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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.

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a letter from President and CEO Jim Donahue

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This is why I am pleased to tell you that our membership sales are up 10 percent so far this year, and the actual number of OSV memberships has grown some 15 percent to 7,200 member households. When you figure that many of these are family memberships, the actual number of OSV members is closer to three times that amount. It’s a wonderful family of supporters.

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Perhaps nothing better personifies the growth and vibrancy of the Village than does our booming internship program, which has grown exponentially under the leadership of Volunteer Coordinator Kim Adams. Between our junior interns, 4-14 interns, and college interns, we had 34 additional people in costume this summer, all helping to portray and explain life in the 1830s. Read more on page 7.

Rounding out this issue are highlights of upcoming events, Member and business partner news, and highlights from three of our signature events: the Ken Burns Lifetime Achievement Dinner honoring actress Laura Linney; OSV’s Portrait Sink; and the magical Second Annual OSV Gala.

To join, to subscribe, or to provide a change of address, write the Membership Department, Old Sturbridge Village, 1 Old Sturbridge Village Road, Sturbridge, MA 01566, or call 1-800-SEE-1830.
New Exhibit Showcases Seldom Seen Treasures from the OSV Collection
Convenient & Fashionable: Furniture of Inland Massachusetts 1790-1830

Some of the most distinctive furniture pieces in OSV’s collection of 60,000 artifacts will get a well-deserved chance to shine as museum staff bring them out of storage and into the spotlight as part of the new exhibit Convenient & Fashionable: Furniture of Inland Massachusetts 1790-1830, now open next to the OSV clock gallery.

The new exhibit spotlights work by both well-recognized and newly introduced furniture makers of rural Massachusetts, like Nathan Lombard of Sutton, Solomon Sibley of Ward (now Auburn), Alden Spooner and George Fitts of Athol, William Lloyd of Springfield, and John Smith of Barre.

“During the early decades of the new American nation, cabinetmakers in inland Massachusetts made increasingly sophisticated furniture,” notes guest curator Nan Wolverton, Ph.D., of Hardwick, Mass. “Inland communities were growing wealthier, and people wanted fashionable, more elegant household furnishings,” Wolverton adds. “Fortunately, they didn’t have to travel far to find what they were looking for. They turned to local artisan-farmers for custom-made items like chests of drawers, card tables, desks, sofas, and chairs.”

The artistry and skill of the Massachusetts rural cabinetmakers whose works are included in the Old Sturbridge Village exhibit are equal to those of more famous names, like John Cogswell or John Seymour of Boston, notes Brock Jobe, Professor of American Decorative Arts for Winterthur’s Program in American Material Culture. “These pieces are true treasures, carefully crafted and often expertly inlaid or carved.”

Among the more distinctive pieces in the exhibit is a chest of drawers (circa 1800-1805) attributed to Lombard. The piece is on loan from a private collector and has a history of ownership in Sturbridge. It is believed to have stood in the Oliver Wight house, which is now owned by Old Sturbridge Village. The chest has the signature on one of its drawers belonging to an innkeeper who ran the house as a tavern after 1815.

Examples of antique children’s furniture are on display in the OSV Visitor Center, and there will be interactive displays of furniture-making tools and techniques. The exhibit is free with museum admission. For details: www.osv.org/1-800-733-1830.

Did you know that 9 out of 10 artifacts in OSV’s collection are in storage and not on display?
Old Sturbridge Village Featured in Antiques & Fine Art Magazine

Premier antiques magazine Antiques & Fine Art highlighted the OSV collection in an eight-page feature researched and written by Village Collections Manager Rebecca Beall. The article featured photos of 10 artifacts, chosen by Beall to show the broad range in the museum’s collection of 60,000 items.

Included were an 1807 quilt by Clarissa Moore; a portrait by John Brewster, Jr. (1766-1854); an 1807 Alden Spooner bow-front chest; an 1801 tall clock by Simon Willard; a painted tin document box by Oliver Filley (1774-1846); a Narragansett or Wampanoag effigy bowl, circa 1650-1750; a mousetrap, circa 1800-1840; a silk needlework picture by Ann Trask (b. 1795); a “Welcome Lafayette” commemorative snare drum, 1824; and a Massachusetts Militia jacket, circa 1850-1860.

