



Rehoboth
Antiquarian
Society

SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

JUST FOR MEMBERS: MAY EVENTS WITH THE ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

Members of the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society are welcome to join us at the Carpenter Museum Saturday May 2nd from 1-3PM for this year's members only event, *What the Rebels Ate: A Colonial Hearth Cooking Demonstration*.

The demonstration will be led by reenactor and hearth cooking enthusiast Stacy Booth. She will use our historic kitchen to make authentic 1700's food for our members to enjoy. As she cooks she will lead us through the history of the food she is preparing and what the Revolutionary colonists ate both on the field and at home. This will include a look at some local dishes. Attendees will have the chance to help cook as well as taste the prepared foods and will be joined by the Rehoboth Minute Men dressed in period attire.

Our Members Only Event is a thank you to the members of the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society and their continued support. You must be a member in current standing to attend. Admission is free, but pre-registration is required to ensure availability. Register by calling the museum at (508)252-3031 or by reserving a spot on Eventbrite: www.RASmembers.eventbrite.com



Stacy Booth

UPCOMING CARPENTER MUSEUM AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY EVENTS

250th Rev. War Anniversary Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 21st 11AM

Join the committee in planning events in celebration of our nations 250th birthday! All are welcome.

Genealogy Group Meeting Saturdays, April 25th, May 23rd, and June 27th 10AM

Are you interested in learning more about your family's history? Join the Rehoboth Genealogy Group! All levels of experience welcome. The group meets the fourth Saturday of every month. To learn more check us out on Facebook: *REHOBOTH GENEALOGY GROUP*.

What the Rebels Ate: A Colonial Hearth Cooking Demonstration - RAS Members Only

Saturday, May 2nd, 1-3PM
Learn more in this newsletter!

First Saturday of the Month Carpenter Museum and Dyer Research Center Open 1-4PM

May 2nd
June 6th

Closed for the 4th of July

Rehoboth Antiquarian Society Annual Meeting Wednesday May 6th 6:30PM

Meet at Blanding Library for tea, treats, and news!

State History Field Trips May 19th - June 11th

Local 3rd graders will join us at the Carpenter Museum for our annual field trips! Students will learn about hearth cooking, lantern making, farm chores, historic games, and more! This long standing program put on by the Carpenter Museum is free of charge to our local public school and has been enjoyed by generations of residents. Thank you to our members and volunteers who make it happen.

Annual Strawberry Festival Sunday June 7th, 1-5PM

Our most popular event of the year, this annual festival will be just as big as last year! Featuring at least 15 hands-on American history activities, strawberry shortcake and lemonade to purchase, and the return of the Tautogs music duo to set the mood.

EVENTS... CONTINUED

The RAS's annual membership meeting will be the following Wednesday May 6th at Blanding Library, 6PM. Come enjoy some complimentary tea and hear reports from the three pillars of the Society; the Blanding Library, Carpenter Museum, and Arts in the Village. Special guest speaker, Artie Pierce will end the meeting by telling us about progress on Shady Bend, the historic little yellow house (formerly a teahouse and streetcar stop) located in the Village. Not yet current member of the Rehoboth Antiquarian Society? Membership starts at just \$25 a year. Visit our website to join or learn more; www.rehobothantiquarian.org/join.



Arts In The Village

EUCLID QUARTET - APRIL 19TH / 2:30PM

Join Arts in the Village for their final performance of the season! Returning to New England, the award-winning Euclid Quartet is the String Quartet in Residence at Indiana University South Bend. Throughout its quarter-century career, the ensemble has performed an ever-broadening repertoire, ranging from the Baroque period to the present day. With its deep musicality and passionate performing style, Euclid will offer an exciting program representing the varied styles of the beloved string quartet literature. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for children and can be purchased by cash or check at the door.



JOIN US FOR THE
CARPENTER MUSEUM'S ANNUAL

Strawberry Festival!

SUNDAY JUNE 7TH
1-5PM

Paul Revere Copperplate Printing
17th Century Tailoring | Hearth Cooking
Butter Making | Candle Dipping | Flax Processing
Revolution Era Music | Strawberry Shortcake
Strawberry Lemonade and so much more!

