

HISTORIC DEERFIELD FACT SHEET: 2015

Mission: *HISTORIC DEERFIELD, Incorporated, is dedicated to the heritage and preservation of Deerfield, Massachusetts, and the Connecticut River Valley. Its museums and programs provide today's audiences with experiences that create an understanding and appreciation of New England's historic villages and countryside.*

Personnel: 58 full-time employees and 103 part-time employees, including the staffs of the Deerfield Inn and Museum Store, as well as 42 volunteers. Leadership staff includes: President Philip Zea, Vice President for Museum Affairs Anne Lanning, Vice President for Business Affairs Susan Martinelli, Director of the Curatorial Department and Curator of Historic Interiors Amanda Lange, Librarian and Curator of Maps David Bosse, Architectural Conservator William A. Flynt, Director of Museum Education and Interpretation (vacant), Director of Development David H. Barclay, Director of Marketing Laurie Nivison, Superintendent of Properties Maintenance George Holmes III, Director of Merchandising Tina Harding, Deerfield Innkeepers Karl and Jane Howard Sabo, and Visitor Services Manager Lillian Miskinis.

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Location: Just off Routes 5 & 10 in Old Deerfield, Massachusetts, 2 hours from Boston, 3 1/2 hours from New York City, 1 hour from Hartford, 5 hours from Montreal.

Hours: Open Daily April 15-December 30, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Open weekends January 2-April 15: *Flynt Center of Early New England Life*. All buildings are open by prior arrangement to individuals and groups year round. Deerfield Inn is open year round. Tickets at the Visitors Center at Hall Tavern.

Established: 1947 by Henry and Helen Geier Flynt, Greenwich, CT. The first museum house, the Ashley House ca. 1733, opened to the public in 1948.

Incorporated: 1952

Governance: Historic Deerfield is a 501-c-3, not-for-profit museum chartered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The twenty-member Board is chaired by Joseph P. Gromacki (Chicago, Ill). The Officers: Vice Chair Anne K. Groves of New York, New York; Treasurer Lane W. Goss (North Andover, MA); Assistant Treasurer Susan Martinelli; Secretary Joseph Peter Spang (Deerfield, MA). Philip Zea is the President and C.E.O. of Historic Deerfield, Inc.

Endowment: \$31 million

Net Assets: \$71 million

Annual Operating Budget: \$6.5 million

Affiliations: Historic Deerfield is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. We are also a member of Five Colleges, Inc., since 1986, a consortium of Historic Deerfield, Amherst College, Hampshire College, Mount Holyoke College, Smith College, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Member of Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, Northampton Chamber of Commerce, Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau, American Alliance of Museums, the New England Museums Association, and the Outdoor History Museums Forum, among others.

Old Deerfield National Historic Landmark 1962: Historic Deerfield is located within The Old Deerfield National Historic Landmark encompassing 1000 acres of actively cultivated farmland in a valley between the Deerfield and Connecticut Rivers. Staff and Trustees from around the country work with local, regional and national agencies to preserve and protect the agricultural way of life in this beautiful village.

Physical Plant and Landscape: 12 museum houses, Flynt Center of Early New England Life (an exhibition and public storage facility), Henry N. Flynt Memorial Libraries, Deerfield Inn, Museum Store, and 37 other buildings on 104 acres in the original village. In all, the Old Deerfield National Historic Landmark counts the survival of 26 eighteenth-century houses, and 14 more that pre-date 1850, on their original sites with related archeology in a village that retains its original scale and town plan from the 1670s.

Museum and Collections: Historic Deerfield exhibits 12 houses dating from c1730 to 1872 and one of the top half-dozen collections of American decorative arts in the U.S., including more than 27,000 objects made or used in America from 1650 to 1900, with special interest in the history, art, and culture of Deerfield and the Connecticut River Valley and with significant collections of 18th and 19th-century American furniture; English and Chinese export ceramics; American silver; and American and English textiles and clothing. The Flynt Center of Early New England Life features changing exhibitions as well as "The Museum's Attic:" the study/storage of 2500 antiques, and a seminar room for workshops and lectures.

Libraries: The Memorial Libraries, open Tuesday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for the noon hour), include the 21,000 volume Henry N. Flynt Library of Historic Deerfield (reference works, microfilm and newspapers) and the printed books, manuscripts, diaries, ledgers, and related materials of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association Library. The Memorial Libraries are the most comprehensive collection of materials relating to the history and material culture of Deerfield and the Connecticut River Valley. Students, scholars and the public are welcome. 413-775-7125

Dining and Lodging: The 1884 Deerfield Inn has 24 guest rooms, 2 dining rooms and a tavern, including our restaurant *Champney's* and a full-service bar. Function facilities are available on premises for weddings, private parties, and small business meetings. Open year round. 413-774-5587.

Shopping: The Historic Deerfield Museum Store sells museum reproductions, souvenirs, post cards and gifts for all occasions. The bookshop features 3000 titles. Open year round.

Visitation: Annual visitation to Historic Deerfield, including special events, is 25,000 people.

Annual programming: Historic Deerfield offers a full calendar of events to the traveling public including house tours, special exhibitions, and public programs. These include:

- History Workshop, weekend opportunities for families to make crafts
- Decorative arts workshops and forums
- Historic Trades demonstrations, including hat-making, silversmithing, woodworking, metalworking, printing, hearth cooking
- Winter and Summer Lectures Series (free to the public)
- Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife since 1976
- Historic Deerfield/Wellesley College Symposium on the History of American Culture
- Tavern evenings
- Patriots' Day Muster
- Deerfield Inn special events
- Historic Deerfield/Antiques Dealers of America Antiques Show (Columbus Day Weekend)

Membership and Development: *The Friends of Historic Deerfield* supports the museum through annual gifts from individual and corporate donors. Membership currently stands at 1,105 across the nation.

Regular Publication: *Magazine HISTORIC DEERFIELD*, Newsletter *Member News* and *Calendar*.
Historic Deerfield also publishes occasional exhibition catalogs. PZ: 11/2015