Jane Nylander Receives OSV President’s Award

Old Sturbridge Village President and CEO Jim Donahue honored distinguished author, museum professional, and former OSV Senior Curator Jane Cayford Nylander with the OSV President’s Award at a reception held at Boston’s Algonquin Club earlier this year. Nylander is a former president of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities (now Historic New England), and was director of the Strawbery Banke Museum.

During her 16 years at Old Sturbridge Village, she studied and facilitated many interpretive programs and exhibits, including the innovative Asa Knight Store. Among the most notable of her many publications is Our Own Snug Fireside: Images of the American Home, 1760-1860, which is still heavily used by Village staff.

The Old Sturbridge Village President’s Award honors those individuals whose work, like that of Old Sturbridge Village, brings to the public meaning, relevance, and inspiration through the exploration of New England life and history, and whose scholarship has had a significant impact on the museum field. Jane is an active member of the Old Sturbridge Village Collections Committee.

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Objects of the Early American Republic in the Old Sturbridge Village Collection

There is much to be learned from the way of life portrayed at Old Sturbridge Village. We are hopeful that we can help people to:

• Identify the essential and timeless
• Understand community
• See good proportion and beauty
• Value quality and durability in craftsmanship and construction
• Be aware of responsible and thrifty living
• Disdain wasteful and irresponsible use of resources

By so doing, people can enrich their own lives as they also honor and protect the past.
But credit was easy and plentiful. American consumers bought more luxuries-turned-necessities (many imported) than ever before. Prices were on the rise, including fuel costs, but employment was high, and the GNP rose steadily year after year. Despite these booms, some thought that the government was not doing enough to regulate the financial sector. Yet most people were benefiting from the situation and said why argue with success?

Suddenly the good times ended. A credit crunch hit, owing as much to international financial markets as to domestic circumstances. Loans were called in. Mortgage foreclosures rose sharply. Many banks failed and went out of business. Factories closed. Unemployment rose, especially in the construction sector as the real estate market collapsed. The GNP stopped rising and actually declined for the first time in many years. Stocks tumbled, and the market eventually lost 50 percent of its value. The party in power was voted out of office.

Sound familiar? It should, especially to Old Sturbridge Village visitors. The proceeding describes America in the 1830s, and the economic collapse called the Panic of 1837. And the fuel was...firewood.

The relatively unfettered capitalism of the early 1800s produced a boom and bust economy marked by periods of optimistic economic growth, inevitably followed by pessimistic downturns in the business cycle. There was no science of economics, no Federal Reserve, or other mechanisms to keep things in check. The unregulated economy was built on a financial house of cards: interlocking debts that had a domino effect. As trade declined and loans came due, American businessmen and farmers in turn demanded payment of the debts owed to them. Soon everyone felt squeezed.

The price and demand for cotton (America’s principal export) fell, further depressing the national economy. Interest rates rose to a crippling 24 percent. Worried over this economic instability, people rushed to convert their uninsured bank notes into hard cash. Since banks kept only a small fractional reserve of specie on hand, by May of 1837 they were forced to suspend payments. Many closed entirely, and their notes were instantly worthless.

Left without sufficient capital, many businesses failed. Merchants and artisans (such as shoemakers), whose incomes depended upon commerce, were hurt the worst. People with money invested in business ventures, such as Silens Towne, Jr., of Charlton, Mass., often lost fortunes. (The Towne house is now at Old Sturbridge Village). The marginal poor suffered as wages fell, and jobs grew scarce. While middle class farmers also felt the impact of the panic, their greater self-sufficiency insulated them somewhat from the worst of it.

