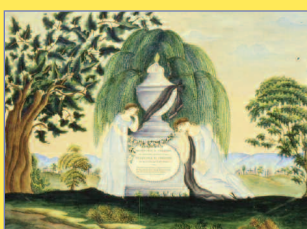


Winter/Spring Calendar 2012

Current Exhibition

By, For, and Of the People: Folk Art and Americana at the DAR Museum October 7, 2011 – September 1, 2012



The DAR Museum has an impressive collection of decorative arts, and much of the published work about the museum stresses that fact. Over the years however, important examples of American folk art and Americana have enlivened the collection. For the most part, these were family objects inherited and donated by DAR members. However, as a national interest in folk art grew over the second half of the twentieth century, the museum purchased a few choice examples. Although some of these pieces may have been displayed in other venues, this is the museum's first folk art exhibition to present and celebrate these treasures. There will be something for "all the people": portraits, quilts, furniture, ceramics, metals, needlework, and unexpected surprises.

Exhibition Gallery Talk

January 18 • February 15
March 21 • April 18 • May 16

Join the curator of collections for a walkthrough and tour of the current exhibition *By, For, and of the People: Folk Art and Americana at the DAR Museum*. Contact (202) 879-3240 or museum@dar.org if you plan to attend; drop-ins welcomed.

Time: 12:00–1:00 p.m.
Location: DAR Museum Gallery
Fee: Free

March

SATURDAY,
MARCH 17

Fun Family Saturdays! Fabric Arts

Have fun making a quilted potholder, clothespin doll or a needlework design while learning about women's roles in early America. Contact (202) 879-3240 or museum@dar.org. **Supplies are limited. Advance registration requested; drop-ins welcomed.**

Time: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Location: DAR Museum Gallery
Fee: Free
Ages: 7 and older

May

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Is It Real? Furniture Workshop

This workshop will introduce to the beginning antique furniture collector how a curator identifies an authentic antique made between 1690 and 1830. Join the Curator of Furnishings Patrick Sheary for a short lecture on what to look for when examining a piece of furniture, which will highlight period design and construction techniques, and then perform your own up-close examination of objects in the museum's furniture storage to identify whether it is authentic or a reproduction. Contact (202) 879-3240 or museum@dar.org. **Space is limited; advance registration required.**

Time: 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Location: DAR Museum Furniture Storage
Fee: \$15 regular price
\$10 students

January

SATURDAY,
JANUARY 21

Fun Family Saturdays! Puzzle Making

Color and create your own magnetic puzzle inspired by images and shapes found in the current exhibition *By, For, and Of the People: Folk*

Art and Americana at the DAR Museum. Contact (202) 879-3240 or museum@dar.org. **Space is limited. Advance registration requested; drop-ins welcomed.**

Time: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Location: DAR Museum Gallery
Fee: Free
Ages: 7 and older

April

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Fun Family Saturdays! Family Tree

What's in a name? Learn the meaning of your name and how to create a family tree based on your family history. Contact (202) 879-3240 or museum@dar.org. **Supplies are limited. Advance registration requested; drop-ins welcomed.**

Time: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Location: DAR Museum
Fee: Free
Ages: 7 and older

February

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 11

Fun Family Saturdays! Victorian Valentine

Create your own Victorian inspired valentine from stickers, paper, tissue and lace. During the program you will have the opportunity to view authentic 19th century valentines from the collection. Contact (202) 879-

3240 or museum@dar.org. **Supplies are limited. Advance registration requested; drop-ins welcomed.**

Time: 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Location: DAR Museum
Fee: Free
Ages: 7 and older

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

Sampler Seminar

Examine and discuss samplers and silk embroideries from the DAR Museum's Schoolgirl Art collection with Curator of Collections Olive Graffam. Both well-known favorites and recent acquisitions will be included. At the conclusion, those who wish may remain for a short tour of the schoolgirl art featured in the current exhibition *By, For, and of the People: Folk Art and Americana at the DAR Museum*. Contact (202) 879-3240 or museum@dar.org. **Space is limited; advance registration required.**

Time: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Location: Banquet Hall
Fee: \$25 per person



THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

The DAR Museum permanent collection is one of the finest collections of American decorative arts in the country. It is an encyclopedic collection of furniture, glass, ceramics, metals, quilts, needlework, costumes and more. Many of the most outstanding pieces are displayed in the galleries and period rooms.

Upcoming Exhibition

Fashioning the New Woman October 5, 2012 – August 31, 2013

This exhibition will explore the radical changes in women's fashions from the 1890s to the 1920s, which took place in response to the progressive American woman's entering into new roles in the workplace, colleges, sports, and political activism.



