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Welcome to the SPECIAL ANNUAL

REPORT EDITION of our VISITOR magazine. We hope that you will learn new things and come to visit the Village soon. There is always something fun to do at Old Sturbridge Village.

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Old Sturbridge Village, a museum and learning resource of New England life, invites each visitor to find meaning, pleasure, **relevance**, and **inspiration** through the exploration of history.

A message from President and CEO Jim Donahue

eading into 2011, my fifth year as President and CEO of Old Sturbridge Village, all of us at the Village were enthusiastic about the year's prospects. Previous hard work had yielded extraordinary results: the turnaround, stabilization, and burgeoning success of a beloved New England icon – one of the oldest and largest living history museums in the country.

Now, looking back, I can tell you that 2011 was one of the Village's finest, but most frightening years. Why? Although we were tested by extraordinary weather events, we survived - and thrived.

Weathering the Weather

The year was frightening because we were challenged time and again by something we could not control - the weather. In one year alone, the Village dealt with the damaging effects of a tornado, a hurricane, flooding, ongoing power outages, torrential rains, heat waves, lightning strikes, ice storms, and heavy and unseasonal snowstorms. So dramatic were the year's weather events that one Trustee, likening them to biblical plagues, quipped, "What's next - locusts?"

Despite the horrific weather, I am pleased to report that we balanced the operating budget and ended "in the black" for the third straight year. In terms of revenue, 2011 was our best year in a decade.



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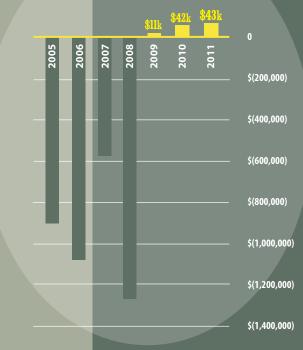
WEATHER **CHALLENGES OSV OVERCAME** IN 2011

- Tornado
- Hurricane Irene
- Halloween Nor'easter
- Ice storms
- Lightning strikes
- Heat waves
- Power outages
- Torrential rains
- Flooding

Despite all this, we still balanced our operating budget!

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Sturbridge Snowfall

In 2011, snowfall in Sturbridge was 36 percent above average, totaling 95 inches, nearly 8 feet – and it stayed on the ground for much of the winter. In fact, it was the ninth-snowiest year in 119 years of record keeping dating back to 1892. (Source: National Weather Service)

Months of Snow and Rain

The year started off snowy, but in New England that's no surprise. However, the number and duration of storms caused snowfalls far higher than average – nearly 18 feet – putting our facilities and maintenance staff into overdrive

to keep up with all the shoveling and plowing, and causing us to close the museum or delay opening three different times. Heading into spring, the pattern of heavy precipitation continued. From January through May, we experienced 90 days of snow and rain, and 70 percent of our weekend days were washouts.

Tornado!

On June 1, the weather was hot, humid, and hazy as we entertained more than 1,600 visitors and looked forward to hosting thousands of field trip students the next day. But behind the scenes, OSV Facilities Director Brad King was closely monitoring a "tornado watch" as it escalated to a "tornado warning" late in the afternoon. We evacuated the Village, and hustled staff and visitors to "safe haven" locations in building basements.

At 5:00 p.m., a 160-mile-per-hour tornado measuring EF3 on the Enhanced Fujita scale plowed through Old Sturbridge Village property, narrowly missing our historic Freeman Farm and leaving a path of destruction one-half-mile wide and 39 miles long stretching from Westfield through Sturbridge to Charlton, Massachusetts.

One of three twisters to hit the region that day, the tornado demolished an OSV outbuilding, flattened thousands of trees in our fields and forests, and roared over the access road to I-84, forcing its closure. A motorist trapped in her car by a downed tree was extricated by rescue workers but was unhurt. Miraculously, no one at the Village was injured – no animals were hurt, and major exhibit buildings escaped damage. But the tornado knocked out power and forced us to close the next day, losing more than 2,000 field trip visits. Elsewhere, the storms caused four fatalities, 200 injuries, and millions of dollars of damage to homes and businesses around the region.

