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News from Wistariahurst Museum



Portrayal of Skinner Housekeeper
Hattie Reilly performed by Patricia Mew

Wistariahurst Comes Alive! *The Skinner Servants' Tour*

A LIVING HISTORY OF WISTARIAHURST

Step back in time for a unique opportunity to experience Wistariahurst like never before! Back by popular demand, *The Skinner Servants' Tour: A LIVING HISTORY OF WISTARIAHURST* will be performed over three weekends this November in collaboration with Holyoke-based educational theater company, Enchanted Circle Theater. Immerse yourself in living history as you enter the home of the Skinner Family in 1927. This dramatic theater production written by Priscilla Kane Hellweg and Rachel Kuhn is designed to draw you into the compelling relationship between the Skinner Family and their servants. Experience Holyoke's very own Downton Abbey. Based on primary source documents, and performed in the magnificent 26-room mansion that is Wistariahurst, *The Skinner Servants' Tour* takes you behind the scenes of the Skinner Family household. The servants that were employed by the Skinner Family were numerous and played an invaluable role in managing the Skinner Family estate. This site-based play is about the life of the Skinner Family, premier silk manufacturers of the 20th century and prominent residents of Holyoke, as told through the voices of their family servants. The performance tells a remarkable story that is both educational and wonderfully engaging. Wistariahurst welcomes visitors into its halls for a rewarding cultural experience. Join us for this lively event!

"A fascinating time capsule - a triumph of logistics. Entertaining, informative and thoroughly delightful."
Chris Rohmann, WFCR

PERFORMANCE DATES

Sunday, November 3rd @ 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 9th @ 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 10th @ 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 16th @ 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 17th @ 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$30/\$25 students & seniors. Includes Complimentary Valet Parking.

Purchase tickets online at www.wistariahurst.org

A Million Things to Get Done

Learn more about the lives and histories of the Skinner Family Servants in a special exhibition, *A Million Things to Get Done: Working at Wistariahurst 1874-1959*, on view November and December in the Gallery. Storyboards reveal a narrative of the household staff employed by the Skinners. Discover the various ways servants helped to maintain wealthy estates and uphold a lifestyle that such families were accustomed to living. Artifacts, diary excerpts, letters and photographs reveal the untold stories that the Skinner Family Servants left behind.

Admission to the Gallery is \$3



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Autumn Tumble

September and October Gallery Exhibition: *What Comes of the Fall: Works by Lyn Horan*

Opening Reception Saturday, September 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Gallery Talk with Lyn Horan Saturday, September 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Wistariahurst's gallery will feature the work of local artist Lyn Horan in a very timely exhibition entitled, *What Comes of the Fall*. Fall has long been Horan's favorite season, a time she feels ignites something deep and mysterious in her, with its crisp, spicy air, show-stopping colors and its harvest of many tastes. With all of its beginning fantasy, autumn is also the season of reality and immediacy, as we know that winter is pending. Horan's exhibition encompasses a selection of bold drawings, paintings and mixed media collages representing a visual celebration of the fall, a contradictory season of life that rolls in with fantastical colorful promises, then blows it all to the winter ground waiting below in a single rainstorm.

The opening reception for *What Comes of the Fall* will take place on Saturday, September 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Meet Lyn and learn about her painting, sculpture & other work and hear what inspires her after several years of dedication, exploration and endurance in a gallery talk on Saturday, September 28 at 2:00 p.m. Works on view through October 28. *Admission to gallery \$3*

Do You Have an Appetite for History?

This fall, Wistariahurst is serving up a series of lectures and presentations that will focus on food-related history in the Pioneer Valley. Presenters will share fascinating stories about growing, cooking, eating, sharing and storing food.

The series is inspired by our Scholar in residence and recipient of AASLH's Alderson Internship Grant, Elyse Moore, who is working on a biographical culinary history writing project (cookbook) based on archival research entitled *Belle's Table*. The cookbook focuses on the Skinner family experiences between 1880 and 1930, situating Belle Skinner (1864-1928) locally in Holyoke, New York City and France.

