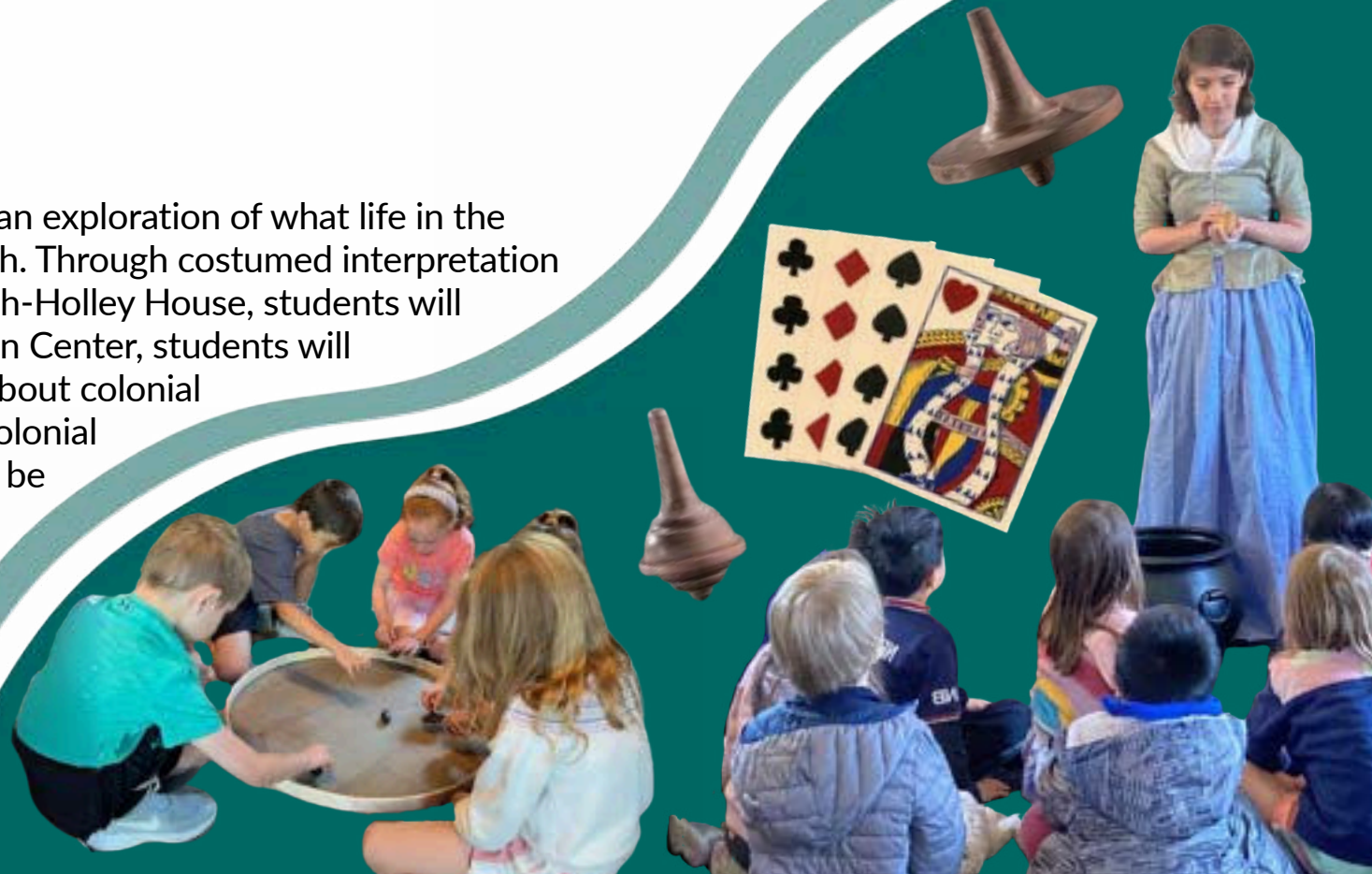
Recommended for Grades PreK-1

Historic Homes introduces young learners to the concept of historic houses and buildings in their community. To begin their visit, students will make “binoculars” out of paper tubes and will learn about close looking. In the historic Bush-Holley House, a museum educator will lead students through an 18th-century kitchen, parlor, and bedroom with a focus on comparing and contrasting these spaces with homes today. Finally, on the grounds of the Historical Society, students will practice their close-looking skills by observing the variety of buildings present on our campus.