OSV attendance in the weeks following the storm decreased, as area residents turned their attentions toward the more immediate

Hurrisane!

Heading into August, we were looking forward to our signature *Redcoats & Rebels* Revolutionary War event. But as luck would have it, torrential rains forced cancellation of the battle reenactment on Sunday, August 7. Rainstorms washed out seven of eight weekend days in August, culminating with the arrival of Hurricane Irene. Although Irene was eventually



OPPOSITE PAGE: Satellite view of the tornado's path eastward directly over the Village. ABOVE: Heavy rain and tornado debris in the Quinebaug River flooded OSV farm fields and forced cancellation of the July 3 fireworks show. RIGHT: The tornado gathered strength over the Connecticut River in Springfield.

priorities of repairing homes and businesses. And the ripple effects from the twister were long-lasting. Tornado debris and flooding from the storm forced us to cancel our popular July fireworks show, normally attended by 5,000 visitors.

The term "close call" has new meaning for us now. Had the tornado veered just a few thousand feet to the north, we could have lost the entire Village, and we are grateful that we were spared greater damage. downgraded to a tropical storm after it hit New England on Sunday, August 28, its heavy rain and high winds knocked out power and forced us to close the museum for yet another day. E-mail and website interruptions continued throughout the following week, and flooding in the Village washed out roadways, and ruined field and garden crops. Precipitation for August totaled some 10 inches, triple the average for the month.

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"Snowtober"

After 15 days of rain in September, we were eager to welcome the fall foliage crowds and to attract high attendance for our popular *Things That Go Bump in the Night* and *Trail of Terror* events. Instead, we got a freak October snowstorm – a legendary "Halloween Nor'easter" that dumped some 16 inches of heavy, wet snow across the region.

The snow's added weight on tree limbs, which still had their leaves, caused them to snap like twigs. Minutes into our *Bump in the Night* event, we began hearing the distinctive and frightening "rifle shot" sounds of breaking tree limbs and knew we had to cancel the event for safety's sake.

The October snowstorm caused widespread electricity outages, forcing us to close the Village for another four days and operate our administrative offices with no phones, no electricity, no email, and no website. Residents of some surrounding towns were without power for 10 days.

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Good Weather at last! When You Turn ADVERSITY INTO OPPORTUNITY, amazing things can happen.

F inally, our streak of bad weather ended, and mild weather in November and December brought out record crowds for Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, *Christmas by Candlelight*, and December School Vacation Week. Thankfully, attendance for November and December was up a combined 21 percent over the previous year.

So, what did we learn from such a challenging year? We learned to be ready for anything and that we are tougher than we thought. We handled everything Mother Nature sent our way in 2011, and we are stronger for it.

Embracing winter

Unlike many history village museums, Old Sturbridge Village long ago made the commitment to remain open year-round so that we can properly depict life as it really was in early New England. After all, they did have winter in the 1830s! To do this, however, we must embrace the season and think of ways to engage our visitors during the winter, so we offer sledding, ice skating, and sleigh rides.

In 2011, our most prominent sleigh-riding visitor was Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, who toured Old Sturbridge Village at the invitation of State Senator Stephen M. Brewer (Barre), chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The Village couldn't have looked



lovelier as the governor took a sleigh ride around the Common.

In the 1830s, winter was the best time to travel because it was easy to glide along hard-packed snow in smooth-running sleighs. That is why we added a wonderful new winter event in 2011 – an *Antique Sleigh Rally*. Scores of antique horse-drawn sleighs converged on the Village to compete in a variety of categories, including the popular "Sleigh Dog" and "Currier & Ives" divisions.



The success of the sleigh rally led us to add an *Antique Car Rally* in June. Did you know that when the OSV first opened in 1946, people could drive in and tour the Village by car? With this in mind, we focused our car rally on pre-1946 vintage cars, and capped off the day with a grand parade around the Common and through the Village countryside.