Join us as we explore ingredients, origins, lore, ritual, distribution and learn about their profound impact within our communities and on our 21st century culture. From farms, vineyards and kitchens to herbals, cookbooks and restaurants, Wistariahurst offers some food for thought every Monday night in the Carriage House from September 9 through December 16. *General Admission is \$7 / \$5 for members*

Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food & Culture in the Pioneer Valley

Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Carriage House.

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| Sept. 9 | <i>The Seminary Kitchen</i> Food traditions and the work at Mt. Holyoke College with Sara Jonsburg |
| Sept. 16 | <i>The Skinner Sisters & the Skinner Coffee House: Food, Charity & Community</i> with Elyse Moore |
| Sept. 23 | <i>Grape Growing and Winemaking in the Pioneer Valley</i> with Gary Kamen |
| Sept. 30 | <i>Remembrance of Instant Noodles Past</i> with Dr. Deborah Gewertz & Dr. Frederick Errington |
| Oct. 7 | <i>A History of Nick's Nest</i> with Jennifer Chateaufeuf |
| Oct. 21 | <i>Hispanic Caribbean Foods</i> with Harry Rodriguez |
| Nov. 4 | <i>Medicinals and Herbals</i> with Reba-Jean Shaw-Pichette |
| Nov. 18 | <i>From Garden To Farm</i> with Ryan Voiland |
| Nov. 25 | <i>Kate's Donuts and Emily Dickinson</i> with Michael Kelly |
| Dec. 2 | <i>Culinary Curiosities at Smith College</i> with Barbara B. Blumenthal |
| Dec. 9 | <i>Ice Harvesting & How it Changed Food Storage</i> with Dennis Picard |
| Dec. 16 | <i>Celebrating Land and Sea: Modern Indigenous Cuisine in New England</i> with Rachel Sayet |

Add some JAZZ to your Saturday Evenings this Fall!

Wistariahurst premieres a four part concert series sure to make you tingle to the core. Saturday Night Jazz features a variety of accomplished musicians from near and far. Each night features a distinct sound in the world of jazz from the funky twang of banjo strings, to smooth double bass and even an upbeat flugelhorn. Start tapping your toes each night at 7:30pm in the Music Room at Wistariahurst. You won't want to miss any of these exciting performances!

The first show in the series is **Arthur Brooks and Ensemble V**. Their music comes from traditional jazz, utilizing more contemporary schemes of formal music to create post modern jazz. Featuring Jeremy Harlos, Anthony Santor, Matt Weston and Arthur Brooks, these musicians are recognized professionals who have performed both nationally and internationally.

Cynthia Sayer's Jazz Banjo & Friends return to Wistariahurst. Sayer breaks all the banjo player stereotypes as she single-handedly brings the 4-string banjo to the forefront of jazz. Her vocals are divine and her banjo a force of nature – think Django Reinhardt meets Bela Fleck. Sayer is joined once again by Mike Wetherly, on bass and new this year, by acclaimed jazz/ roots violinist Matt Glaser. Reservations are a must, as seating is limited!

Wistariahurst hosts the **Arturo O'Farrill Family Band** with a concert presented by Pioneer Valley Jazz Shares, a grass-roots, member-supported jazz presenting organization. Arturo O'Farrill has earned a reputation as a soloist in groups led by Dizzy Gillespie, Wynton Marsalis, Harry Belafonte and more. O'Farrill is a celebrated composer with a ground-breaking and forward-looking perspective.

The final evening features **Ed Byrne & Eastern Standard Time**. This is 21st century jazz! Ed Byrne has worked with many of the world's finest musicians, such as Chet Baker, Herbie Hancock, Charles Mingus and Buddy Rich, to mention just a few. Byrne is a world-class jazz trombonist and composer, and is accompanied by Jonny Johansson, Mike Caruk, and Holyoke native and co-owner of the independent recording label Simmer Music, Mark Dunlap.