By 1838, a rise in cotton prices, the return of a Federal budget surplus to the states, and, most importantly, a lowering of British interest rates and reinvestment in American businesses helped to fuel a brief recovery. Disastrous English harvests in the fall of 1838 led to another tightening of credit, however, and shaken by the events of the previous year, a general economic depression set in. Wages and prices fell, more banks and businesses failed, and several state governments defaulted on foreign loans. Even the U.S. government could not borrow money abroad.

Many blamed the policies of Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, and their Democratic Party for the situation. The opposition Whigs claimed government policies drained hard money out of circulation, and Jackson’s naive war on the Bank of the United States resulted in financial abuses by under-regulated state-chartered banks. Economic problems were a major factor in a sweeping Whig victory in the election of 1840.

Recovery came at last in 1843, followed by another panic in 1857. And 1869. And 1873. And other panics in 1893, 1913, 1907, 1929, 1987, and...now the current recession.

What lessons can we learn from past panics like the one in 1837? They don’t last forever; they will happen again, and people always find ways to survive.
Visitors to Old Sturbridge may have noticed many more young people out and about in the Village this summer. Our much-expanded internship program brought 10 college interns and 24 high school-aged junior interns to the Village and gave them all a new way to answer the age-old question, “What did you do this summer?”

Interns help visitors experience what life was like in early New England by demonstrating just what villagers did then – doing farm chores, caring for animals, raising heirloom vegetables, cooking over the fire – all dressed in period clothing. OSV’s costume department provides women with long dresses, straw bonnets and, if it’s chilly, warm shawls or long capes. Men wear straw hats, kerchiefs, cotton shirts, vintage work pants and vests – even when doing the most labor-intensive farm chores.

While junior interns hailed mostly from Massachusetts and Connecticut, the college interns came from as far away as California and North Carolina. Eight of the college interns rented rooms at one of OSV’s former “Lodges” buildings. One student said, “It was just like college, only better – a bunch of history geeks in the same dorm but no homework!”

“What surprised me most of all is how much I learned… I would get back to my room, grab my computer, and do a massive ‘brain dump’ just so that I could remember and process what I learned.”

“Every time you come to work, you are presented the chance to inspire and cheer. I love coming away knowing that I have made someone’s day.”

“Last summer I was an OSV interpreter; this summer I’m working on projects that enable interpreters to bring the history to life.”

For more on the OSV internship program and to apply online, visit www.osv.org/join_support/intern.
New Look for OSV’s Education Programs
Surge in field trips highest since 2001

Students and teachers are rediscovering the fun and educational value of field trips to Old Sturbridge Village. For the school year beginning in September 2008 and ending in June 2009, field trips to the Village were up 6 percent – from 59,211 to 62,846 – the highest total since 2001.

“The jump in field trips is even more impressive when you realize they came despite the panic of the stock market plunge, multiple snowstorms, a massive ice storm, the H1N1 swine flu scare, and the coldest and rainiest spring on record,” notes Jim Donahue, president and CEO of Old Sturbridge Village.

“This is proof that despite tight school budgets, teachers still value the hands-on, interactive educational experiences we provide,” Donahue adds. “They know that during a visit to OSV their students will learn more, remember it longer, and have fun at the same time.”

The OSV education staff has been working hard to make field trips to the Village easier to book – and more memorable than ever. Now, field trip registration can be done online anytime. Program and signup details are easy to find at www.osv.org/school.

Program offerings have been revamped, and designed to connect to state and national curriculum standards. New offerings include History Immersions, Village Classrooms, Self-guided Investigations, Village Performances, and Overnights at OSV.

For schools that can’t afford field trips to the Village, OSV is helping in two ways. First, the Village provides Heckscher Foundation field trip funding for Title I schools that qualify. Second, OSV’s costumed historians also take the museum’s history lessons to the schools through its expanded “History on the Road” programs.

“If schools can’t come to us, we will come to them,” notes Donahue. “We want to give children a history lesson they will never forget.”

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Doret Family Builds on OSV Connection

Gretchen Doret, of Westborough, Mass., agrees with OSV Interpreter Jack Mullan, who wrote in the winter’s issue of The Visitor that a visit to the Village is just like coming home. “I felt the same way on my first visit as a 6-year-old in 1956, and I feel the same way in 2009. My family has used OSV as a happy place for many family outings.”

