

2024 Stanton-Davis Homestead Museum -Volunteer Opportunities

SHHM is actively seeking volunteers at all skill levels to join our ranks to support our 2024 programs and events, and for skilled tradespeople (or experienced do-it-yourselfers!) to assist with the 18th century cheese room reconstruction.

For more info. / to be placed on our volunteer notification list or to confirm your availability: email president@stanton-davishomestead.org

February- March

- Date/times to be determined. **Wood Milling** (Cheese Room) We've got the mill, and operators. You help us with the set up and wood stacking. Wear warm clothes, sturdy work gloves. This is generally a 9am-1pm program. Dates/ times are weather dependent. Coffee/ snacks provided.
- Date/times to be determined. **Mortise and Tenon Cut Outs** (Cheese Room). Tutelage with master carpenter Gil Bliss. Must have basic skill with hand and power tools. Wear warm clothes, sturdy work gloves. Dates and times are weather dependent. Coffee/ snacks provided.
- Feb. 24th/ March 2nd, 9am-12pm, to be confirmed. **Plates, Joists, Posts, Rafters Erection** (Cheese Room). Tutelage with master carpenter Gil Bliss. Must have basic skill with hand and power tools, may involve lifting and ladder work. Wear warm clothes, sturdy work gloves. Tentatively scheduled for Feb 24th, /March 2nd 9am-12pm. Dates are weather dependent. Beverages/ sandwiches provided.

March

- March 22, 9am-12pm. **Yard Cleanup**. We'll be clipping back vines, removing garden debris, and organizing and raking, to get ready for the growing season. Wear warm clothing and work gloves. Bring rake, hand clippers. Coffee/ snacks provided.
- March 23, 8:30am-12pm. **Engage the Public at our Info. Table**. Enjoy the morning with us at our info. table at the Velvet Mill Farmer's Market in Stonington. Tasks include: set-up, signing up people unfamiliar with SDHM to our e-news, distributing membership forms and our 2024 schedule of events, break-down.
- March- Weekdays. **Stove Refinishing**. It's time to spiff up our two antique Glenwood six burner wood stoves. Tasks will involve de-rusting/wire brushing and applying stove black. We provide wire brushes and stove black. Please contact us with your availability.

April-May

- April 6, 9am to 12pm. **Lath Installation.** There are some interior patches of loose or detached lath that will be reapplied. We have lath. Screws and plaster washers will be provided. Please bring work gloves and screw gun. Must be familiar with using a small chop saw. Coffee and snacks provided.
- April 13, 9am-to 12pm, **House Cleaning-** Following our roof restoration, the Homestead needs a thorough dusting and vacuuming, from attic to first floor. Coffee and nibbles provided.
- May 1st Plant Sale. We have a **Variety of Tasks** available to help us prep for, and work at our first plant sale! ...including the following:
 - ❖ transporting plants from N. Stonington to SDHM;
 - ❖ soliciting and/or picking up donations such as garden pots, garden-related furniture, books, or tools for purchase;
 - ❖ making baked goods for sale to event attendees;
 - ❖ general help including setting up, staffing tables, check-out duties, house sitting (docents), break-down, and many more tasks.

There will be Plant Sale planning meetings at SDHM on Saturday, March 2nd ,9am-10am, and Friday, April 26th at 12pm.

May-September

- May 31, 9am-11am. **House Cleaning.** Help us dust and vacuum the first floor, and up for a June lecture.
- June, date/ time to be determined. Help us with **Setup** for a June lecture. We'll also be in need of 30 fold up chairs, should you have any local leads- for a loan.
- September 7, 9am-12pm. **House Cleaning.** Help us with a top to bottom dusting and vacuuming, and general organizing to prepare for our annual September Open House Tours, to be held the following weekend.