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FRESH GOODS

SHOPPING for CLOTHING in a NEW ENGLAND TOWN
1750-1900

**"...charming, informative, and
frequently surprising."**

The Boston Globe

Plan a visit now! The Museum's newest exhibition, *Fresh Goods: Shopping for Clothing in a New England Town, 1750-1900*, whose title was drawn from an 1818 ad for the Concord dry goods shop of Josiah Davis, is on view until July 8. A runway-ready selection of historic clothing from the Museum's rarely-exhibited collection is displayed together with accessories — shoes, hats, purses, and fans. The dry goods shops of Concord center, where fabrics for many of the outfits were purchased, are also explored through a variety of objects imported from across the globe. Material culture historians Jane and Richard Nylander served as Consulting Curators, while Astrida Schaeffer of SchaefferArts created and dressed the forms. *Fresh Goods* is part of the MassFashion consortium of eight leading cultural institutions in the Commonwealth who have created exhibitions and programs exploring the many facets of fashion as expressed in Massachusetts from the historic to the contemporary.

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JOHN M. FERRELL IS NEW INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On March 1, 2018, John M. Ferrell started as Interim Executive Director of the Concord Museum. This comes after the successful seven-year tenure of Executive Director Margaret R. (Peggy) Burke, who retired on February 28, 2018.

John joined the Museum's Board of Governors in 2010 and became Vice President in 2011. He has served as a member and chair of the Development Committee, member of the Nominating Committee, and is the current chair of the Building Committee. John will oversee the Museum's operations and the building of the new Education Center.

Prior to the Concord Museum, John was President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Boston, a position he held for seventeen years.

Ralph Earle, Vice President of the Board of Governors and Chair of the Search Committee is working with the New York firm Phillips Oppenheim in the search for a new Executive Director.

FROM THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Concord Museum continues to move forward into an exciting new era.

We have lots of great news to report. In February we celebrated the "Topping Off" Ceremony as we reached the more than half-way mark of construction of the Museum's Education Center. This was followed by the unveiling of extraordinary pieces from the Museum's historic clothing and textile collections in the new exhibition, *Fresh Goods: Shopping for Clothing in a New England Town, 1750-1900*. It's a show you don't want to miss!

We are on schedule for the opening of the Education Center this September with a fun schedule of festivities for the public to enjoy. We look forward to welcoming you! If you've been waiting to support *Revolution: The Campaign for the Concord Museum*, there is still time to help us reach our \$13 million goal.

Right now plans are underway for a series of family activities at the historic Wright Tavern, including hands-on history presentations, walking tours of Concord, and other programs. Stay tuned for more information about these exciting new opportunities!

I have been a member of the Museum's Board of Governors since 2010 and am excited to serve as the Interim Executive Director. The Museum is an ambitious and vital organization, as you know. This strength comes directly from the collective energy and commitment of you, our community of members and supporters. Our impressive accomplishments give me great confidence in the future. Thank you for your continued support and patience during our renovation period. If you have any questions, I welcome hearing from you at jferrell@concordmuseum.org.



John Ferrell, Interim Executive Director; Peggy Burke, Executive Director Emerita; Churchill Franklin, President of the Board of Governors; Andy Anway, President of Amaze Design; and Sara Smith, Richard Lewis Media Group, at the Topping Off Ceremony on February 2.

John Ferrell, Interim Executive Director

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EDWARD W. KANE HONORED IN NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TITLE

Churchill Franklin, President of the Concord Museum Board of Governors, announced a tribute to generous patrons Edward (Ed) W. Kane and Martha (Marty) J. Wallace. “For over two decades, Ed and Marty have been dedicated to the mission of the Concord Museum and have helped shape the Museum into the inspirational and educational community institution that it is today. In recognition of their continued support of the Museum and their generous gift to *Revolution: The Campaign for the Concord Museum*, we are pleased to announce that the Museum’s Executive Director position will now be known as the Edward W. Kane Executive Director.”



Marty Wallace, Peggy Burke, and Ed Kane.