Museum Day – Saturday September 28

Get Your Ticket Online & Call Ahead to
Schedule A Free Guided Tour of Wistariahurst

Wistariahurst Museum is pleased to be a partner in Smithsonian magazine's Museum Day to offer free general admission for guided tours. Attendees must present a Museum Day Admission Card to gain free entry which can be accessed online at www.smithsonian.com/museumday. Each card provides museum access for two people, and one admission card is permitted per household. Participants interested in touring Wistariahurst are encouraged to schedule a tour time in advance as group tour sizes are limited. A tour schedule can be found on the Museum's website: www.wistariahurst.org.

A celebration of culture, learning and the dissemination of knowledge, *Smithsonian's* Museum Day reflects the spirit of the magazine, and emulates the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, DC-based properties. Doors will be open free of charge to *Smithsonian* magazine readers and Smithsonian.com visitors at museums and cultural institutions nationwide, including Holyoke's Wistariahurst Museum. This is an open invitation for community members to experience and enjoy a multitude of cultural offerings. Listings and links to ALL participating museum can be found at Smithsonian.com/museumday.

September 14	Arthur Brooks and Ensemble V Tickets \$12 general / \$8 members
September 28	Cynthia Sayer's Jazz Banjo & Friends Tickets \$20 general / \$15 members
October 19	Arturo O'Farrill Family Band Tickets \$15 at the door or purchase on line at www.jazzshares.org
November 23	Ed Byrne & Eastern Standard Time Tickets \$12 general / \$8 members



WISTARIAHURST MUSEUM
Upcoming Events Fall 2013
Register online for these events at wistariahurst.com

September and October Gallery Exhibition: *What Comes of the Fall: Works by Lyn Horan*

What Comes of the Fall is a selection of bold drawings, paintings and mixed media collage infused with the mystery and ambiguity of autumn. Works on view through October 28. *Admission to gallery \$3*

Monday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – *The Seminary Kitchen* with Sara Jonsburg

Food traditions and the work surrounding cuisine at Mt. Holyoke College in its earliest days have lasted from the 1800's into present day. *Admission \$7 / \$5 members*

Saturday, September 14 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. – Garden Workshop: Terrariums

Make a lovely miniature indoor garden under glass with plants that will mature in time for holiday gift giving. Presented by Master Gardener Shari Petrucci. Talks and workshops are presented by the Wistariahurst Museum Gardeners and Western MA Master Gardeners. The cost of all talks benefit the garden restoration at Wistariahurst Museum. *Admission \$45 per person; Pre-registration is required by 9/7*

Saturday, September 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Opening Reception: *What Comes of the Fall: Works by Lyn Horan*

Meet local artist Lyn Horan and view her latest paintings, drawings and mixed media in the Gallery. *Admission to gallery \$3*

Saturday, September 14 at 7:30 p.m. – Saturday Night Jazz: Arthur Brooks & Ensemble V

Arthur Brooks and Ensemble V return to Wistariahurst after a fantastic musical debut this past Spring. Ensemble V's music comes from traditional jazz, but utilizes more contemporary schemes of formal music to create post modern jazz. *Tickets \$12 general / \$8 members*

Monday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – *The Skinner Sisters & the Skinner Coffee House: Food, Charity and Community* with Elyse Moore

Learn how and why the Skinner sisters provided ample, nutritious food at reasonable prices to women and girls who worked in the Holyoke Mills; and how the coffee house empowered this community of women. *Admission \$7 / \$5 members*

Monday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – *Grape Growing and Winemaking in the Pioneer Valley* with Gary Kamen

Focusing on the unique wines available in the Pioneer Valley, Kamen will discuss the kinds of grapes well suited for the local climate, issues associated with growing grapes in northern climates, and winemaking styles that match the fruit available in this area. *Admission \$7 / \$5 members*

Saturday, September 28 at 12:00 p.m. – Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day Live!