The Museum Shop

The museum gift shop is filled with a unique selection of gifts and books inspired by the museum's collection and exhibits. There is something for everyone, including replica folk toys, quilt and sampler patterns, porcelain wares, tea products and jewelry. In addition, we have a wide array of books for children and adults on

various topics such as the Revolutionary War, colonial history and women's history. The shop is open during regular museum hours and all proceeds from sales benefit the DAR Museum. Stop in and take a look! Phone (202) 879-3208.

Educational Programs

The DAR Museum strives to further the National Society's objective of promoting education by providing a variety of activities and events for families, children, and school groups. Many of the programs are low cost or free, especially for schools. Families visiting the museum should look for family self-guided tours of the period room as well as family guides designed to accompany each exhibition.

School Programs

Programs for public and private schools and homeschoolers are offered Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. All programs are free and require reservations at least 2 weeks in advance. A minimum of 5 students with a maximum of 30 students and 1 adult chaperone for every 5 students is needed. School self-guides are also available in lieu of tour. For more information or reservations, please call the curator of education at (202) 879-3240 or museum@dar.org.

PATTERNS AND SHAPES IN QUILTS (Grades K-2)

This interactive program introduces young children to the museum by sharing our colorful collection of historic quilts. Each child has a chance to design his or her own quilt pattern.
(Duration: about 45 minutes)

COLONIAL CHILD (Grades K-8)

Take a closer look at what life was like for children in the early days of our country's history through objects and activities that explore clothing, schooling, games and preparation for adult life.
(Duration: about 1 hour)

THE MANY FACES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (Grades 4-8)

Get acquainted with some of the women, slaves and Native Americans who helped establish this country through activities using objects and primary source material.
(Duration: about 1 hour)

For school and family program information or reservations, please call the curator of education at (202) 879-3240 or museum@dar.org.

COLONIAL LIFE TRAVELING TRUNK PROGRAM

As an extension of our school programs, this trunk includes 5 lessons that will immerse students in the social and cultural history of Colonial America with suggested activities and reproduction objects. Lessons cover topics such as colonial life, a child's day, occupations, and the economy. The trunk and its activities are designed for students in grades K-8 to complement their studies of Colonial America and the American Revolution. Shipping costs apply or you can pick up at no cost.

GIRL SCOUT SCHOOL PROGRAM

Programs are offered September-May for groups of 5-15. There is a small craft fee that also includes a DAR Museum patch. Please visit www.dar.org/museum/edprogrms.cfm for more information.

The DAR Museum collection includes 30,000 examples of decorative and fine arts made or used in America prior to the Industrial Revolution. Furniture, silver, paintings, ceramics, and quilts are exhibited in 31 period rooms and 2 galleries.

Please Note: Objects in main gallery, including quilts, will not be available for viewing from September 2-October 4, 2012.

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Hours:
9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Saturdays
Closed Sundays, the first 2 weeks of July, and national holidays.
Visit our website at www.dar.org/museum
(202) 879-3241

Family Programs

FUN FAMILY SATURDAYS! (Children ages 7 and older)

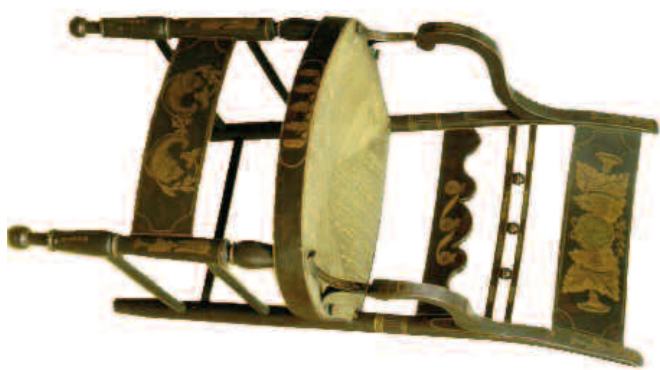
Join the DAR Museum for some family fun every 3rd Saturday of the month, September-June. Each 3rd Saturday will offer a hands-on activity for the whole family, such as crafts and games, and a short tour of the museum. Space is limited; reservations are requested but drop-ins are welcomed. Contact the curator of education at (202) 879-3240 or museum@dar.org to reserve a space. See calendar for dates and activities.

COLONIAL ADVENTURE (Children ages 5-8)

Colonial Adventurers will learn about the life of an early-American child through period dress and an interactive tour. This free program is offered the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month, September-May, 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. Two-week advance reservation required. Maximum of 12 children. Contact the curator of education at (202) 879-3240 or museum@dar.org.



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