SPRING 2023
Family and Homeschool Enrichment

Art, Science, and History come together at the Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village in Brownington, VT!
Offering high quality, hands-on programming for families!
For 6 to 12 year old children unless otherwise indicated.

Registration by sending an email to outreach@oldstonehousemuseum.org The email must include:
1.) Contact: Parent/guardian name and phone number
2.) email address
3.) names and ages of the children that will be attending
4.) The classes you wish to attend.
Register early - registration is limited.
A confirmation email will be sent to assure your slot in the program.
Cost: $12 per class, plus a material fee where noted. Free where noted.
Spring classes are payable per class. All classes are weather dependent and we reserve the right to cancel or reschedule all offerings.
Course fee will be with a check payable to Orleans County Historical Society or exact cash. Sliding fee scale available upon registration request.
The Old Stone House Museum Family Club

Sat., April 22  12:30-3:00  Amazing Earth Day Celebration
Join us for an open studio making recycled arts projects. We will have boxes of all shapes and sizes, rolls of masking tape, paints, glue guns, and other items you can’t even imagine without entering our studio space - labeled as “trash”. Bring your innovative ideas, engineering know how and creative crafting skills. We will build, stack, connect, and create art and fun objects. A few outdoor environmental games will round out our fun time together as we celebrate and honor the earth! Only Lowered cost for this program - $6.00 per child/adults no cost

Sat. - May 20th  12:30-2:30  Pond Studies
Dip right into the pond with nets behind the Lawrence Barn in this active class as we jump into investigations using bug boxes and hand lenses and take a close up look at the fascinating world of Macro (non microscopic) Invertebrates (animals without a backbone) that live in the pond. Learn how to identify water quality based on animal diversity of pond creatures and learn about the entire pond ecosystem.

FULL Sat. - June 3rd, 10:00-12 Noon - Needle Felting Join us for a morning of artistic fun and creativity as we use wool from our sheep friends to make three dimensional critters of all kinds. Materials and instructions provided. 8-12+ year olds. (younger siblings welcome with parent assistance.)

Sat.- June 3rd  12:30-2:30  Drawing from Observation
Join artist and illustrator Bill Tulp for some lessons in drawing from observation. The class will consist of outdoor sketching on the museum grounds and or from set up still lifes if the weather is inclement. Students who keep a sketchbook should bring their work to show. Paper and clipboards, pencils will be provided for students not yet ready to commit to sketchbook drawing.
HOMESCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Weds. - May 10th 10-12N  Renewables by Design:
Do you love hands-on science? Are you interested in learning about energy? We are very excited to bring the Vermont Energy Education Project to the Grammar School!!! Students are challenged to think like engineers tasked with reducing our dependence on fossil fuels. This workshop helps students develop their understanding of renewable and non-renewable sources of energy and to adapt renewable energy design parameters to produce the greatest amount of electricity and positively affect the environment. Through a series of hands-on wind, solar, and hydro stations, students test variables, collect and analyze data, and start to construct explanations and solutions from the evidence. *(9-12 year olds only, younger siblings welcome with permission/conversation with coordinator).* This is a New Generation Science Standards linked offering. Contact Dana for detailed standard information.

FULL Friday - May 19th 10:30-12:30 Bees - Our Pollinating Friends.
Spend the morning with Apiarist Garrett Thibault learning lots of fun facts about bee behavior. Participants will make and use small bee boxes to track and find feral bee colonies. See a demonstration with bees from the yard and learn how to use the box for tracking a bee line in other locations.
*Participants with bee allergies should bring their epi pens and be aware that we will be safely in the vicinity of our sweet pollinators.*
**Weds. - May 31st 10:30-12:30 Nature Journaling**

Delve deep into Natural History on our recreation trail! Let’s get ready for summer with a splash of drawing, data, record keeping and close observation of the local environments you explore! Nature Journaling could lead to decades of close observation, seasonal data and perhaps a lifetime of naturalist study. Phenology, the study of cyclic and seasonal natural changes and phenomena will be introduced as a full calendar year activity.

**NEW!! - Remarkable Rhubarb! - 10am to 12N, Tuesday, June 6th**

Join baker Gillian D’Acierno and find out why this leafy giant was historically known as "the pie plant" as we bake perfect rhubarb pies together. After making pie crusts, we'll harvest our own rhubarb and prepare filling, coming up with some special crafts for the plant's inedible leaves.”

We will be baking in the Historic Hall House kitchen!

Register today!

**Weds.- June 7th 10:30-12:30 Weed Walkers/Trailside Gawkers**

Some of our common weeds were used historically as natural remedies and have useful qualities. Participants will go on a “weed walk” around the historic village and recreation trail and learn historical tidbits and a wide range of uses (dyes, medicine, food, pollution abatement) of the common plants that we see everyday. A great and fun class to connect with the ordinary plants in our lives, learn a bit of botany and begin a habit of close nature observation. We will also do a hands-on project related to the plants we observe on the museum grounds.

**FULL Weds. - June 14th 1:30-3:30 - Veducation Van**

“Come join the Vermont Garden Network’s Veducation Van at the Old Stone House garden for an afternoon of cooking and learning about the benefits of freshly grown fruits and veggies! We'll make a meal together with the Veducator’s Solar induction stove and learn about how what we eat impacts our body, our microbiome, and our mental health!”

- no cost.
Our Historic Field Games will be available after each program for approximately an hour. We invite you to stay and play on our nice warm, spring, sunny days!

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Cost: $12 per child/per class for most classes.

Sliding fee scale by contacting outreach@oldstonehousemuseum.org

The Vermont Garden Network’s mission is to cultivate well-being by helping people of all ages access resources to grow food, build confidence and connect with each other. The Veducation Van is a no cost program! Registration to secure a spot is still necessary.

Aiming to build community with our museum families!