Wistariahurst will grant free admission for one person plus a guest for an historic house tour with a Free Admission Card. Visit our website for tour schedule; participates are encouraged to schedule tours in advance as group sizes are limited. For more information and to obtain free admission card go to <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday>

Saturday, September 28 at 2:00 p.m. – Gallery Talk with Lyn Horan

Artist Lyn Horan will talk about her painting, sculpture and other works and what inspires her after several years of dedication, exploration and endurance. *Admission to gallery \$3*

September 28 at 7:30 p.m. – Saturday Night Jazz: Cynthia Sayer's Jazz Banjo & Friends

Contemporary, edgy, and soulful, Cynthia Sayer breaks all the banjo player stereotypes as she single-handedly brings the 4-string banjo to the forefront of jazz. This is sure to be a sold out show! Reservations a must! *Tickets \$20 general / \$15 members*

Monday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – *Remembrance of Instant Noodles Past* with Dr. Deborah Gewertz and Dr. Frederick Errington

Instant noodles are a remarkable industrial food consumed by millions—young, old, affluent, and impoverished. Their invention has spread to diverse markets worldwide, revealing much about the workings of a global food system challenged to provision 9 billion mouths by 2050! *Admission \$7 / \$5 members*

Saturday, October 5 at 11:00 a.m. – Garden Talk: Herbs & Spices for Good Health

Master Gardener Chris Brown will discuss how to cook delicious goodies using spices and herbs from your garden. Samples as well as a demonstration and recipe sharing are included. Talks and workshops are presented by the Wistariahurst Museum Gardeners and Western MA Master Gardeners. The cost of all talks benefit the garden restoration at Wistariahurst. *\$5 donation*

Sunday, October 6 at 3:00 p.m. – *From Opera to Broadway* Sunday Afternoon Concert

This entertaining program featuring Lisa Woods, Steve Curylo, Teri LaFleur, and Jerry Noble will include operatic arias and duets in the first half, followed by songs and duets from *A Little Night Music* and *Annie Get Your Gun*, among others. *Tickets \$12 general / \$8 seniors and students*

Monday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – *A History of Nick's Nest* with Jennifer Chateauneuf

Come learn about one of Holyoke's well-known landmarks. Nick's Nest has been in business since 1921, when it began as a roadside popcorn cart. Current owner Jenn Chateauneuf will discuss its history and how it has changed over the years. *Admission \$7 / \$5 members*

Saturday, October 12 – Discover Holyoke! Kick-off at 10a.m. at Wistariahurst

Explore Holyoke's exciting and abundant cultural, recreational, and educational venues and sites all in one day! Visitors enjoy ongoing events throughout the city for \$2. Wistariahurst will offer guided city tours. For more information visit www.PassportHolyoke.org

Sunday, October 13 at 2:00 p.m. – Classical Guitarist Michael Sheridan in Concert

Michael Sheridan possesses extraordinary talent as a solo performer, with a repertoire that includes Spanish guitar, Tango, Bossa Nova, and complex South American-style pieces, found on his new album *Prelude*. *Tickets \$10 general / \$7 seniors & students*

Saturday, October 19 at 7:30 p.m. – Saturday Night Jazz: Arturo O’Farrill Family Band

Arturo O’Farrill is a pianist, composer, educator, founder & artistic director of the Afro Latin Jazz Alliance. The concert is sponsored by Pioneer Valley Jazz Shares, a member-supported jazz presenting organization. *Tickets \$15 at the door or purchased online at jazzshares.org*

Monday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: A Historical Exploration of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – Hispanic Caribbean Foods with Harry Rodriguez

Expand your palate with flavors of the Caribbean. Learn about a variety of ingredients, as well as some traditional foods of Puerto Rico and Latin America. *Admission \$7 / \$5 members*

Saturday, October 26 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Jeepers Creepers: Ghouls & Goblins!