FREE ADMISSION!
CASH ONLY FOR TREATS

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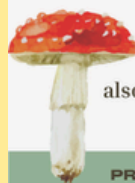
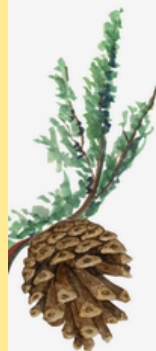
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VENDORS WANTED!

In the Rehoboth Village

Find an application

www.rehobothantiquarian.org/crafters-marketplace
also available to pick up from the Carpenter Museum or Blanding
Free Public Library





Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19–25, 2026

ALA American
Library
Association

Library
Champions
Investing in America's Libraries

Vacation Week!

Bunny Tales

Rabbit Meet and Greet

Tuesday April 21st, 1PM

Join us for a special story time with visiting rabbit friends! Meet and pet a bunny, learn facts about rabbits, and make a craft. Ages 6+

Through Me to You Puppetry

Wednesday, April 22nd, 10:30AM

Newton and his puppet friends will take turns reading stories and singing songs with the audience. A 30 minute puppet program followed by a Puppet Free Play. Geared to ages 3-7 / all welcome!

Up-cycled Animal Portraits

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2PM

Use upcycled egg cartons and cereal boxes to create 3D animal portraits. Geared to age 8+

Bugs and Butterflies

Thursday April 23rd, 2PM

Create spring collage creatures inspired by the artwork of Eric Carle. All ages welcome!

Earth Day Recycled Crafts

Friday April 24th, 10:30AM–2PM

Drop in and explore various craft projects made with recycled materials. All ages welcome!



April Activities at Blanding Library

Seed Swap and Seed Saving Workshop

[Monday, April 13th 6:30PM]

Sharon from Brilliant Dahlia Flower Farm will talk to us about seed saving and some seeds will be available to take home.

Rehoboth Events Committee Succulent Remix

[Wednesday April 15th 4–7PM]

Design your own one-of-a-kind succulent planter. Vessel provided or bring your own. \$5 minimum donation. Proceeds benefit Keep Rehoboth Beautiful.

Earth Day Shredding Event [Friday April 24th, 10AM–12PM]

Local businesses sponsor this spring cleaning themed event with paper shredding and representatives from local businesses sharing information to help you with your spring cleaning projects.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition [Saturday April 25th, 1–3PM]

Teams of 2 or 4 will race to complete a 300 piece puzzle. Call (508) 252-4236 or stop in to register and review rules. Ages 5 and up.

Regular Story Times

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 0-3 (siblings welcome) / No registration required

Story Time 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



IN THEIR OWN WORDS: PRESERVING HISTORY THROUGH INTERVIEWS

Inspired to capture the stories of local Vietnam veterans now that 50 years has passed since the war ended, regular Carpenter Museum volunteer Michael Thompson decided to begin an oral history project. With the support of museum staff, especially Research Manager Lende McMullen, Mr. Thompson compiled a list of local veterans, purchased a video camera and began the process of contacting potential interviewees. Since it has been over a decade since the museum's last oral history project we decided to expand the list of story-tellers to include advanced senior residents who may not be able to participate in our next project.

Since Michael's idea last fall he has conducted eight interviews with half a dozen more scheduled to take place this month. Local residents have enjoyed reminiscing about their early years in Rehoboth, telling stories and capturing memories for future generations. Vietnam veterans have also shared their recollections of a difficult time in American history. Each veteran's story is unique but elicits many of the same emotions. We are excited to share these poignant stories with you. The museum will make the interviews we have

permission to share available to the public sometime this summer.

The quality of the video and sound recordings has been greatly improved since Ciara Kilkenny, Media and Communications Manager with the Town of Rehoboth, heard about our project and got involved. With professional equipment and expertise, Ciara really helps bring this project to life. Stay tuned for updates!



20th century ice harvesting in Rehoboth.

Photo from the Carpenter Museum Collection [2005-005-044]



Now Accepting Scholarship Applications!

The Rehoboth Antiquarian Society annual scholarship application is now available on our website. Apply before June 19th.