Churchill continued, “As a long-time Concord resident and supporter of the Museum, and Honorary Member of the Museum’s Board of Governors, Ed has helped the Museum evolve, engage, and now expand.”

Recently retired leader Margaret (Peggy) R. Burke became the first Edward W. Kane Executive Director on February 20, 2018 – a tribute to her bold leadership of the Museum and the campaign, and her vision for future education initiatives. Upon her retirement on February 28, the Board of Governors voted unanimously to make her Executive Director Emerita of the Concord Museum.

TOPPING OFF CEREMONY FOR THE NEW EDUCATION CENTER

On February 2 we celebrated the progress of the Concord Museum’s new Education Center at our Topping Off ceremony. Guests signed the final steel roof beam before it was raised, with an American flag affixed, to be welded into place – truly an amazing sight, and a wonderful way to recognize how close we are to sharing this new space with the community.



Ralph Earle, Vice President of the Board of Governors.

Topping off the final beam to the Education Center.



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CALENDAR

Spring 2018

For reservations or more
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or call 978.369.9763, ext. 216

PATRIOTS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

Visit the Museum's website for a full schedule of activities. All activities included with Museum admission, Members free.

Colonial Fun at the Museum

Saturday, April 14 • 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 15 • 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Gallery talks, collection spotlights, activities, and crafts.

Encampment by the Billerica Colonial Minute Men

Saturday, April 14 • 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Join the Billerica Colonial Minute Men as they demonstrate candle and soap making, musket firing, leather stitching, musket ball and button casting, and baking bread and pies. 12:00-3:00 p.m. at the Concord Museum, 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Wright Tavern, 2 Lexington Rd, Concord, MA.

Patriots' Ball

Saturday, April 14 • See page 7 for more details.

Patriots' Day

Monday, April 16 • 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Enjoy patriotic crafts for families, try on colonial clothing, and explore the Museum's outstanding collection of objects that were witness to the events of April 1775.

Patriots' Day Celebration at Wright Tavern

Play colonial games and learn about the role the tavern played on April 19, 1775. Ongoing from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Free. 2 Lexington Rd, Concord, MA.



Colonial Cloth with Cluck and Baa Farm

Drop by the Museum to learn about spinning, weaving, wool preparation, and meet the animals themselves from Cluck and Baa Farm of Hollis, NH! 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Patriots' Day is made possible in part with the generous support of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.



CLOTHING & SHOE DRIVE • Now through July 8

Bring by new or gently used clothing to donate to The Wish Project based in Lowell and Catie's Closet for the run of *Fresh Goods*.

FRESH GOODS GALLERY TALK

April 5, May 12, & June 8 • Join Concord Museum Curator David Wood for a closer look at *Fresh Goods: Shopping for Clothing in a New England Town, 1750-1900*. 2:00-2:30 p.m. Free with Museum admission, **Members free**.

VACATION WEEK - HISTORY ADVENTURES!

Tuesday, April 17- Friday, April 20 • Come by each day of April vacation week for a new history adventure! Drop by anytime from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to get hands-on with history through various demonstrations of sewing, weaving, and the creation of colonial militia uniforms. Included with Museum admission, **Members free**. Appropriate for all ages.

FREE COMMUNITY DAY

Thursday, April 19 • Middlesex County residents are invited to visit the Museum for **free**. Sponsored by NorthBridge Insurance Agency, proud to partner with N.P. James Insurance.



DECADES OF FASHION COCKTAIL PARTY

Tuesday, May 15 • Dress in your favorite decade and enjoy a fashion-centric evening at the Concord Museum complete with cocktails and treats inspired by the history of fashion in New England. Visit *Fresh Goods* and view clothing and accessories that reflect how locals experienced shopping in the 18th, 19th, and 20th century. Registration required. 6:00-8:00 p.m. \$15 Museum Members, \$25 Non-members.