Life in Colonial New England

Recommended for Grades K-3

Life in Colonial New England leads students on an exploration of what life in the 18th-century was like for families in Greenwich. Through costumed interpretation used by museum educators in the historic Bush-Holley House, students will learn about food and daily life. In the Education Center, students will participate in a workshop that teaches them about colonial jobs, or trades, through making and learning colonial games! In warmer months, colonial games can be played outside on the Historical Society's campus, in colder months the Education Center's lecture hall will be used.



On-Site Programs

Available April-June 2026

Create Your Own Impression *Recommended for Grades 2-5*

Create Your Own Impression introduces students to the Cos Cob Art Colony that was based at the Holley boarding house during the turn of the 20th century. During a tour of the Bush-Holley House, students learn about the important international and local artists who made Greenwich the cradle of American Impressionism. The program also includes a painting demonstration in the Education Center before students are invited to paint en plein-air on the Historical Society's grounds. All art materials are provided.

Slavery in Connecticut *Recommended for Grades 6-12*

Slavery in Connecticut guides students through the lives of enslaved people including Cull, Patience, Candice, Jack, and Hester who lived at the Bush-Holley House in the 18th-century. The program includes a tour of the historic house with a focus on the daily life of these enslaved individuals and that of their enslavers, David and Sarah Bush. Students also spend time in the museum's classroom examining primary sources and objects – acting like history detectives – to build Candice's life story from slavery to freedom.



Outreach & Virtual Programs

Available September 2025 -June 2026

Mapping Our Community *Recommended for Grades 3-5*

Mapping Our Community uses maps to show changes to the students' own elementary school and local neighborhood from the late 19th to the mid-20th century. These changes fall under the five themes of geography: movement (push & pull of population), location, place, region (characteristics of the New England school system from one-room schoolhouses to consolidated districts), and human-environment interaction (changing the physical landscape to meet the community's needs). Students will look at school district maps, 19th and 20th century maps, as well as photographs, newspaper articles, and ephemera from these eras from the Historical Society's archive.

Ask a Historian *Recommended for Grades K-8* *Virtual Program Available*

Ask a Historian provides students with a unique opportunity to have their questions about history answered by a museum educator! In the weeks leading up the program, students will brainstorm a list of questions about life in the past in their class. These questions will then be sent to the Historical Society's education team, who will put together an engaging presentation that answers the students' questions alongside photographs, artwork, and articles from the Historical Society archive. The 45-minute presentation can be delivered virtually or can be presented in person in the classroom, in which case reproduction historical objects will augment the program with a hands-on experience.



Outreach & Virtual Programs

Available September 2025 -June 2026

Monuments in Greenwich *Recommended for Grades 2-4* *Virtual Program Available*

Monuments in Greenwich teaches students about the history of Greenwich through the lens of its monuments. Students first learn about the different forms monuments can take and then explore 10 different monuments located in Greenwich, including the monument for Yogi the Police Dog, Binney Park, and Perrot Memorial Library. During the presentation, students follow along with a “bingo” sheet and are challenged to see how many monuments they can recognize. Students will learn about historical figures from Greenwich such as Raynal Bolling, Dorthy Hamill, and Edwin Binney (the inventor of crayons and founder of the Crayola company!) through the lens of how they are memorialized and remembered in the place they called home. This 45-minute presentation can either be delivered virtually over Zoom or Google Meet or can be presented in person in the classroom, in which case reproduction historical objects will augment the program with a hands-on experience.

We are happy to work with you curriculum goals to develop programming for students. Contact us to discuss custom programs and pricing. Please note that custom programs will require additional preparation time to conduct research and create materials, and will be subject to additional fees.



Booking Information

Schedule your Visit Today!

School programs can be scheduled Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. One adult chaperone is required for every 10 students. Standard onsite programs are 2 hours long and can accommodate up to 2 classes at a time. Most standard programs can be adapted into extended onsite programs, which are 2.5 hours long and can accommodate up to 3 classes at a time. Outreach and virtual programs are 45 minutes per session and can accommodate one class per session.

2025-2026 Program Pricing

Standard On-Site Programs: \$200 per Class

- 2-hour program
- Accommodates up to 2 classes at a time

Extended On-Site Programs: \$250 per Class

- 2.5-hour program
- Accommodates up to 3 classes at a time

Materials Fee: Additional \$25 per Class

- Applies to *Create Your Own Impression* and *Life in Colonial New England*

Outreach Programs: \$125 per Class

- Accommodates 1 class at a time

Virtual Programs: \$75 per Class

- Accommodates 1 class at a time



*To book a program, contact
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