



Preserving Memories: CYO Memory Box

This program is ideal for: All Ages

Objective: This activity will use the artifacts in the DAR Museum collection to create your own Memory Box. Using critical thinking and observational skills, participants will understand the importance of maintaining and remembering important memories.

Materials:

- A box (shoebox, shipping box, tub, etc.)
- Paper for wrapping (wrapping paper, brown paper, paper bag, etc.)
- Markers or Colored Pencils
- Tape or glue
- Arts and Crafts supplies
- Your favorite memories!

Activity Plan:

- Search the [DAR Museum Online Catalog](#) for object “47.1.” Make sure to include quotation marks!
- Look at the Mary Burt chest and make some observations. Who was she? What does the chest look like? What colors can be found on the piece?
- [Read more](#) about Mary’s story and make more observations.
- Now create your own!
 - a. Wrap the box with wrapping paper. You can also use a brown paper bag.
 - b. Decorate your memory box as much as you’d like! Use your observations from the Mary Burt chest to inspire your design.
- Gather your favorite memories. They can include: pictures, mementoes, tickets, etc.