Summer successes

Our signature *Redcoats & Rebels* event continues to grow, and we set a record in 2011 with 1,200 Revolutionary War reenactors participating, making this the largest such event in New England. And on "Free Fun Friday," sponsored by the Highland Street Foundation, more than 12,000 people visited the Village – the largest single-day attendance in the museum's history. We were also pleasantly surprised when the internationally syndicated cartoon, *The Family Circus*, featured the Village twice last summer. Cartoon clippings poured in from OSV fans all over the country, and cartoonist Jeff Keane tells us that the panels were based on a real trip the family took to OSV in the 1960s. "I especially remember the blacksmith!" he says.

Fortifying fall, winning winter

With harvest activities, Halloween, and "leaf peepers," October has always been a high-traffic month at the Village. But with so much bad weather in 2011, nothing was a sure thing. To hedge our bets, we introduced a series of successful Friday night "Harvest Parties" with hay rides, bonfires, beer tastings, and live music, topped off by a Waterfire-type light show on the Mill Pond after dark. The events were a hit, particularly with area families looking for something fun and inexpensive to do on Friday nights.

Crowds thronged to OSV for our Thanksgiving and *Christmas by Candlelight* events – eager for that quintessential New England holiday experience for which our Village is the perfect setting. *Christmas by Candlelight* attendance exceeded our goal by 32 percent, and revenue for the events surpassed our goal by 56 percent.









"Have these people lived here since the 1830s, Daddy?"

made it

L his year alone, more than 70,000 students laughed, learned, skipped, scampered, pondered, puzzled, examined, evaluated, questioned, created, and found out how much fun a field trip can be at the Village.



The value of volunteers

Quite simply, there is no way we could continue to add so many programs throughout the year without the help of the many volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to the Village - both in costume and behind the scenes. We have more than 250 regular volunteers who donated an astounding 20,000 hours of volunteer time to the Village in 2011. Priceless!

Inspiring interns

Many of the young people you see in costume at the Village are interns, who are gaining valuable hands-on historical and customer service experience. Our junior intern and 4-H intern programs include 40 teenagers, and we host 26 college interns from 20 different schools. Three of our curatorial intern positions offer stipends: one funded through the generosity of Overseer Ralph Bloom, and two through grants provided by Trustee Bruce Moir and his wife, Betsy Wells Moir. Through these internship programs, we are helping to train the next generation of museum professionals.

Keeping kids curious

Educators know that when children learn by doing something interesting, they remember it far longer. That's why we emphasize hands-on learning at OSV - and not just about history. Our museum teachers weave in science, sociology, economics, political theory, arts and crafts, and more. Through our Village Classroom programs, we bring students into the Village proper for more direct learning opportunities with our interpreters. In 2011, we added Lewis & Clark and Going West programs to the mix.

For schools whose budgets prohibit a trip to OSV, we offer field trip funding provided by the Schrafft Grant and the Hecksher Foundation for Children. And through our History on the Road programs, our costumed interpreters take the OSV experience directly into classrooms, saving schools on tight budgets both time and money.

Showing our stuff

The good news: We have an extraordinary collection of 60,000 artifacts made or used by rural New Englanders between 1790 and 1840. The bad news: We do not have enough exhibit space to showcase these antiques. To bring more of these treasures out, we launched By the Fireside: Decorating the New England Parlor Hearth:



Our magnificent Members

Key to the turnaround and success of Old Sturbridge Village is the loyalty and support of our museum Members, who have been with us through thick and thin. That is why we have kept our memberships affordably priced. One of the best values around, our family membership gives two adults and their children (or grandchildren under 18) the privilege of visiting as many times as they like during the year. We honor Members each year with a Friends' Day celebration, and some honorees have been Members for more than 50 years!

Let's pretend!