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HIDDEN TREASURES: WRIGHT TAVERN OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 19 • Celebrate this historic and hidden treasure! Learn about the role the building played in the events of the Revolution. Throughout the afternoon, enjoy colonial games, crafts, and a colonial clothing try-on for kids, and learn about the many owners of the building leading up to the present day. Lastly, at 3:00 pm join in on a walking tour of the Old Hill Burying Ground, just up the hill from the Tavern. 2:00-4:00 p.m. **Free.**

29TH ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

Friday & Saturday, June 1 & 2 • The tour of gardens is self-guided and self-paced, beginning each day at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until 4:00 p.m. Tickets are good for either or both days, but each garden may only be visited once. Organized by the Guild of Volunteers. \$30 Members, \$35 Non-members; online or at the Museum front desk before May 28. Tickets purchased on or after May 28 or at the door: \$35 Museum Members, \$40 Non-members. No refunds; no photography. See page 7 for more details.



WALKING TOUR OF MAIN STREET

Sunday, June 3 • Take a walk down Concord's Main Street with local historians Barbara Forman and Judy Fichtenbaum. Learn more about the shops that existed on the "Mill Dam" and how Concordians shopped for clothing and goods in the 18th and 19th centuries. This walk is part of a series of programs related to *Fresh Goods*. Registration required. 1:00-2:30 p.m. Members **free**, Non-members \$10.

23RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 11 • See page 7 for more details.



LECTURE SERIES

Museum Members free,
Non-members \$5
Registration recommended
Lectures 7:00-8:00 p.m.



The Indigenous Look: Attire in 18th century Massachusetts

Thursday, May 3 • Aquinnah Wampanoag artist and designer Elizabeth James-Perry will discuss the 1700s in terms of Indigenous Massachusetts

attire and jewelry including the interesting combinations and substitutions of Native and Euro-American styles. *Sponsored by Middlesex Savings Bank.*

Transgressing the Color Line: Depictions of Free Blacks in the Popular Press

Thursday, May 10 •

Writer and historian Jonathan Michael Square analyzes images of free Africans Americans in New York City, Philadelphia, and Boston that appeared in the popular press in the 19th century. In partnership with the Robbins House.



Shift, Stays, and Pannier

Thursday, May 31 • Join historians and living history interpreters Linda Greene and Michele Gabrielson for an in depth look at how women got dressed every day in the 1700s. Perfect for anyone interested in colonial era costume or the lives of women in the 18th century!



names & faces



Fresh Goods Exhibition Opening

1. Carol Wilson and Nancy James of NorthBridge Insurance Agency, proud to partner with N.P. James Insurance; John Ferrell, Interim Executive Director of Concord Museum and Bonnie Sullivan of Middlesex Savings Bank.
2. 18th century style-setters Ann Gibson, Joan Laxson, and Irina Huynh.
3. Nationally known and Boston based clothing designer Darby Scott and her husband David Kloss.
4. *Fresh Goods* Consulting Curators Jane and Richard Nylander.



5-7. *Fresh Goods* Kids' Opening Costume Party
Costumes, crafts, and games. All photos by Carol Boughrum.

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As you read this newsletter, participate in a public program, or enjoy a special exhibition at the Concord Museum, you are benefitting from the generosity of individuals just like you who have chosen to support the Museum with a gift to the Annual Fund. Please join this growing community of supporters by giving generously to the 2017-2018 Annual Fund.

You, our members and friends, are the source of the Museum's vitality, growth, and continued success. The Annual Fund is the single most important source of support for the Museum, and your participation at any level makes a big difference. As we build off the energy and momentum of this transformative moment at the Museum, the Annual Fund is essential to bringing you, and the thousands of schoolchildren who visit the Museum each year, creative and bold programming that delights, challenges, and inspires. We hope you will choose to support this important work with a tax-deductible gift to the Annual Fund today.

Gifts to the Annual Fund may be made in the enclosed envelope, online, or by calling 978-369-9763 ext. 228.

GUILD AFFAIRS

Whether you want to celebrate Patriots' Day in style, hone your green thumb, or enjoy a relaxing day on the links, the Concord Museum's Guild of Volunteers has something for you!