Holyoke Parks & Rec and Wistariahurst collaborate to create a fun-filled event at Wistariahurst including games, crafts, goodie bags and more! *Admission \$2 per child or \$10 for families of 5 or more children.* To register, call Holyoke Parks & Rec at 413-322-5620. This event is rain or shine

Saturday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. – Candlelight Tours

Tour ghostly Wistariahurst by candlelight! Creep down darkened hallways and rooms of the spirit-filled Skinner Mansion on a rare guided tour at night! Reservations necessary. *Tickets \$15 general / \$10 members*

Sunday, October 27 at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. – Historic Holyoke Cemetery Tour

Join City Historian Penni Martorell for an insightful afternoon or evening walking tour through Forestdale Cemetery. The history of some of Holyoke’s founding families will be revealed. Rain back up is Monday, Oct. 28 at 6:00 p.m. *Admission \$10 / \$7 members, pre-registration is required*

November & December Gallery Exhibition – A Million Things to Get Done: Working at Wistariahurst

Maintaining Wistariahurst required the labor of many people. Maids, cooks, butlers and gardeners were just a few of the servants who worked daily to keep the Skinner household running smoothly. This exhibit captures some of the faces, voices and personalities of the domestic staff who worked for the Skinner Family. *Admission to the gallery \$3*

November 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 – The Skinner Servants’ Tour: A Living History of Wistariahurst

Step back in time for a unique opportunity to experience Wistariahurst Museum like never before! Go behind the scenes of the Skinner Family household. SST is performed in collaboration with Holyoke-based Enchanted Circle Theater. Reservations necessary. **Show times are Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.** *Tickets \$30 general / \$25 students & seniors*

Monday, November 4 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – Herbs and Medicinals in Early America with Reba-Jean Shaw-Pichette

Come learn how, for centuries, many local and transplanted herbs were used by colonists and Native Americans for medicinal purposes. *Admission \$7 / \$5 members*

Monday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – From Garden To Farm, A Chronicle of Red Fire Farm and the Farming Career of Farmer Ryan Voiland

Taking over his Dad’s small garden as a kid in the 1990s, Voiland has grown Red Fire Farm into 100 acres of certified organic farmland that provides produce for about CSA members as well as farmers markets and wholesale customers all around Massachusetts. *Admission \$7 / \$5 members*

Saturday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. – Saturday Night Jazz: Ed Byrne & Eastern Standard Time

This is 21st century jazz! Eastern Standard Time plays original funky jazz originals by world-class jazz trombonist Ed Byrne. EST will groove with intense rhythms blended with modern harmonies with extremely tight, well-rehearsed arrangements.

Tickets \$12 general / \$8 members

Monday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – Kate’s Donuts and Emily Dickinson with Michael Kelly

Among the poems and letters, one can also find evidence of Dickinson’s time spent in the kitchen of the Homestead making cakes, donuts, & cookies. *Admission \$7 / \$5 members*

Monday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – Culinary Curiosities at Smith College with Barbara B. Blumenthal

From chocolate and puff pastry to Julia Child and Charlotte Turgeon, this discussion is a tasting of cookbooks, housekeeping and etiquette manuals, modern artist books with culinary themes, and food-related oddities. *Admission \$7 / \$5 members*

Saturday, December 7 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. – Annual Winter Soiree

Celebrate the holidays in style! There will be live music from Susan Duncan and Keith Cooper of Room for 2, festive hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar, as well as a raffle for some fabulous prizes. Reservations suggested. *Tickets are \$35 general / \$30 members*

Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 p.m. – Holiday Concert with New Valley Singers

Come see Wistariahurst decked out for the holiday season with boughs and holly, and listen to old favorites in Belle Skinner’s Music Room, sung by a wonderful chorus. Don’t miss it as it’s sure to be a holiday crowd pleaser! *Tickets \$7*

Monday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – Ice Harvesting and How it Changed Food Storage with Dennis Picard

