

PILGRIM SOCIETY & PILGRIM HALL MUSEUM



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February Vacation Family Events at Pilgrim Hall Museum Sponsored by Rotary Club of Plymouth

The Pilgrim Society & Pilgrim Hall Museum is pleased to announce a series of February Vacation Family Events on February 17, 18 and 19. The programs are geared towards children and families and focus on fun and educational topics for a special February vacation outing.

On Monday, February 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Pilgrim Hall Museum and the New Plimmoth Gard will co-host "Establishment Day." The New Plimmoth Gard is a group of historical reenactors portraying the militia of Plymouth Colony circa 1621-1640. "Establishment Day" marks the anniversary of the establishment of the original Plymouth militia and the election of Myles Standish as captain on February 17, 1621. The reenactors will perform drill demonstrations with pikes and muskets and there will be opportunities for children try a bit of 17th century drill using broomsticks. Demonstrations and proclamations will be ongoing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, February 18, from 10 a.m. to Noon, there will be a program entitled "Colonial Samplers, An Introduction for Children." This is organized in conjunction with Pilgrim Hall Museum's upcoming exhibit "Needlework Samplers: Wrought by Tradition," which will feature nearly 70 samplers from throughout Plymouth County, including that of Loara Standish, the oldest example of American needlework. The program for children will include some simple crafts (no sewing needles involved) designed to teach them about sampler making and the traditions surrounding this art form.

On Wednesday, February 19, Pilgrim Hall Museum will host "Native American Storytelling with Perry Ground" at 10 a.m. Perry Ground is a Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Confederacy. He has been telling stories for over 15 years at venues including the Smithsonian. Ground learned most of the stories he shares from the elders of various Native American communities and feels that practicing and perpetuating the oral traditions of Native people is an important responsibility.

Students and children under 18 years of age are admitted free to all February Family events. Admission for adults in \$8, \$7 for seniors, \$6 with a AAA discount. There is no admission fee for residents of Plymouth or members of Pilgrim Hall Museum. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information, contact Executive Director Patrick Browne at 508-746-1620 x.2.

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Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court Street (Route 3A), Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360.

Information: 508-746-1620; Web site: www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 7 days a week. The Museum is closed on Christmas Day and the month of January. **Admission:** Adults \$8.00; seniors (62+) \$7:00 and AAA members \$6.00; Children (5-17) \$5.00; Families (2 adults with their children aged 5-17) \$25.00. Residents of Plymouth, Massachusetts are admitted free.