



Community Day

→ May 9

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 10 A.M.–5 P.M.

Community Day Activities

Vermont Community Foundation Activities

“Neighbors, Not Strangers” Conversations—Electra Havemeyer Webb Memorial Building (Map G6) and Railroad Station (Map A7). Using a set of thoughtfully designed prompt cards, you’re invited to spark a new connection, share a story, or simply enjoy a moment of being “present” with someone else. It’s a small reminder that conversation is at the heart of a strong community. Led by sponsors Vermont Community Foundation. **10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

Seed Share and Garden Q&A—Shaker Shed (Map G1). Bring your own seeds to trade or gather some seeds for your garden. As a small celebration of what we can cultivate together, a pollinator-friendly mix of High Mowing Organic Seeds is being offered by Vermont Community Foundation reminding us that gardens, like strong communities, are rooted in diversity, connection, and care. Mike Ingalls, Landscape & Gardens Manager, and Lexi Colantuno, Horticulturalist, will also be on hand to answer questions about the Museum’s gardens or your own home plots! **10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Artmaking

Felt a Community Garden—Bostwick Garden (Map F5). (Rain location: Round Barn Lower Level, Map E9). Explore needle felting and felt collage with artist Tina Logan and help create canvases full of vibrant textile flowers. Add to the shared garden and make some flowers to take with you! **10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

Play with Portraits—Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education, Classroom (Map H8). Get creative with portraits from the exhibition **Varied & Alive: New and Rarely Seen Treasures from the Collection**. We pulled a selection of human and cat faces from the exhibition and are handing the rest to you. With drawing materials and collage, complete the portrait in whatever wild, weird, or wonderful way you see fit. Artists of all ages and abilities are welcome! **10:30a.m.–12:00 p.m. and 1:00–2:30 p.m.**

Drawing Your Community and Community Loom—Owl Cottage Children’s Activity Center (Map D5). Share what community means to you through a self-guided drawing activity—then add it to our growing display in Owl Cottage or bring it home to remember your day at the Museum. Stop by the Community Loom and weave your mark into a collective creation. **10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

Let’s Make Dandelion Magic—Lighthouse (Map E6). (weather permitting) Pick a bouquet of bright yellow sunshine. Wrap it in ribbon. Make a flower crown. Sculpt your dandelion into whimsical shapes. **2:00–4:00 p.m.**

Guided Tours

Prentis and Stencil Houses—Tours begin at Prentis House (Map F5). Join one of our expert Visitor Guides to explore how the interiors of these historic homes, built around the turn of the 18th century, were reinterpreted in the mid-20th century. 45-minute tours; limited to first 25 participants. **10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.** Please note that both houses are only open today during these tours.

Steamboat Ticonderoga (Map C6). Travel from the boiler room up to the pilothouse as one of our expert Visitor Guides tells you about life on a 220-foot steamboat. 45-minute tours; limited to first 25 participants. **11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.**

Varied & Alive: New and Rarely Seen Treasures from the Collection—Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education, Colgate Gallery (Map H8). Join Kory Rogers, Francie and John Downing Senior Curator of American Art, to explore this curatorial tour de force. 30-minute tours; limited to first 15 participants. **10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

On Point: Needlework from the Garthwaite Family Collection—The Dana-Spencer Textile Galleries at Hat and Fragrance (Map H1). Katie Wood Kirchhoff, Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen Curator of American Decorative Arts, shares these extraordinary examples of schoolgirl artworks made in Vermont. 30-minute tours; limited to first 15 participants. **11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

Guided Tours (con't.)

Carl D'Alvia: (mono)LITHS—Tour starts at the General Store (Map E4). Carolyn Bauer, Marna and Chuck Davis Curator of American Art, shares insights into D'Alvia's animated shapes and how they engage in playful dialogue with the Museum's historic architecture, gardens, and collections. 30-minute tour **1:00 p.m.**

Live Music

Owen Leavey, Piano & Song—Weathervane Café Patio (Map D4). (Rain location: inside Café, Map D4.) Owen Leavey is a seasoned pianist and vocalist who has been performing in the area for years. Owen's performances offer a heartfelt and engaging musical experience. Each performance is approximately 45 minutes. **11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m.**

Déjà-Nous, French-American Fusion—Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education Patio (Map H8). (Rain location: Pizzagalli Center Auditorium, Map H8.) Déjà-Nous entertains audiences with a blend of Jazz, Swing, Tango, Cabaret and Cajun music. La vie est belle! Each performance is approximately 60 minutes. **12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

Marie Hamilton, Harp & Song—Webb Gallery (Map H5). A harpist and vocalist originally from Vermont and equally at home in Montréal, Marie's work is shaped by a love for music that connects, heals, and inspires. Each performance is approximately 45 minutes. **1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.**

Other Fun Things to Do

Owl Cottage Children's Activity Center (Map D5). Enjoy children's books, artmaking supplies, and toys—including a Rigamajig! **10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

Ride the Carousel—Circus Building Lawn (Map B9). Take a spin on your favorite animal. Open from **11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.** (Closed from **10:00–11:00 a.m.** and **3:00–5:00 p.m.** Thank you for understanding that the number of riders will be limited to help preserve our historic carousel.)

Stay and Play: Lawn Games—Meadow (Map F8), Weathervane Café (Map D4) and various locations across the grounds. (Rain Location: Round Barn Basement Lower Level, Map E9.) **10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

Blacksmith Demonstrations—Blacksmith Shop (Map C3). Marvel as our blacksmiths forge metal with fire. **10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**; closed for a 45-minute lunch break.

Printing Demonstrations—Print Shop (Map E1). See historic printing presses in action! **10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**; closed for a 45-minute lunch break.



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Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education Lobby (Map H8).

Perks include unlimited free Museum admission during our regular season, discounts at the Museum Store and Café, our newsletter, invitations to Members-only programs, early access to Winter Lights tickets, and free or reduced admission to lectures, gallery talks, yoga, and more! Memberships of \$100+ include reciprocal benefits to 1,500+ museums across North America.

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