Come one, come all to the **Patriots'**

Ball at Concord's historic Armory on Saturday, April 14! Chair Aura Bruce and the event committee (Kelly Benkert, Kim Piculell Coughlin, Michelle McArdle, Pam

Nelson, and Sarah Walton) invite you to the revived Patriots' Ball featuring Americana-style food, music by The Hip Replacements, and cherished Ball traditions.



The **29th annual Garden Tour** will present six of Concord's outstanding private gardens (plus two surprises!) on Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2! Chairs Lyn Carroll and Patty Flint welcome you to this self-guided tour that will inspire fledgling gardeners and accomplished landscapers alike. The perfect Mother's Day gift for avid horticulturists and their families to enjoy together!

Dust off your clubs for a beautiful day of golf on Monday, June 11 at the Concord Country Club. If you've always wanted to golf at this historic Club with a Donald Ross designed course, now is your chance! The **23rd annual Golf Tournament** features bramble style play followed by a reception.

For tickets, visit www.concordmuseum.org or call 978-369-9763 ext. 216.

EDUCATION & PROGRAMS: SPRINGING FORWARD

The great work continues in the Concord Museum education department, where we are currently balancing our schedule of spring programs for schools, families, and adults with our planning for the imminent opening of the new Education Center. In addition to our very busy calendar of events (see pages 4-5), including our annual Patriots' Day celebrations and an extensive array of programming related to *Fresh Goods*, we are also working with the New England Museum Association to offer a workshop on April 9 entitled "Caring For and Utilizing Textile Collections." The daylong workshop will bring staff from other museums in New England to the Museum to explore the *Fresh Goods* exhibition and develop real-world strategies for caring for and utilizing textiles in their collections.



Meanwhile, our school programs are currently in the midst of the busiest part of the season, with students from all over the region visiting the Museum every day from now until the end of the school year. We recently completed the first year of our highly successful outreach program on 19th century African American daily life in Concord, where we visited all of the 2nd grade classrooms in the Concord Public Schools – a continuation of our longstanding partnership with the district. This summer, we will be partnering with the Museum Institute for Teaching Science, Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary, and the Walden Woods Project, to conduct a summer institute entitled "Landscapes for Learning: A Natural Confluence of Science, Literacy, Mathematics and Place-based Pedagogy," where we will host teachers in grades 3-8 for a week of sessions designed to encourage inquiry-based learning that connects students in meaningful ways to their local environment.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Fresh Goods:

*Shopping for Clothing
in a New England Town,
1750-1900*

March 2 through July 8, 2018

HOURS

Mon.-Sat. 9-5; Sun. 12-5

ADMISSION

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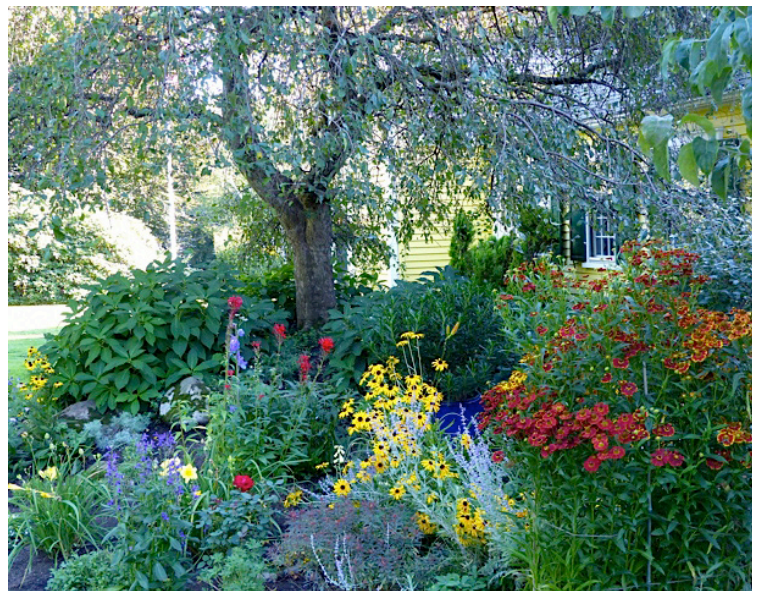
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