



Rehoboth
Antiquarian
Society

FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN AT THE CARPENTER MUSEUM

Things have been exciting at the Carpenter Museum this fall, and we still have so much more to come!

We spent September continuing our 250th American Revolutionary War celebrations with Rehoboth and its Veterans in the American Revolution: A Carpenter Museum Symposium. We were impressed by all of the fantastic conversations during the day. We were joined by Keynote speaker Robert A. Geake and Hank Coleman, and many lovely local historical and cultural organizations. We want to thank The Mass Cultural Council and all of the volunteers.

As part of this event we also installed Rehoboth in the Revolution. If you haven't yet seen the display, the posters are up throughout the museum and barn, including the list of Rehoboth Veterans. Was one of your family members involved? Then they might just be up on our wall so come by to learn more about Rehoboth's involvement in the Revolutionary War.

In partnership with the RAS Revolutionary War 250th Anniversary Committee we held a cider press demonstration and tasting event



UPCOMING CARPENTER MUSEUM EVENTS

Plantation Goods:

A Material History of American Slavery

Thursday, October 9th 6:30-8:00PM

Join us for a talk by Seth Rockman to learn about American history through seemingly mundane artifacts like shoes manufactured in Massachusetts for the use of enslaved people in Mississippi. Rockfield is a Professor of American History at Brown University and an author of several books. His latest book was a 2025 Pulitzer Prize in History finalist.

Free Event / Registration Appreciated but Not Required

Register by calling the museum at (508)252-3031 or emailing carpentermuseum@gmail.com

Crafters' Marketplace

Saturday, October 18th, 9AM-3PM

Join us for our 46th annual craft show! This jury selected show has been a staple of the South-Eastern Massachusetts fall craft show season for decades, featuring over 40 vendors at three locations within the Rehoboth Village.

Kid's Paper Making Workshop

Saturday, November 22nd 10:30AM-12:00PM

Join the Carpenter Museum at Blanding Library's Goff Hall for paper making for children. Participants will learn about the historic process of making their own paper and will take home paper made themselves!

Ages 7+ / Free Event / Registration Appreciated

Register by calling the museum at (508)252-3031 or emailing carpentermuseum@gmail.com

First Saturday of the Month

Carpenter Museum and Dyer Research Center

Open 1-4PM

November 1st

December 6th

January 3rd

Carpenter Museum Closed for the Holidays

December 23rd - January 1st

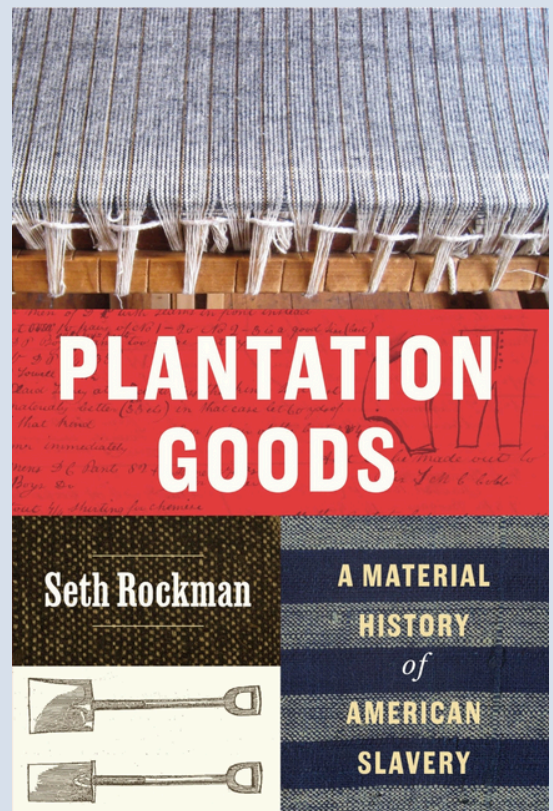


with Spencer Morris from Sowams Cider Works. Did you know that cider was one of the most popular drinks of the Revolutionary War? Not only is Morris a professional cider maker with years of experience, but his insight into the history of this popular drink and his two hundred year old press demonstration were fascinating. We also got to try some absolutely delicious cider. It was a perfect way to spend a Fall Saturday.

In between all of our events we also put in a new exhibit, Woven Histories: The Art and Labor of Early American Textiles. Fiber arts is a continuous and important thread throughout human history and one that we want to highlight during the next couple years. Within this exhibit we look at the local, and larger, ways in which fiber arts have impacted and been impacted by Rehoboth residents.