Historian Picard will share the interesting tale of the once massive commercial business of harvesting block ice from New England’s lakes—an enterprise that is now fading from our collective memory. *Admission \$7 / \$5 members*

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, December 13, 14 & 15 – Nutcracker & Sweets

Created for children of all ages, Nutcracker & Sweets is a unique and intimate experience presented through narration and dance, in the historic setting of Wistariahurst. **Show times are Fri. at 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Sat. at 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Sun. at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.** Reservations Required. *Tickets \$12.50 / children 8 yrs and under \$3.50*

Monday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m. – Culinary Incidents: Historical Explorations of Food and Culture in the Pioneer Valley – A Celebration of Land and Sea: Modern Indigenous Cuisine in New England with Rachel Sayet



Haunted Happenings - Halloween at Wistariahurst! Jeepers Creepers: Ghouls & Goblins!

Saturday, October 26 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

What are you doing this Halloween? Holyoke's Parks & Recreation is bringing spooky chills and spectacular thrills to Wistariahurst! The fright-filled event on Saturday, October 26 from 1 to 4pm will include eerie explorations, scary music, ghoulish games, creepy crafts, goodie bags and more! All attendees are encouraged to come in costume, the scarier the better! *Admission \$2 per child or \$10 for families of 5 or more children.* To register, call Holyoke Parks & Recreation at 413-322-5620. This is a rain or shine event.

Candlelight Tours Saturday, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m.

When night falls, secrets are revealed! Seeking thrills? Come take an unnerving excursion through the darkened hallways on a candlelight walk at Wistariahurst. When the past comes back, the restless spirits haunt the rooms of Skinner Mansion on a ghostly guided tour of Skinner Mansion. Reservations necessary. *Tickets \$15 general / \$10 members*



Historic Holyoke Cemetery Tours Sunday, October 27 at 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Witness the final resting places of Holyoke's founding sons and daughters at scenic Forestdale Cemetery. City Historian Penni Martorell will provide an insightful afternoon or evening walking tour through the cemetery established in 1862. Rain back up scheduled for Monday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. *Admission \$10 / \$7 members, pre-registration is required*



R. Stewart Kilborne with his nanny.

Work & Play in a Manor House

Monday, October 14 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Travel back in time to experience the Skinner mansion at the turn of the 20th century. Find out about members of the Skinner family, their servants, and experience the household as it ran on a day-to-day schedule – from making beds to dinner etiquette! Using objects from the past, kids will discover what everyday life was like as a young master or miss and they will explore the “behind-the-scenes” life of working servants. Participants will learn how to read an artifact from the past through hands-on exploration. This program introduces today's youth to life in a household manor, comparing and contrasting upper class and working class as well as the different roles each played. *Admission \$7, pre-registration is required*



Discover Holyoke: Historic Tours of the City from a Double-Decker Bus

Saturday, October 12 – Tours Begin at 10:30 a.m.

Tour the city of Holyoke from a double-decker bus as part of Discover Holyoke Day – a city-wide celebration of art, culture and history organized by PassportHolyoke. With the purchase of a \$2 wristband, visitors can hop on the bus for 45-minute tour to see and hear about historic building & landmarks. That's not all! The wristband allows you free or discounted access to art, music and dance performances, demonstrations and workshops, a locomotive train, several museums in downtown Holyoke, and much more! Organized by PassportHolyoke,

the Annual Discover Holyoke Day kicks off at 10:00 a.m. at Wistariahurst Museum and events continue well into the afternoon. You won't want to miss out on the exciting opportunities to explore the city! Wristbands can be purchased throughout the day at Wistariahurst Museum, Open Square and Heritage State Park, where activities will be happening all day long. End the day at the Holyoke Latin Jazz Festival from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. For more information go to PassportHolyoke.org

Holiday Season of Nutcracker & Sweets

The best thing about the holidays is Massachusetts Academy of Ballet's Nutcracker & Sweets at Wistariahurst Museum! Created for children of all ages, Nutcracker & Sweets is a unique and intimate experience presented through narration and dance, in the historic setting of Wistariahurst. Student dancers will perform the magical story with lively choreography and Tchaikovsky's wonderful score as it may have been in Holyoke in the 1890's when the Skinner Family lived at Wistariahurst. Sparkling dancers and sugarplum fairies will alight, mice will scamper, snowflakes will gracefully scatter, colorful nutcracker soldiers will march, bonbons will delight, and there's so much more to the story!

