

Ulster County Historical Society ~ 2010 Education Program

Thank you for visiting our website. Bevier House Museum takes great pride in our highly acclaimed Educational Programs. Our programs are written by and presented by New York State Certified Teachers, all with at least 30 years experience in the classroom. All programs are developed in accordance with the New York State Standards and present core-curriculum programming in a highly interactive way that is enjoyable for the students. Many programs are available either in your classroom or at the museum. Please read the mechanics of our programs below and don't hesitate to call Education Coordinator David Keehn at (845) 336-4746 for more information or to reserve a date for your students.

The Mechanics of Our Programs

The education experience at Bevier House Museum is a complete package. Each program features a Pre-Visit Package for the classroom teacher with suggested preparatory discussion topics and vocabulary to be learned that will be used in the program. After the completion of the program, the teacher receives a "take-home" Post-Visit Package. This package includes follow-up activities for the classroom such as post-visit discussion topics, related crafts and projects to make, suggestions for further student research, and suggested readings. As always, Bevier House strives to continually improve and as such, every attending teacher is given an evaluation form that we hope to have returned.

No Buses? We Will Bring the Program To You.

Because some districts have restricted bussing money, we can bring most programs to your classroom. As museum educators, we feel that the experience is always better if it is possible to bring your students to our museum. The fact of merely being in a museum is a total learning experience for the young people. If this is not possible, we will come to you. Certain programs would have to be slightly modified in your building, but the majority of the experience can be brought to you. Have questions? Please call either at the museum at (845) 338-5614 or Education Coordinator, David Keehn at (845) 336-4746 and we will be able to help you to get the program that you want for your students.

Our Professional Staff

One of the many things that we pride ourselves on at Bevier House is that our programs are written and presented by formally trained educators. Our staff is under the direction of Education Coordinator David Keehn, B.S., M.M. (34 years experience teaching in the Saugerties Central School District) and includes Barbara Lechich, B.S., M.S. (33 years experience teaching in the Hyde Park Central School District); Toni Giacomini, B.S., M.S. (38 years experience teaching in the Saugerties Central School District), Tim Cranston, B.S. (33 years experience teaching in the Kingston Consolidated School District), and Ellen Young, B.A., M.Ed. (22 years experience teaching in the North Carolina Schools). All members of our professional staff are New York State Certified Teachers, each with over thirty years of experience in the classroom. With 160 years of combined experience in working with young people, our educators are truly an arm of your classroom! We "teach" programs as only experienced educators can do.

Other Grants Also Available

Please contact us for our listing of other grant money that Bevier programming is qualified to receive. On request, we would be happy to send this information to you. Please contact us at (845) 336-4746 or peachykeehn@earthlink.net.

What Teachers and Students Say About Us

Exploring Ecology was just wonderful. The presentation itself, the presenters and the interactive activities were top-notch. Thanks for providing a marvelous experience to all of our 3rd grade students at Violet Avenue School!

Hyde Park 3rd Grade Teacher

Our interpreter, Mrs. Lechich was exceptional!

Wawarsing Christian Academy High School Teacher

Great Interpreters!

Hyde Park 3rd Grade Teacher

You did a great job of having the students participate during your presentation!

Hyde Park 3rd Grade Teacher

Every program that we have attended (Slavery, Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Detectives) has been exceptional!

Wawarsing Christian Academy High School Teacher

The field trips offered by Bevier House are very relevant and child-oriented.

Onteora 5th Grade Teacher

The research and development of these Educational programs was extensive and valuable.

Kingston 3rd Grade Teacher

Great teacher resources created by a former teacher!

Kingston 4th Grade Teacher

The Ecology program was an excellent tie-in to social studies and science curriculums.

Saugerties 3rd Grade Teacher

The program was a very worthwhile enhancement for my curriculum.

Saugerties 3rd Grade Teacher

I had a magical time at the Bevier House.

Saugerties 3rd Grade Student

The Christmas tree was beautiful. I could feel Christmas magic on it.

Saugerties 3rd Grade Student

I enjoyed my visit to the Bevier House Museum. Thank you for letting us come.

Saugerties 3rd Grade Student

Programs Available

We currently have six programs available for classroom enrichment. Please click on any of the links listed below for appropriate age levels, availability, and a short description of these programs. Please return to our website on a regular basis, as several new programs will be premiered this school year.