There is something about putting on a costume that makes a historical experience come alive. That's the appeal of our Discovery Adventures (previously Discovery Camps), where children ages 6-17 dress in costume and learn what it was really like to be a child in early New England. In 2011, more than 300 children participated in our summer Discovery Adventures – to the delight of our regular visitors, who love seeing kids jumping rope, playing "Base Ball," and having the time of their lives, 1830s style.

Our December Discovery Adventures have proved so popular (selling out for the past three years) that we added a January Winter Wonderful session during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. For families on a budget, we also added spring

> and summer sessions of non-costumed one- and two-day Exploration Adventures.

A night at the museum

The brightest spot for growth in education visits happens at night. In 2011, some 1,400 people spent the night at the Village through our Hop into History Overnights, which are especially popular with school and Scout programs. Highlights include hearth cooking and a lantern tour of the Village after dark. To meet growing demand for overnight experiences, we have added outdoor camping options as well.

1790-1840. The exhibit, which received widespread coverage, including a column in The New York Times, gave us the chance to share some of our rare overmantel paintings, fireboards, and hearth rugs.

Elsewhere on the Collections front, we honored distinguished author, scholar, and museum professional Dr. Abbott Lowell Cummings with the 2011 Old Sturbridge Village President's Award. And we hosted a Collectors' Forum on quilts. Last autumn, we revived a favorite OSV tradition: a Fall Antiques Weekend at the Village, which featured an antiques appraisal event with Stephen Fletcher, executive vice president of Skinner, Inc.



12,000 people visited the Village on August 26, 2011.

22 million people have visited the Village since our founding in 1946.

> In 2011 263,000 people visited OSV from all 50 states and more than 24 countries.

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OSV REVENUE SOURCES

Admissions
Gifts, grants, bequests
Merchandising commissions 9%
Special events
Memberships 8%
Endowment5%
Food service4%
Other
Rents and royalties
Special projects fund
100%

Expanding audiences

Thanks to social media tools like Facebook and Twitter, we are able to converse 24/7 with



people who care deeply about the Village. And quite a vibrant conversation it is, too, with nearly 15,000 Facebook fans posting pictures and comments, and taking part in our popular "What is it?" artifact quizzes. Add to this our 22,000 e-newsletter subscribers and 45,000 views of OSV videos on our YouTube channel, and it is clear that we are directly reaching more people than do many newspapers. The Village maintains a presence in traditional media, too, and in 2011, we generated more than 23 million impressions through more than 500 news and feature stories. The equivalent value, had these stories been paid advertisements, totals more than \$700,000.

Donors make the difference

We could not succeed without the generosity of our donors, and in no year was that more clear than in 2011, when weather negatively affected so many of our key events. And our donors really stepped up to the challenge. They helped us *Rekindle the Kiln*, and plant our *Field of Flags*. They organized and attended our fourth annual OSV Gala in September, raising more than \$90,000. And donors put us over the top in our Annual Fund, exceeding our year-end \$200,000 Trustee Challenge.



Filmmaker Ken Burns (left) and actor Sam Waterston are greeted by OSV Interpreters Kim Adams and Jean Contino.

Former OSV Trustee Norm Abram, of *This Old House* and *New Yankee Workshop* fame, hosted a luncheon at the Village, attracting fans from as far away as California. And filmmaker Ken Burns returned to award the 2011 OSV Ken Burns Lifetime Achievement Award to Academy Award-winning actor Sam Waterston, best known for his many portrayals of Abraham Lincoln and his Emmy Award-winning turn as District Attorney Jack McCoy on NBC's *Law and Order*.

Chairman's Message

Shining through: Determined OSV Staff Surmounts Weather Challenges A letter from Chairman Donna DeCorleto

66 T ornado? You've got to be kidding me!" was my first reaction when OSV President and CEO Jim Donahue called me that day to tell me that a tornado had ripped through the Village. He wasn't kidding. Thankfully, no one had been hurt and only one (non-historic) building had been destroyed, but the tornado's scar went right across the wooded part of the Village campus.