Massachusetts Academy of Ballet Educational Training Association is a school for students interested in pursuing classical ballet. Classes are based on the Russian syllabus, a training method that has created some of the best ballet dancers in the world. Rose and Charles Flachs, the directors of the Academy, have danced professionally and are currently Professors of Dance at Mount Holyoke College and guest teachers with the Pennsylvania Academy of Ballet.

We hope you'll join us for this holiday classic with a twist! Dates for Nutcracker & Sweets are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 13, 14, & 15. Advance reservations necessary as seating is limited. Show times are Friday at 4:00 p.m and 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 11:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. *Tickets go on sale online October 14 and are \$12.50 general / children 8 and under \$3.50*



Benefits of Becoming a Wistariahurst Museum Member

Over the last half century, Wistariahurst Museum has become a significant cultural and historic site proudly serving the community and collaborating with other organizations to create compelling exhibits and inspiring programs. The Museum offers to the community—gardens that are open to the public, free house tours to children under 12 (accompanied by an adult), access to research archives and local history resources, and free admission to the carriage house and its exhibits. We are encouraged by the strong support of individuals, families & organizations who share an appreciation of the past and a vision for the future of the museum.



In an effort to better acknowledge longstanding Museum supporters and promote the growth of our membership program, Wistariahurst is working to improve membership benefits. Members can now enjoy discounted admission to many of our events and will receive special invitations and announcements to feature programs. Look for discounted member rates in our calendar of events listing. Membership levels are affordable and also include a discount in the Museum Gift Shop. Members of Wistariahurst can also take advantage of free guided tours with every visit.

After evaluating the cost of print publications, the Museum is aiming to reduce expenses by slowly transitioning to electronic newsletters. By next fall, only members will receive The Vine in print. We invite YOU to become a member of Wistariahurst Museum, if you are not already! Participate in the variety of educational, historical and cultural activities of this historic site by joining today. You can become a member anytime throughout the year. Join online or fill out membership information located on the back of our newsletter. We look forward to welcoming you to our growing list of Museum Members! Take satisfaction in knowing that you play a vital role in Wistariahurst and its significance in the cultural life of this region.

Wistariahurst is a dynamic place to experience history, culture and the arts. Membership enables us to present new and exciting programs, maintain the historic building and so much more. From the grand halls of Belle's Music Room to the beautifully sculpted gardens, membership support is important for sustaining program offerings and provides assistance to ongoing preservation and restoration work.



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Become a Member of Wistariahurst Museum

Membership entitles you to great discounts at Wistariahurst and helps to support the work we do! We hope you will join Wistariahurst's growing community of supporters and take advantage of all the benefits membership provides.

Your Gift is Meaningful. Thank you for your Generosity.

Please make checks payable to *Wistariahurst Museum*

- \$30 Individual New Membership
- \$50 Family/Dual Membership Renewal
- \$100 Belle Skinner Circle
- \$250 William Skinner Society
- \$500 Skinner Mills Society

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The Museum is open for guided tours every Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 12 – 4 p.m.. Historic House Tours are \$7 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors. The Gallery is open every Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 12 – 4 p.m. During these hours, the **Carriage House & Gift Shop** is also open. **Hours for Archive Research** are Monday from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. & Thursday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., or by appointment. For more information or a schedule of other upcoming events, please visit our website at www.wistariahurst.org or call 322-5660.