

# *Grafton Historical Society Programs for: 2022 - 2023*

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<p><i>First Friday Teas</i> 1 – 3 PM - Free  <b>Grafton Historical Society</b>  <b>71 Main Street, South Grafton</b></p>	<p><b>2023: October 6<sup>th</sup>, November 3<sup>rd</sup> ,</b>  <b>2024: January 5<sup>th</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; June 7<sup>th</sup></b></p>
<p><i>Travel and Transportation Lecture</i> - Free  <b>Sat. August 26, 2023</b>  <b>2 – 4 PM – Free</b>  <b>Community Room</b>  <b>Grafton Public Library</b>  <i>Discussion time will follow</i></p>	<p><b>Travel and Transportation in early 19th century New England</b>  Join us for a lecture by Thomas Kelleher, Historian and Curator of Mechanical Arts of Old Sturbridge Village.  America in the early 1800s was in the midst of a transportation revolution, and compact, industrializing New England led the way. This overview will outline some of the innovations and changes that put “the whole population in motion” in the first several decades of the 19th century. A lecture illustrated with PowerPoint slides.</p>
<p><i>Hat Making followed by Tea</i> - Free  <b>Sat. September 9, 2023</b>  <b>2 – 5 PM - Free</b>  <b>Community Room</b>  <b>Grafton Public Library</b></p>	<p><b>Hat Making followed by Tea:</b>  Get in touch with your creative side and join us for hat making. We ask you BRING your own hat to decorate but we will have everything you need to decorate. Afterwards, we will be hosting a Tea Time, where you can showcase your fancy new hat!  For reservations call the museum at 508-839-0000</p>
<p><i>Morning Coffee and Discussions</i> - Free  <b>Sun. September, 24, 2023</b>  <i>(Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)</i>  <b>10 AM – 12 PM</b>  <b>Grafton Historical Society</b>  <b>71 Main St. South Grafton</b></p>	<p><b>Morning Coffee and Discussions Group</b>  Join us at the Grafton Historical Society for our very first Coffee and Discussions group. We are excited to open up our museum to friends and members who wish to join for coffee, donuts and some good old reminiscing. We will hold these discussion groups on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday every month (schedule pending).  For reservations call the museum at 508-839-0000</p>
<p><i>Art in Bloom</i>- Free  <b>Sat. Oct 21 &amp; Sun. Oct 22</b>  <b>1 – 4 PM</b>  <b>OPEN HOUSE</b>  <b>Grafton Historical Society</b>  <b>71 Main St. South Grafton</b></p>	<p><b>Small Stones Festival, Art in Bloom.</b>  Join us at the Grafton Historical Society Museum for a 2-day open house featuring the Art of local Artist Rita Martin, highlighted with unique floral arrangements by the Grafton Garden Club members.</p>
<p><i>Vampires in Early New England</i>  <i>Lecture</i> - Free  <b>Sat. Nov 4, 2023</b>  <b>2 – 4 pm – Free</b>  <b>Community Room</b>  <b>Grafton Public Library</b>  <i>Discussion time will follow</i></p>	<p><b>Vampires in Early New England? – Myths and Realities of the Undead</b> – Join us for a lecture by Thomas Kelleher, Historian and Curator of Mechanical Arts of Old Sturbridge Village.  Did some rural Yankees 200 years ago believe in vampires? It might not be what you expect! Why did scores of early New Englanders open the graves of their sweethearts, sons, daughters, husbands and wives? What were they looking for? What did they do with the dead bodies of their loved ones? What terror drove them to these extremes? What about Count Dracula? This talk illustrated with PowerPoint slides answers these questions and more.</p>
<p><i>Grafton Celebrates the Holidays</i>  <b>Sun. Dec 3, 2023</b>  <b>2-4 PM</b>  <b>71 Main St. South Grafton</b></p>	<p><b>Open House and Tea at the Grafton Historical Society Museum</b>  Come see our museum and warm up with some tea and snacks as you and the family adventure around town for Grafton Celebrates the Holidays!</p>

<p><i>Grafton Celebrates the Holidays</i>  <b>Sun. Dec 3, 2023</b>  <b>2-4 PM</b>  <b>Community Harvest Project</b>  <b>37 Wheeler Rd, North Grafton</b></p>	<p><b>We'll be out and about for Grafton Celebrates the Holidays!</b>  If you do not get a chance to see the Museum in South Grafton, you can have another opportunity to get to know your Local Historical Society at the Community Barn. We will have books for sale by local authors and some artifacts on display for your enjoyment.</p>
<p><i>Purse and Clip Making</i>  <b>Sat. April 27, 2023</b>  <b>2 – 4 PM - Free</b>  <b>Community Room</b>  <b>Grafton Public Library</b></p>	<p><b>Purse and Clip Making</b>  Join in on some fun and much needed time together at our purse making program. We will provide everything you will need, but please bring a fabric purse or clutch bag to decorate.  For reservations call the museum at 508-839-0000</p>
<p><i>Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner</i>  <b>Friday, May 3, 2024</b>  <b>Post Office Pub</b>  <b>1 Ray S. Grafton</b></p>	<p>Join us for our Annual Board Meeting and presentations of Grafton History Awards along with Election of Officers and Board Members.  For reservations call the museum at 508-839-0000</p>
<p><i>Little Bank Days</i>  <b>Fri. May 17, 2024</b>  <b>5 – 7 PM</b>  <u><b>RAIN DATE:</b></u>  <b>Sat. May 18, 2024</b>  <b>5 - 7 PM</b>  <b>Mill Villages Park</b></p>	<p><b>Second Annual Little Bank Days</b>  Join us with some activities and fun at the park with lots of family fun educational activities and take a tour inside of the Little Bank. We will have kid friendly activities and artifacts from our museum on display for the community to enjoy. More details to come as the date gets closer!</p>
<p><b>Sat. June 16, 2024</b>  <b>9 AM – 3 PM</b>  <b>Grafton Common</b></p>	<p><b>Antiques and Arts Fair</b> – A wide variety of vendors and demonstrators will be on Grafton Common for your shopping pleasure. You will find an Appraisal booth, food &amp; music also. Come on out to support The Grafton Historical Society for our BIGGEST fundraising event of the year!</p>