



PROGRAMS & EVENTS 2026

History Happens Here



**OLD COLONY
HISTORY
MUSEUM**

A Century on Church Green

Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future

1926 ♦ — ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ — ♦ 2026

In 2026, the Old Colony History Museum marks 100 years in our historic Bristol Academy building—a milestone that honors our past and points toward the future. For a full century, this building on Church Green has been a place of preservation, learning, and community.

To celebrate, we're introducing new exhibits, immersive experiences, and special events throughout the year. Together, they invite visitors to reflect on the stories that shaped OCHM while opening the door to a new era of learning, discovery, and connection.

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Coming in March

A NEW PERMANENT EXHIBIT OPENS

4.16.26

Decorative Arts

We're excited to unveil a brand-new display highlighting the rich tradition of decorative arts in our region—opening first at our Annual Meeting for OCHM members. This exhibit brings together objects that showcase design, craftsmanship, and artistic expression through the centuries. Join us to see how beauty and function have always gone hand-in-hand in the Old Colony.



SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

VOTES FOR WOMEN

A Portrait of Persistence

 Smithsonian

March

May



FASHION OF THE
1920S



July

REVOLUTIONARY LIVES OF
THE OLD COLONY

December



100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Step back into the Roaring Twenties as we celebrate 100 years in our beloved historic home! ✨

Join us for an unforgettable evening inspired by the year our building opened its doors — with lively music, period cocktails, vintage fashion, and a dash of Old Colony flair. Toast to our next century of stories, community, and preservation in the very place where history has been made for generations.

Dress to impress in your best 1920s style — fringe, fedoras, and feathers encouraged!

🥂 **Let's keep making history together.**

MAY 7



More information to follow!

MAY

REVOLUTIONARY TAUNTON WALKING TOUR

The tribute will include a wreath laying ceremony with musket fire by the SAR at the Robert Treat Paine statue in front of Taunton City Hall, followed by a Revolutionary War walking tour of downtown led by the OCHM.

PLAIN CEMETERY TOUR

Celebrate 250 years of history on our special tour of Plain Cemetery, the final resting place of many of Taunton's Revolutionary-era heroes.

SUMMER

REVOLUTIONARY TROLLEY TOURS

Step aboard our Revolutionary Routes tour and travel through the streets and stories of our region as never before. This guided journey celebrates America's 250th anniversary by highlighting the local people, places, and events that shaped the fight for independence. Along the way, you'll discover hidden landmarks, hear fascinating tales of everyday patriots, and see how the history of our town connects to the nation's founding.



LECTURES

JANUARY

MARCH

MAY

SEPTEMBER

In partnership with:

OCTOBER



NOVEMBER

MORE TOURS!





FEBRUARY

Recent Acquisitions

APRIL

The 1920s

JUNE

Anniversaries

SEPTEMBER

Food & Drink

NOVEMBER

Military

TAVERN NIGHT AT THE OCHM

10.16.26



LIBERTY & UNION DAY

10.17.26





LIVE READING OF "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

12.10.26

MEMBER EVENTS

MEMBER MORNINGS

MARCH

New Exhibit

Sneak Peek

MEMBER EVENINGS

JUNE



SEPTEMBER

Old Colony
Bake Off



DECEMBER

*Deck
THE
Halls*

**Something
for
Everyone**



**Celebrate
Local
History**

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