Fenimore Art Museum
and
The Farmers’ Museum

Come Live History with Us!

SCHOOL PROGRAMS
2019 - 2020
Guided Gallery Tours
The amazing exhibitions and collections at Fenimore Art Museum provide great opportunities for students to learn and make real-life connections! Tours are just $4.00 per student/ $9.00 per adult, and can be tailored to fit in seamlessly with your curriculum and meet your specific classroom needs.

Highlight Tour (Grades K-12)
Held September-December, April
Learn about art, history, and culture in this special highlight tour for students of Fenimore Art Museum’s collections! Our Museum staff will lead a tour of the fine art, folk art, and American Indian art, focusing on the most important and interesting pieces. Younger students will be introduced to what an art museum is, including how to read labels, how to decipher artwork, and why making and viewing art is important. Older students will take part in a more in-depth investigation of some of our key artworks from artists including Grandma Moses and Gilbert Stuart.

Thinking Through Art (Pre-K–8th)
Student inquiry and curiosity are the focus of this gallery-based tour. A museum guide helps students read artwork as a primary source document and encourages them to draw their own conclusions about art and history. This tour includes activities in three rotating galleries, highlighting special exhibitions based on teacher requests. Our 2020 exhibitions include famed illustrator/author Jan Brett. Her best-known titles include The Mitten, The Hat, and Gingerbread Baby.

Native American History and Culture
Use our museum classroom to teach Common Core modules! Fenimore Art Museum offers creative activities that fit seamlessly with curriculum requirements for Native American history and culture.

Six Nations Iroquois Life Tour (4th–12th)
On the Six Nations Tour, students experience the history and culture of the Native people of New York State and the Northeast woodlands through a variety of hands-on experiences and interactions with interpreters. The Six Nations Haudenosaunee tour includes visits to the Seneca Log House, the Mohawk Bark House and the Thaw Collection of American Indian Art at Fenimore Art Museum. Students have many opportunities to handle natural resource materials such as animal skins, shells, and feathers, and they learn about Haudenosaunee games including lacrosse and double-ball. In the world-renowned Thaw Gallery of American Indian Art, students explore objects made by Native Americans from every corner of the continent. This program is active and engaging, allowing students to develop a rich understanding of Native American cultures. Tours are just $4.00 per student/ $9.00 adults

Hands-on Workshops (4th–12th)
Create a learning experience that will last all year by adding a hands-on component to your visit! Students will be able to make their own traditional Native American craft, such as a corn husk doll or Native American masks. Workshops are just $4.00 per student/ $9.00 per adult.

Hamilton’s Final Act: Enemies and Allies (4th - 12th)
Discover the true story the hit musical is based on! In the exhibit Hamilton’s Final Act: Enemies and Allies, students will explore artworks and life masks which tell the stories of Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, and other related figures such as Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, along with the original letters between Hamilton and Burr which led up to the duel where Hamilton was mortally wounded. Students will also visit our American Folk Art exhibit, and take part in a roundtable dramatic reading and debate of the letters between Hamilton and Burr. Tours are just $4.00 per student/ $9.00 adults

Includes NY Learning Standards in: Social Studies, The Arts, ELA

A free online lesson plan, classroom activity, and lots of information available on our educational website HamiltonBurr.org.
Museum Quest

Visiting the museums in May and June is a great way to enhance your curriculum and get hands-on experiences outside the classroom. Classes explore The Farmers’ Museum, Fenimore Art Museum, Lucy B. Hamilton Amphitheater, and the Native American sites on self-guided tours at their own pace. A series of staffed activity stations at both museums allow students to explore our collections through standards-based activities in social studies, the arts, math, science, and English language arts.

This program serves pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, is tied to the Common Core, and is $6.00 per student/$14.50 per adult. We encourage one chaperone for every 10 children and extend complimentary admission accordingly.

Harvest of History

Harvest of History is a place where New York State Agriculture and our collective past come alive. The Farmers’ Museum is pleased to present this interactive website and fourth-grade curriculum dedicated to agriculture and rural life in New York State. With just a few clicks, you have access to our historic village, and our database of primary sources, including museum objects and documents. You can explore our Historic Village and find other classroom resources.

Go to HarvestofHistory.org to start the journey.

Self-Guided Tours

Tour the Museum at your own pace! We welcome self-guided school groups during regular Museum hours. Please call us in advance to book.

Reservations are required for all programs and self-guided tours. Please call 607-547-1461 or email schoolprograms@farmersmuseum.org.

* Adult admission must be paid with school group payment at time of arrival. Otherwise adults will pay (2) museum fee of $22.00.

**We encourage one chaperone for every 10 children and extend complimentary admission to teachers and additional adults at that ratio. This applies only for our Guided Tour Programs and Museum Quest Program. Does not apply for self-guided tours.
Guided Tours
Every fall and spring, pre-K through 12th grade students enjoy themed tours guided by knowledgeable and engaging museum educators. Each tour satisfies specific New York State learning standards and includes hands-on opportunities to interact with objects and artifacts in our living history museum. Tours are $4.00 per student/ $9.00 per adult and last two hours.

Highlight Tour (all ages)
Explore our Historic Village and get a glimpse of life in the 1800’s.

Ox-Cart Man (Pre-K–2nd)
Take a peek at life in the 1840’s using this book as a guide.
SS 1, 4; ELA Common Core RL.1/3/7, SL.1/2/3/6, L.4/5; Mathematics Common Core K.G, 1.MD, 2.MD

Farmer Boy (2nd–7th)
Explore the farm and village through this beloved story.
SS 1; ELA Common Core SL.1, L.4

Simple Machines (4th–8th)
Look at the ways simple machines were used in traditional farming.
SS 1; MST 1,4,5; ELA Common Core RL.4/6/7/8, RF.4, SL.1/3, L.4

Tradesman’s Tool Chest (4th–12th)
Visit with the village pharmacist, blacksmith, and other tradespeople to see their tools and products. SS 1, ELA SL.1, L.4

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19th Century Life Workshops (4th–12th)
The Farmers’ Museum workshops give students a chance to roll up their sleeves and get their hands on history, art, math and science in a fun way! Through interactive activities such as blacksmithing, sewing, farming, and letterpress printing, students gain an understanding of community life in the 1840’s.

By breaking into small groups, each student can focus on a mid-19th century trade or craft and create their own historical item. Workshops are $6.00 per student and meet standards in social studies, the arts, math, science, technology, and English Language Arts. Workshops are 90 minutes, and are followed by a one to two-hour tour of the historic village.

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• Blacksmith’s Apprentice
• The Printer’s Devil
• Pharmacy Medicines and Remedies
• Life on the Farm
• Textiles
• Schoolhouse Daze

• Quilling
• Reverse Painting on Glass
• A Stitch in Time
• Marbling
• Papermaking
SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Schools in need of assistance may apply for school scholarships. For more information, visit our website, call 607-547-1461 or email schoolprograms@farmersmuseum.org.

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