Doret enjoyed the picture of woodworking expert Norm Abram with the OSV rocking horse that inspired his reproduction on The New Yankee Workshop. She sent a photo of her son, Charlie Doret, who used Abram’s plans to make a rocking horse for his niece last Christmas.

Charlie and his sister, Leah Doret, were both junior interns at OSV, and Leah got married at the Center Meetinghouse, followed by a reception at the Bullard Tavern in 2003.

Charlie is finishing a Ph.D. degree in atomic physics at Harvard, and Leah is a physician at Fallon Clinic in Charlton, Mass. Charlie’s next woodworking project is also OSV-inspired: It’s a hope chest for his new wife, Caroline Fisher.

Engels Family Spans Generations at OSV

Walter Engels, of Garden City, New York, first visited Old Sturbridge Village in 1959 with a college friend and joined “Sturbridge” (as he calls the Village) with his new bride, Mary Jo, in 1961 after a tour in the U.S. Army. As the Engels family grew to include five daughters, Sturbridge became a weekend getaway. Here are excerpts of a recent letter we received from Walter and Mary Jo Engels.

“Our more memorable visits to Sturbridge were with our children as they grew. We would rush on Saturday morning to leave the city early enough to reach the Village Clock house for the noon chiming of all the timepieces. Then it was off to a picnic lunch and a ride on the horse-drawn ‘bus’ as the family grew to include five daughters, Sturbridge became a weekend getaway. Here are excerpts of a recent letter we received from Walter and Mary Jo Engels.

“Another family tradition was a photo, always taken in the tree by the bake shop. As we started funding five college tuitions, our membership lapsed. In 1980, we rejoined forward to the day that we could share the experience with grandchildren.”

“Last summer, we were able to unite six grandchildren at Sturbridge. We were delighted to experience the many visitor-friendly improvements. Once again, the family photo was an important part of the day. We enjoyed Members Day so much that we have given a gift membership for a second year to our daughter Susan, her husband Bill and their three children, of Avon, Conn.

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BJ’s Wholesale Club

Soon after taking the helm as president at Old Sturbridge Village and beginning its turnaround in 2007, Jim Donahue made it a priority to seek advice and counsel from other seasoned and successful CEOs around New England. He gained insights from leaders in a wide range of industries, asking each one how best to ensure the growth and stability of one of New England’s most well-known and beloved museums.

One of those who shared do’s and don’ts with Donahue was Laura Sims, president and chief executive officer of BJ’s Wholesale Club, based in Natick, Mass. “Not only did she give me great advice, she knew all about the museum’s progress, and she had fond memories of visiting OSV as a child,” Donahue recalled.

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As CEO, Sims has led BJ’s response to the economic downturn, noting, “in 2008, BJ’s success came as a result of our focus on delivering the savings our Members expect, especially in a challenging economy. Our mission to service them with great value on high-quality food, household needs, and general merchandise is cleaner, friendly, and easy-to-shop environment is a winning proposition. And in light of the toughening economy, we positioned ourselves in a way that satisfied our Members’ desire for saving money without sacrificing quality.”

In addition to providing high-quality products at great savings, BJ’s has a deep commitment to community support, which sets it apart from other corporations.

BJ’s strives to enhance and enrich important local community programs that primarily benefit children and families. Through its local clubs, corporate sponsorships, in-kind donations, voluntership, and the BJ’s Charitable Foundation, the company provides a broad spectrum of assistance to local communities.

One example of the company’s community support is a visit BJ’s sponsored to OSV for Girls, Inc. of Greater Lowell – making it possible for inner-city children to have a memorable experience at Old Sturbridge Village – and helping support the Village at the same time.

We are happy to report that the BJ’s Wholesale Club–OSV relationship continues to grow. Not only did BJ’s sponsor fall activities throughout the month of September at OSV, but BJ’s Senior Vice President Peter Amalfi has also joined the Old Sturbridge Village Board of Trustees.