Did The Pilgrims Really Eat Pumpkin Pie? – The Truth About Thanksgiving

Of New York Waters: By Sail and Steam – Hudson, Champlain and Fulton
Exploring Ecology: From Native Americans to Today
Holidays With The Bevier Family
Hands That Picked No Cotton: Hudson Valley Slavery
Museum Detectives: What In The World Is That?

EXPLORING ECOLOGY: FROM NATIVE AMERICANS TO TODAY

Who were the Native Americans that lived on the land we now know as Ulster and Dutchess Counties? How did they provide food, clothing and shelter for themselves using only the resources from the land? What can we learn from the Native Americans about preserving and caring for our environment? Students will see and touch Native American artifacts; learn lessons on Native American usage of their natural surroundings; participate in a highly successful interactive game where they learn about the food chain; and experience how this new information ties in with today's ecology. Through



interactive role-play, students will take on the roles of Native American mothers, warriors, and tribal chieftains, as well as settlers, and today's young people. Your class will also complete a lesson on sequencing the elements of a story line from a story read to them and see the gorgeous illustrations for both the story and the entire program through a wonderful power point sequence.

This highly interactive program, completely redesigned from its original offering has been given rave reviews by educators throughout the Hudson Valley. We strongly suggest that you experience this newly redesigned program.

Age: Grade 1 through 6

Cost: \$5 per student, one teacher/chaperone complimentary with every ten students.

Group Size: 20 to 50 students (larger capacity at your location)

Program Length: Approximately 2 hours

When: All year, Monday through Friday, Saturday by special arrangements

Location: Bevier House Museum or your location

Availability: Museum Location – September, October, November, May and June
School Location – All Year

HOLIDAYS WITH THE BEVIER FAMILY



Travel back in time to experience the holiday season as celebrated by the Bevier family during two distinctly different eras. Your students will learn about how the Bevier family would have celebrated Christmas in both the Colonial and the Victorian Eras. Students will also learn about the class system of gentry and working class, their distinctly different roles within the home and farm and their place in society. The house, lavishly decorated in Victorian splendor and partly

decorated in simple Colonial, radiates beauty as our period costumed educators celebrate the holidays with the students.

Learn about the origin of Dutch customs popularized by Washington Irving. Students, guided by trained museum educators will view the holiday spender, such as trees decorated with handcrafted ornaments, period toys, and colorful holiday floral arrangements.



The program concludes with refreshments served in the colonial kitchen.

This is an extremely popular program so we do suggest that you make your reservations during the months of September and October. Reserve now so that you won't be disappointed.

Age: Grade K through 12

Cost: \$5 per student, one teacher/chaperone complimentary with every ten students.

Group Size: 20 to 60 students

Program Length: Approximately 1 ½ hours

When: Available from the first school day after Thanksgiving break to the last day of school before winter break, Monday through Friday, Saturday by special arrangements

Location: Bevier House Museum Only

HANDS THAT PICKED NO COTTON: HUDSON VALLEY SLAVERY

This dynamic program is a thorough examination of slavery right here on the Bevier Farm. Slavery was not just a Southern problem, but a real concrete issue right here in The Hudson Valley. At one time 19 slaves were owned by the Bevier family. The students will be walking the same floor boards that slaves would have walked in the early 1800s. This exciting program casts the students in roles of slave owner and slave,



slave ship captain and slave ship passenger, auctioneer and those being auctioned. Through imaginative role play students will live these roles. Student's emotions will be drawn out as they examine primary documents including the 1772 Probate Inventory taken upon the death of Louis Bevier, and are asked to do critical thinking exercises based on these documents. Students will physically



experience how it felt to be “packed” aboard a slave ship. This dynamic program ends literally on a high note with every student exploring slave culture by taking part in an authentic African Drumming Circle. Thirty pieces of hand made percussion, crafted in Africa have been purchased for the conclusion of this interactive program.

Unfortunately our textbooks teach very little about this topic. Please consider bringing your students to our museum to “live” this program. Based on the New York State Standards, this program is presented in an age-appropriate manor with dignity, respect and sensitivity. Don't miss this incredible experience!

Age: Grade 4 through 12

Cost: \$5 per student, one teacher/chaperone complimentary with every ten students.

Group Size: 20 to 30 students (larger capacity at your location)

Program Length: Approximately 2 hours

When: All year, Monday through Friday, Saturday by special arrangements

Location: Bevier House Museum or your location (drumming circle now included)

*Availability: Museum Location – September, October, November, May and June
School Location – All Year*

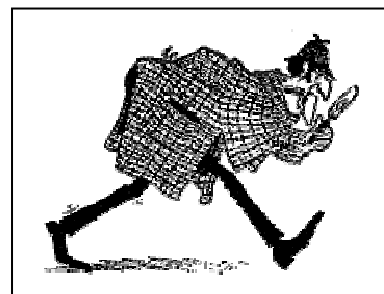
MUSEUM DETECTIVES:

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT?



