

The
Charleston Museum 
America's First Museum



Educational Program Guide

2010-2011



Welcome to the Charleston Museum, America's First Museum, founded in 1773. The Charleston Museum's mission is to preserve and interpret the cultural and natural history of Charleston and the South Carolina Lowcountry. Exhibitions feature artifacts from our extensive cultural, historical and natural history collections and introduce students to the rich heritage of the Lowcountry. Our social and architectural legacy is reflected in our two premier historic houses, the Joseph Manigault House and the Heyward-Washington House. Explore the beautiful environment of the Lowcountry with special programs at the Dill Sanctuary, our wildlife sanctuary on James Island. Whether your curriculum covers reptiles or the Revolutionary War, the Charleston Museum has something for everyone in your school.

Hours of Operation

The Charleston Museum

Monday – Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

Historic Houses

Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 – 5 p.m.

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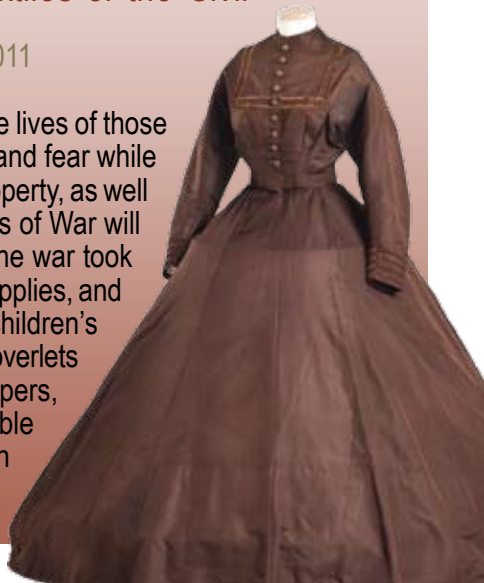
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SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Threads of War: Clothing and Textiles of the Civil War

October 14, 2010 through September 5, 2011

This original exhibition offers a peek into the lives of those left on the home front, battling deprivation and fear while raising their families and protecting their property, as well as those fighting on the front lines. Threads of War will illustrate how, as the 1860s marched on, the war took its toll not only in lives lost but on fashion, supplies, and every aspect of life. Women's, men's and children's clothing, uniforms and accessories, quilts, coverlets and flags, along with magazines, newspapers, daguerreotypes and diaries provide tangible images of mid-nineteenth century Charleston and a lifestyle torn apart by war.



Scheduling a Museum Visit

To schedule a program a reservation form must be filled out. This form is available on our website, or can be faxed or emailed to you. Please send completed form to the Education Department via mail or fax (843-722-6270). Registration can also be made through our website at www.charlestonmuseum.org. The reservation process is not complete until you receive a confirmation form.

Please review our reservation policies online.

Admission Fees for registered groups

Group rates are based on 12 or more students. Minimum group fees apply if group brings less than 12 students.

- 1 program or tour \$4.00 per participant
- 2 programs or tours \$7.00 per participant
- 3 programs or tours \$10.00 per participant
- 4 programs or tours \$13.00 per participant

All teachers are admitted at no charge

Chaperones are \$4.00 for a program including a Museum, Dill Sanctuary, or historic house visit. If chaperone is only attending a program in the Museum classroom they are admitted at no charge.

Kidstory

Explore *Kidstory*, an exciting, hands-on exhibit that introduces children to the rich cultural and natural history of Charleston and the Lowcountry. Interactive components and rotating child-themed artifacts and exhibits make history come alive for children of all ages.

Your students can...

- light the Morris Island lighthouse
- hear tales from local storytellers through our interactive video unit
- have a tea party in colonial costume by the fire in our mini-Heyward-Washington house
- create rubbings of Museum artifacts to take home.



Classroom Programs



The Classroom Programs are designed to meet the South Carolina Curriculum Standards. Pre-visit material and lesson plans are available on our website. Programs are approximately 45 minutes. Full descriptions of each program are located under "Kids" on our website.

- Bug Bonanza, Grades Preschool - 3
- Oceans in Motion, Grades Preschool-3
- Animals A-Z, Grades Preschool-3
- Prehistoric Animals, Grades 1-5
- Feathered Friends, Grades Preschool-6
- Tribal Life and Customs, Grades 1-5
- The Museum Attic: Victorian Charleston, Grades 1-5
- Tomb Travelers, Grades 3-8
- Revolutionary Charleston, Grades 3-8
- Life in the Civil War, Grades 3-8
- Gullah Traditions, Grades 3-12
- Amazing Architecture, Grades 3-12
- Everybody Did Something: Charleston Remembers World War II, Grades 3-12, offered January – April



Guided Tours

Tours last approximately one hour and are \$7 per student.

