

Winter 2009 Hive Schedule

Hive 1 – Sunday, January 18, 2009 Minute Man National Historic Park Visitor Center, Lincoln, MA 1pm-4:30pm

1:15-2pm Lecture: Inside a Colonial Closet A Fashion Show Based on local Probate Inventories –What sort of clothing was owned by a typical 1770's New England resident? Using local probate inventories, we'll take a closer look at what kind and how much clothing someone might have had in 1775 New England.

2:15 pm-4:30pm New this year!!!! – Project Series –This season we are offering two project series. Wouldn't it be nice to have a new clothing item for this season? We've designed two workshops to be conducted at each Hive as one of the clinic options. They are free of charge (except for a materials/pattern fee). This will allow you to work on your project over the course of the Hive series and finish your item by the spring or earlier. Preregistration is required for these series.

Project Series A/Day 1– Making a man's shirt –Learn how to construct and sew a man's shirt. All men need a shirt yet few have a completely hand sewn, fine quality linen shirt to call their own. A shirt is not hard to make if you can do your basic stitches and is a great tool for improving your sewing ability, not to mention the finished product is very rewarding! To help you get started we'll supply a shirt kit all the parts will be pre-cut ready to assemble. During the first session you will learn how the shirt is constructed, review the stitches you need to know and start assembly. You'll have work to do before the next session, when you will learn another section of the shirt and have enough to keep you busy until the last class where you will learn how to finish it off. The cost of the kit is \$35, which includes all the materials you need to make the shirt. Cost of the series is free, but you must pre-register. Limit (10). Email stephsmith@gmail.com to sign up.

Project Series B/Day 1 – Making a bedgown –A good starter garment, bedgowns frequently show up on New England inventories. A more appropriate alternative for New England women than a short gown, a bedgown satisfies Battle Road clothing standards for a sleeved outer garment for women. If you are still in a sleeveless bodice or short gown, this is a great chance for you to start your new season off in a brand new bedgown. Each class will show you how to finish a part of your bedgown, with instructions on what to do before the next class. By week three, you should be completing the finishing touches. The series is free, though you need to pre-register. A selection of fabric will be available for purchase. If you are going to supply your own fabric it will need to be approved ahead of time by the instructor. Limit (10) Email stephsmith@gmail.com to sign up.

Clinic 1 - Hand sewing for Beginners – Making a workbag or wallet –Never picked up a needle and thread before? Not to worry, we'll teach you the basics and best yet, you'll show off your new skills while making either a market wallet or drawstring workbag. Cost of materials: \$5

Clinic 2 - Advanced Hand sewing – Construction techniques –For more advanced hand sewers. You'll learn tricks to make your stitches more effective and will learn some more advanced needlework. We'll also cover how to use these stitches and where. Bring your sewing kit.

Hive 2 Sunday, February 15, 2009 –Major John Buttrick House, MMNHP Concord, MA –1pm-4:30pm

1:15pm -2pm Lecture A: Head wear for men –Using period sources, we'll look at what English men wore on their heads from wigs to hats plain and fancy

1:15 2pm Lecture B: Head wear for women –From caps to hats to bonnets, what was the Anglo woman wearing in the 1770's. Looking at artwork and pictures of extant hats, we'll explore shape, size and trim, as well as examine the wide range of bonnets found on the heads of 18th century women.

2:15 4:30 Project Series A/Session 2– Making a man's shirt –Those who enrolled in the series will learn how to attach their sleeves

2:15 4:30 Project Series B/Session 2 – Making a bedgown –Those who enrolled in the series will continue work on their bedgown

2:15 4:30 Clinic 1 Blocking and lining a hat –Learn how to block, line and finish a man's hat.

2:15 4:30 Clinic 2 – Trimming a woman's hat –Bring your straw hat and ribbon and learn different techniques to trimming and shaping your hat. We'll even look at tips others have for wearing them and keeping them on your head. Silk ribbon and straw hats will be available for sale

2:15 4:30 Clinic 3 – Making a sleeve pattern and setting in a sleeve (for women) –Making and attaching sleeves are a challenge for everyone. Whether we attach the sleeve to the wrong armhole or can't seem to get a good fit, this clinic will show you how to draft a sleeve pattern and attach it to your gown. Bring your gown in progress or an existing gown. Either way, you'll end up with a pattern that you can reuse for future gowns

Hive 3 Sunday, March 15 Major John Buttrick House, MMNHP Concord, MA 1pm-4:30pm

1:15pm -2pm Lecture A: Neck ware for men –Bosom ruffles, neck stocks, neck cloths a look at 18th century men's neck ware from yeoman to gentry.

1:15pm -2pm Lecture B: Children's clothing –So often we put all our efforts into our clothing and don't give much thought to what we put our kids into (since they'll grown out of whatever they are in) We'll look at children's clothing and best choices for young boys and girls.

2:15 4:30 Project Series A/Session 3– Making a man's shirt –Putting the finishing touches on your shirts collars, cuffs and buttons

2:15 4:30 Project Series B/Session 3 – Making a bedgown –Finishing up your bedgown

2:15 4:30 Clinic 1 – Making a petticoat –Turn that drawstring petticoat to one with ties and look at ways to finish off the hem.

2:15 4:30 Clinic 2 - Making a neckcloth –Practice your hand sewing by making a neck cloth

2:15 4:30 Clinic 3 - Death's Head and thread buttons –Learn how to wrap a death's head button as well as how to make a simple thread button