Flooding in the lower fields following the tornado resulted in the cancellation of our annual Independence Day fireworks program – and a late summer tropical storm created more havoc. Thankfully, the Village was spared any significant damage. Just when we thought that only a swarm of locusts could top our weather challenges, an early blizzard during the evening of our *Bump in the Night* resulted in downed trees and lost power – closing the Village for an entire week.

No one told me my first five months as chairman of Old Sturbridge Village would be this challenging and memorable. But what made it truly memorable was how well the staff stepped up to these challenges again and again! They calmly shepherded visitors to safety as the tornado approached. They handled the Herculean task of posttornado cleanup and recovery, some of them while dealing with their own post-tornado disruptions at home. And then, of course, there was the challenging task of clearing the tremendous mounds of snow on Halloween and the disappointment of having to cancel an event that the staff had all worked so hard to prepare for the visitors. Our employees were the stars of this adventure. The Board of Trustees marvels at their energy and accomplishments. We do not take their performance for granted. Surviving a year like 2011 is not sustainable on

Our employees were the stars of this adventure. The Board of Trustees marvels at their energy and accomplishments. We do not take their performance for granted. Surviving a year like 2011 is not sustainable on an annual basis year after year. That is why, going forward, the Board of Trustees and I will do everything we can to continue to support this amazing group of individuals. The Board and I know that the visitor experience is special because of all the work done by the entire staff. They are the heart of the museum.

Now that the Village finances have stabilized, thanks to Jim's leadership, the Trustees and I will work to ensure that there are pathways for staff growth and professional development. We want to restore some of the benefits that we reluctantly suspended during the dark days that many staff members refer to as the "Great Recession." We want to prevent staff burnout and keep our employees excited and energized.

I have never seen such hard workers. They work almost every weekend and every holiday, except Christmas. They make the visitor experience special every time. And we thank them. Their efforts have enabled us to see the light at the end of the tunnel, and that light brings an exciting future for Old Sturbridge Village.



Securing the state of the state

ast June, the Board of Trustees made the key L decision to begin a focused fund-raising campaign to pay down the museum's long-term debt over the next three years - way ahead of its scheduled amortization. Our goal is \$4 million. Reducing this debt will save the Village more than \$300,000 in annual principal and interest expenses, allowing us to invest more each year in our people, our programs, and our historic buildings.

Led by former OSV Chairman Mike Brockelman, our campaign committee launched the quiet phase of this campaign last summer with a goal of raising \$2 million in our first year. Thanks to the generosity of our Trustees, Honorary Trustees,

The CountryBank **Education Center** at Old Sturbridge Village

Country Bank for Savings, a longtime loyal OSV supporter based in Ware, Massachusetts, has pledged \$500,000 to advance the museum's educational programs and to help the Village eliminate its debt. In thanks, OSV's education building, which hosts more than 70,000 students and teachers each year, will be named The Country Bank Education Center.

"Investing in education at Old Sturbridge Village is a way to deliver lasting long-term benefits for students, for the Village, and for the communities we serve."

- Country Bank for Savings CEO Paul Scully

close friends, and generous foundations and corporations, we have exceeded our first-year goal by more than \$500,000!

"Our goal was to have raised \$3 million in contributions and pledges by the end of 2012. Thanks to the hard work of the members of my Committee and the unexpected generosity of several individuals and foundations, we are on target to reach that goal six months ahead of schedule," says Brockelman.

"Reducing our long-term debt will complete the final chapter of the story of the Village's turnaround," said OSV President and CEO Jim Donahue. "With balanced operating budgets and no debt, we will be in an excellent position to dedicate needed resources to our wonderful programs and priceless buildings, and once again be recognized as the premier living history museum in the country."

To reach our \$4 million goal, we will need your help. Please consider a gift to the Village's Debt-Reduction Campaign this year. Every donation will have an immediate impact on the health of our museum.

Individual Leadership Gifts to the OSV Debt-Reduction Campaign GIFTS OF \$50,000 OR MORE

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Capital Campaign to Reduce our Debt

Goal: \$4 million (Raised \$2.9 million already!)