- Lowcountry Safari, Grades 1-3
- South Carolina Notables, Grades 3-8

To-Go Programs

Many of our programs can be brought to your school. Fees are \$4 per student per program with a minimum of 20 students (or a minimum of \$80). A mileage fee will be added to the rate, the fee is based on the current federal mileage rate. If you would like the program brought to your school please check the To-Go box on the reservation form or make a comment on your online reservation.



Museum Explorations

A Museum tour is not included with a Museum program. If you would like a Museum tour please check Self-Guided Museum Tour on your reservation form. If you prefer a more focused tour, Explorations are perfect for your group!

- General Scavenger Hunt, Grades 2-12

This exploration includes questions for each of our permanent exhibit galleries.

- Museum Matchmakers, Grades Preschool – 3

Matchmakers feature 10 images for children to find throughout the Museum.

- Other topics include African American History, Native Americans, City Under Siege (Civil War), Archaeology, Egyptian, Natural History, and Special Exhibit galleries.

Students should be divided into groups determined by the number of chaperones/teachers that are available. One chaperone per every ten students is preferred. A Museum teacher will provide instructions and supplies upon the group's arrival. Each group will receive a clipboard, a pencil, one scavenger hunt, and one answer sheet. If you prefer more than one copy per group, scavenger hunts can be emailed in advance.



Dill Sanctuary

Located on James Island, the Museum's Dill Sanctuary is a 580-acre site that has been protected for the purposes of preservation, wildlife enhancement, research, and education. The Dill Sanctuary contains three Confederate batteries and prehistoric, colonial, antebellum, and postbellum archaeological sites.

- Marsh Walk, Grades 1-6
- Bug Bonanza, Grades Preschool-3
- Life in the Civil War, Grades 3-8
- Charleston's Hidden History, Grades 3-12
- Yesterday's Trash (Archaeology), Grades 3-8

Approximate time- 1 hour. \$7.00 per student.

Historic House Programs

Step back into the lifestyles of early Charlestonians by experiencing the Museum's historic homes. The general tour includes site history, architecture, decorative arts, and family and slave life. Focus tours are also available.



The Joseph-Manigault House, located across the street from the Museum, is a Federal-style home built in 1803 that was once the residence of a wealthy rice planter Joseph Manigault who fled religious persecution in France. The house was also used as USO post, tenement housing, a dry

cleaner, and even a gas station.

The Heyward-Washington House is the only Pre-Revolutionary War house open to the public. Located within the original walled city, this 1772 Charleston double house was owned by a signer of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Heyward, Jr., as well as the residence of George Washington on his southern tour in May 1791. Please specify which type of tour your group would like...

- General
- Architecture
- Revolutionary War (Heyward-Washington House only)
- World War II (Joseph Manigault House only)
- African-American History



Package Programs

Follow in the footsteps of George Washington, Thomas Heyward Jr., Christopher Gadsden and others as you immerse yourself in Colonial Charleston. Choose from any of the three programs to experience daily life during the Revolutionary War. Detailed descriptions are available online. Grades: 3-12

Pioneers, Pirates, & Patriots

The Powder Magazine, Heyward-Washington House, and Old Exchange & Provost Dungeon

Enjoy a scavenger hunt guiding you through the historic district with stops at all three sites. Students will see where patriots were held as prisoners in the Old Exchange, enter the home of Thomas Heyward Jr., signer of the Declaration of Independence, and learn about the Carolinas' oldest public building, the Powder Magazine. Time: 3 hours. Fee: \$12 per student, \$6 per adult, and teachers are free. Minimum 10 students, maximum 80 students.

Colonial Quest: Exploring Colonial and Revolutionary Charleston

The Powder Magazine and Heyward-Washington House

A variation of the above program minus the Old Exchange and Dungeon. Time: 2 hours. Fee: \$8 per student, \$4 per adult, and teachers are free. Minimum 10 students, maximum of 80 students

Patriot's Day

The Powder Magazine, Heyward-Washington House, and Old Exchange & Provost Dungeon

Become a patriot for a day! The program begins in the great hall of the Old Exchange where students will learn to dance the minuet and then travel to the dungeon. At the Powder Magazine you will be recruited into the Patriot forces. Sign your enlistment papers, make a musket cartridge and learn drills. The journey continues to the Heyward-Washington House where you meet Hannah, an indentured servant. Hannah tells you of her daily life in the work yard and throughout the home. This program is designed to compliment the *Why America is Free* Curriculum. Time: 3 hours. Fee: \$15 per student, \$7.50 per adult, and teachers are free. Minimum 10 students, maximum of 120 students. Additional fee for colonial food tasting at Heyward-Washington House.

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