In this exciting new offering, students in five person teams venture through the museum on a scavenger hunt to find secret “clue holders.” The students will decipher riddles to find the secret artifact in that particular room. Artifacts representing past occupations, leisure activities, fashion, and household décor will be found and interpreted by the students.

Students will use the knowledge that they have gained on the scavenger hunt to play a floor game that determines which group will be named “Super Detectives of the Day.” Museum educators continue the program by escorting your class to five more stations throughout the museum to play the “Then and Now Game.” In this game, students examine reproduction Colonial and Victorian artifacts that they can touch in order to determine



their use and how they relate to the modern equivalent sitting next to it. History is learned by handling and seeing the artifacts up-close and hearing how the technology has changed in each set of items. Students conclude the program by making a related take-home craft or activity. Students are guaranteed to have lots of fun while learning core-based curriculum. Based on the New York State Standards, this program is fun for all ages!

Age: *Grades 1 through 7*

Cost: *\$5 per student, one teacher/chaperone complimentary with every ten students.*

Group Size: *20 to 50 students*

Program Length: *Approximately 1 ½ hours*

When: *September, October, November, May and June, Monday through Friday, Saturday by special arrangements*

Location: *Bevier House Museum Only*

DID THE PILGRIMS REALLY EAT PUMPKIN PIE? - THE TRUTH ABOUT THANKSGIVING



Dressed in authentic costumes that the colonists would have worn in Plymouth in 1621, our talented interpretive staff will lead Grades 2 through 6 in an amazing new program about this important national holiday. Recognizing that 80% of what is taught about Thanksgiving is incorrect, this program will teach the real truth. This interactive program explores everything from style of dress, to Mayflower myths, to what was really on the first Thanksgiving menu. Students will alphabetize the very unusual names of some of the Colonists who lived in Plymouth and will also analyze a large variety of foods on the table before them to determine which foods would have been on the menu for the first Thanksgiving. Relationships between the colonists and the Native Americans will be examined to determine the truth about the acceptance of the new “pale-skins” in the New World. Working in small groups, students will plan and budget an authentic dinner for the holiday. Students will also review primary documents in the form of letters that the Plymouth inhabitants (they weren’t called Pilgrims until centuries later) wrote and sent home to Europe. Patterning their own writing after the original, they too will write letters “home.” Don’t miss this program offered only during the months of October and November. We will immerse your students in the *truth* about our national holiday.



Age: Grades 2 through 8

Cost: \$5 per student, one teacher/chaperone complimentary with every ten students.

Group Size: 30 or more students

Program Length: Approximately 1 ½ hours

When: October and November through the last day of school before Thanksgiving Break, Monday through Friday, Saturday by special arrangements

Location: Your Location or Bevier House Museum

OF NEW YORK WATERS: BY SAIL AND STEAM - HUDSON, CHAMPLAIN AND FULTON



Four hundred years ago, Henry Hudson was the first European to discover the Hudson River, Samuel de Champlain navigated the lake that bears his name, and two hundred years later Robert Fulton established steam travel on the Hudson River. Celebrate these extraordinary events with

us in “Of New York Waters: By Sail and Steam – Hudson, Champlain and Fulton.”

This wonderful new program will marry history with science and language arts in a fabulous exploration of the discoveries and inventions of these three important historical figures. Students will witness first hand the workings of the steam engine, discover how wind powered vessels sailed the rivers and lakes of our state, experiment with friction to see how steam power worked better on water then on land, and will see, hear about, and compare the lives of these three fascinating men. Based on the New York State Standards, this interactive program draws the students into learning core curriculum information in an engaging manor that will be celebrated throughout the state. This is an essential offering during 2009!



Age: Grades 3 through 12

Cost: \$5 per student, one teacher/chaperone complimentary with every ten students.

Group Size: 20 to 50 students (grades 3 through 8), 20 to 30 students (grades 9 through 12), larger capacity at your location

Program Length: Approximately 2 hours

When: All year except December, Monday through Friday, Saturday by special arrangements

Location: Bevier House Museum or your location

Availability: Museum Location – September, October, November, May and June
School Location – All Year