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July Fourth festivities at the Village included a reading of the Declaration of Independence by Massachusetts State Senator Stephen M. Brewer.

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Old Glory's Story

The history of our Stars and Stripes

By Tom Kelleher, Curator of Mechanical Arts

merica has used many flags over the years, both before and after independence. But a flag somewhat like the one we proudly fly today, with alternating red and white stripes and a blue field, (albeit with the British Union Jack instead of stars), dates to January 1, 1776, when such a flag was hoisted over the headquarters of the Continental Army in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

It is generally agreed that Congressman Francis Hopkinson of New Jersey, a signer of the Declaration of Independence,

designed the basic and now-familiar form of the flag while serving on the Navy Board. His design of 13 red and white stripes (one for each of the 13 original colonies) and 13 stars set in a field of blue to represent a "new constellation" (in the galaxy of nations) was officially adopted in the so-called Flag Act on June 14, 1777. (June 14 is still Flag Day today.)

As for Betsy Ross (born Elizabeth Griscom in 1752), legends of her meeting with George Washington to design the flag are nothing more than undocumented fantasy invented by her grandson a century after the fact. She and her husband, George Ross, ran an upholstery business in Philadelphia in the 1770s. She was widowed in 1776 but continued the business. A year later, she was paid to sew some "ship's colors" for the Pennsylvania State Navy. While those ensigns *might* have included an American flag, it is unlikely that Mrs. Ross made, much less designed, the first American flag.

As the Union grew, a new star and stripe were added for every new state. It soon became obvious that this could not continue indefinitely. So, in 1818 another Flag Act restricted the number of stripes to the original 13 while allowing a star to be added for each new state. The late 1830s-style flag flown daily on the OSV Common thus has 13 stripes and 26 stars. (Michigan became the 26th state in 1837.)

The flag's colors were standardized in 1934, and various

laws and executive orders about how to display, salute, and care for the flag were issued throughout the 20th century. The United States flag has remained unchanged since stars were added in 1959 for Alaska and in 1960 for Hawaii, its longest period of stability.

In the time portrayed at Old Sturbridge Village, soldiers not under arms (i.e., not holding their muskets) honored the flag by removing their hats. Today, uniformed troops salute it instead, but with hats on. Civilians salute the flag by removing their hats and placing their right hands over their hearts. Noncitizens respectfully stand at attention. The U.S. flag was a beloved symbol by the early 19th century, but flags themselves were far from ubiquitous. Why? For one thing, early flags were tedious to produce, as they were not dye-printed or even machine-stitched, but hand-cut and sewn from dozens of bits of cloth. To this day, no nation's flag has more pieces

than America's.

The nickname "Old Glory" *may* have been coined in the early 1800s but was not widely used until the Civil War. The legend goes that sea captain Stephen Driver of Salem, Massachusetts, was given a flag to fly on his ship, the brig Charles Doggett, in 1831 (some sources say 1824). When he unfurled it, he exclaimed, "Old Glory!" In 1837, Driver retired from the sea and moved to Tennessee. During the Civil War, the tale goes, he hid that "Old Glory" flag from Confederate troops by sewing it into a bed quilt. When Union troops retook his part of the state, "Old Glory" was removed from the quilt and proudly flown again.



Help Us Build a Field of Flags

Proceeds will fund free military admissions to Old Sturbridge Village

favorite annual tradition at the Village is our Field of Flags – a stirring display of flags that is a perfect way to welcome visitors and boost their patriotic pride in the weeks from Memorial Day through the Fourth of July and beyond.

Each gift of \$25 will not only sponsor a flag, but will also provide free OSV daytime admission to an active member of the U.S. military and his or her immediate family (spouse, parents, and children under 18) beginning Memorial Day weekend through the end of 2012.

Our goal is to plant 5,000 American-made flags at the entrance to OSV this year. For every gift of \$25, we will add one American flag to our Field of Flags, and each flag will help sponsor a trip to OSV for a military family.