A perfect tie-in to the new exhibit is the October 9th lecture by Professor Seth Rockman from Brown University. Rock man will be at the Museum at 6:30pm to talk about his newest book, *Plantation Goods: A Material History of American Slavery*. In this talk Rockman tells the biggest stories of early American history through the most mundane artifacts. In following these goods from the communities in which they were made to the communities in which they were used, Rockman rethinks the geography of slavery and freedom in the decades between American independence and the Civil War. Registration is recommended.



We are also hosting our annual Crafter's Marketplace on October 18th from 9:00am-3:00pm! This prestigious show has dozens of vendors selling their wares to raise money to support Museum projects and programming. This show is committed to bringing quality handmade items from skilled crafters to their shoppers. The Marketplace is free to enter, free to park, and makes the perfect autumn outing. As always we will have a fundraiser bake sale and a vendor wares raffle.

to make your own unique paper and learn some decoration techniques. This event will be good for children ages 7+, though all ages are welcome. Registration is recommended.

Thank you to everyone who has joined us for events. We can't wait to see you again! To register for any of our events contact Chelsea Johnston at carpentermuseum@gmail.com or leave a message at (508)252-3031.



We will also be running a children's Papermaking Workshop with Blanding Library on November 22! Join us to learn about this history of paper making and get a chance

GOOD-BYE SUMMER BASH



The Blanding Library ended summer and kicked off fall with our Good-Bye Summer Bash. Children of all ages were engaged in fun crafts and activities such as making giant bubbles, face painting, fishing, and painting rocks to add to our garden snake "Bookey". A highlight of the day was the making of cork sailboats that could then be raced down blue water-filled gutter race tracks.

Between games of giant connect four, giant checkers, corn hole, and ring toss, refreshments of lemonade, popcorn and frozen treats were had and live music by the Jammers added to the fun of the afternoon and was enjoyed by all.



UPCOMING BLANDING PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Annual Book Sale

Sat. October 11th and Sun. October 12th 10AM-3PM

Friends Preview Night Friday October 10th 5-7PM

New Friends Members may join at the door.

Closed in Observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day

Monday October 13th

Holiday Book Craft

Wednesday, October 15th 6:30-8:00PM

Make a pumpkin, a turkey, and a holiday tree, all from books! Start each project with instruction then finish at home. All materials provided. Space is limited.

Ages 16+ / Registration required

Call (508)252-4236

Yoga & Stories for Littles

Monday, October 20th, 10:30-11:30AM

Led by yoga instructor Rebecca Mele, from Little Yoga, this program is dedicated to enhancing a child's physical & mental well-being using the breath, calming and mindful techniques. Join Rebecca and Miss Jocelyn from CFCE for this session of yoga. Some mats are provided, but you may bring your own along with a water bottle.

Ages 0-5 / No registration required

Book Vases

Wednesday, October 22, 6:30-8:00PM

Book Fun part two! Create a book vase and fill it with fall decor. All materials provided. Space is limited.

Ages 16+ / Registration required

Call (508)252-4236

Tot Time with Miss Joyce

Tuesdays 10:30-11:30AM

Children & caregivers are invited to join us in our hall for a fun interactive program of movement, books, music, games & more.

Ages 0-4 (siblings welcome) / No registration required

Story with Miss Cathy

Thursdays 10:30-11:30AM

Join us for a story or two! A simple craft will be available to make or take home.

Ages 3+ (siblings welcome) / No registration required



Arts In The Village

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Arts in the Village is pleased to present five concerts for its 23rd season. All performances now take place on Sunday afternoons at 2:30PM at Goff Memorial Hall.

You may subscribe at a discount for the season, or pay at the door for individual concerts. Please add a donation to help ensure the future of Arts in the Village. On concert afternoons, payment may be made by cash, credit card, or checks made out to Rehoboth Antiquarian Society. We look forward to seeing you there!

The next AIV concert will feature the Elm Chamber Ensemble on November 9th.

Longtime friends with international careers, the members of the Elm Chamber Ensemble have come together to form a group devoted to great music and great music making. From the instrumentation of the piano quartet, the Ensemble crafts programs that may include works for quartet, trio, and duo. These

combinations facilitate programming masterworks rarely heard together. For this performance they will present piano quartets by Mozart and Brahms, and a rarely heard duo for violin and cello by Bohuslav Martinu.



CRAFTERS' MARKETPLACE



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 18TH
9AM-3PM**

In the historic Rehoboth Village
4 Locust Ave. / Rehoboth, Massachusetts
Free to enter / Free to park