Imagine 5,000 flags fluttering in the breeze at Old Sturbridge Village! What a wonderful way to celebrate our nation's birth and honor those who have sacrificed so much in the name of liberty. For details: www.osv.org/donate; 508-347-0210; or e-mail development@osv.org.

DEGOMING Summer comes alive in the Village

Music & Art Weekend

Iune 16 – 17

Immerse yourself in the culture of the 19th century with music, dancing, painting, and more. Join us for our popular once-a-year Evening at the Kiln on Saturday to see sparks fly as the OSV potters light up the kiln to fire their famous redware pottery 1830s style.

Mark your calendar for the OSV Gala* September 15

*With celebrity emcee Eddie Brill

For times and details on all upcoming events at OSV, please call 800-SEE-1830 or visit www.osv.org.

Fireworks July 3

Join us for one of the region's largest fireworks displays. Come early and enjoy a full slate of family activities like pie-eating contests, magic, music, games, and more. Then settle in for a spectacular fireworks show to kick off the holiday.

Independence Day Celebration July 4

Enjoy patriotic family fun at OSV's annual July 4th celebration. Join a citizen's parade, and put your own "John Hancock" on a giant reproduction of the Declaration of Independence. Music, games, food, and more round out the day.



Fire & Ice, July 14

Cool off on a warm summer day with water bucket brigades and old-fashioned ice cream demonstrations. Help pump antique fire engines, and vote for the winner in our chili contest featuring local restaurants.

Redcoats & Rebels, August 4–5 Twilight Encampment, August 4

Don't miss one of OSV's most popular and dramatic events - the largest Revolutionary War reenactment in New England, with nearly 1,000 soldiers. Watch mock battles, musket and cannon demonstrations, and meet the soldiers around evening campfires on Saturday night.

Textile Weekend, August 18–19

See the new textile exhibit Pieces and Patience: 19th-Century Appliqué, and learn more about quilting in early America.Vote for your favorite entry in

the Members Quilt Challenge.

Family Fun Weekend September 1-3Plan one last hurrah as the summer draws to a close. For three days, the OSV schedule will be packed with family-friendly games, entertainment, and activities. Send summer out with a bang, and make memories that will last a lifetime!



Agricultural Exhibition September 15–16



Harvest Parties September 21, 28, October 5, 12 – Evenings Our newest series of family-friendly evening events includes havrides, live music, storytelling around the bonfire, "Water Fire on the Mill Pond," and a beer garden for adults. Join us for this festive fall celebration in the crisp evening air.

The apple harvest is a trademark of the New England autumn. Learn about nearly forgotten apple varieties, help pick apples 1830s style, and see how apple cider was made in the early 19th century at our own ox-powered cider mill.

Drummers' Call, September 8

Rousing drum cadences fill the Village on this day of militia music as fife and drum corps from around New England gather at OSV. The groups play individually and join together for a thrilling "jam session" on the Common.

Usher in the start of autumn with an old-fashioned agricultural exhibition. Try your hand at plowing behind the Village oxen, threshing grain, pressing apples, and shelling corn. Meet our heritage-breed animals, and see an exhibition of heirloom vegetables.

Apple Days, September 29–30 Friends' Day, September 29



Harvest Days, October 20-21 The fall harvest was an important time in early New England, and that tradition continues at Old Sturbridge Village. Help harvest vegetables, see how gardens are put "to bed," and watch cider-making demonstrations.



Things That Go Bump in the Night & Trail of Terror October 2'

Old Sturbridge Village is transformed into a Halloween wonderland each year for one night only. Younger children can trick-or-treat in our scary-butsafe Center Village, while older kids may opt for the spookier Trail of Terror through the OSV countryside.

Discovery Adventures Exploration Adventures Through August 17

(Formerly called Discovery Camps) Give your kids a summer adventure they won't soon forget. Choose fiveday Discovery Adventures where children wear 1830s costumes or choose two-day non-costumed Exploration Adventures. (For children ages 6-17)





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