OSV FALL & WINTER 2009
OSV Gala Nets $90,000
Exceeds goal for second year

For the second year in a row, volunteer organizers of the Old Sturbridge Village Gala have surpassed their goal – this year again raising more than $90,000 – which will support the Village’s historical interpretation program.

“extraordinary”
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OSV Gala Chair Elizabeth Poppel of Charlton, Mass.

OSV Gala guests Peg Hall (left), and Danyel Danger, both of Sturbridge.

Winning bidders Denise Lockhart (left) of Princeton, Mass., and Jan Patton of Sterling, Mass., celebrate at the Old Sturbridge Village Gala, which raised $90,000.

Our Federalist Dinner

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Photos: John Ferrarone

Documentary filmmaker Ken Burns and Old Sturbridge Village presented actress Laura Linney with the 2009 “Ken Burns Lifetime Achievement Award” at a fund-raising dinner benefiting OSV. Some 175 museum supporters attended the event, which raised more than $27,000 for OSV. Linney was honored for her portrayal of Abigail Adams in the series, “John Adams,” and HBO was media sponsor of the event.

Actress Laura Linney receives 2009 “Ken Burns Lifetime Achievement Award”

Laura Linney is greeted by OSV interpreters Jean Contino, Kim Adams, and Lauren McCormack.

OSV CEO Jim Donahue and Ken and Olivia Burns watch as Jean Contino demonstrates spinning.

State Sen. Stephen Brewer (D-Barre) with Ken Burns.

Photos: Bill Brett

Laura Linney introduces Ken Burns to Kristin Kellom, her former classmate at Northfield Mount Herman School.

John and Theresa Brockelman of Andover, Mass., and Amy Reilly (right) of Winfield, Mass., share a moment with Laura Linney and Ken Burns.

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during December, Old Sturbridge Village will change its winter schedule and expand its popular “Christmas by Candlelight” celebrations to “12 Nights of Christmas.”

“Our goal is to make Old Sturbridge Village a holiday destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment,” said Jim Donahue, president and CEO of the Village. “At holiday time, people love to see the magic of our Village lit by candlelight.”

To increase revenue, control costs, and better match visitor patterns, this winter the Village will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, and open Wednesday through Sunday in the months of November through March. From Dec. 1-25, the Village will be closed during the day, but will open from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. for the “12 Nights of Christmas” each Thursday through Sunday. On Dec. 26, OSV will return to a daytime schedule for its popular School Vacation Week activities, and will be open daily through Jan. 3.

“I realize that being closed during the day for these three weeks in December may be an inconvenience for Members, but this step will help us to maintain the cash flow needed to continue as a year-round operation,” Donahue said. “Many other living history museums shut down for the winter months. We are committed to giving our Members and visitors a year-round experience, and focusing on the evening programs for three weeks in December will help us do this.”

As a thank-you, Members will get special discounts during the first weekend of the “12 Nights of Christmas” Dec. 3-6, half-price admission ($6) and a 20 percent discount at the OSV Gift Shop. Members are also invited to a special “Members Shopping Night” on Saturday, Dec. 5. The OSV Gift Shop will be open daily for holiday shopping, and Members will continue to get the 20 percent discount each Monday through Wednesday prior to Christmas, and free coffee on Monday through Wednesday during the entire month of December.

OSV Expands to 12 Nights of Christmas

The new schedule is available online at www.osv.org and by calling 1-800-SEE-1830. OSV Members and visitors are encouraged to check the new schedule changes as they plan visits to the Village.
**Favorite Winter Things to Do in the Village**

- "I just love coming over the hill and seeing the smoke rising out of the chimneys on a snowy morning."
- "I love putting on my skates and giving it a whirl just for old times’ sake."
- "Winter is my favorite time to walk in the Village. It’s soooo quiet."
- "The smell of the pine trees along the pond."
- "The hot mulled cider in the Tavern. Yes, definitely."
- "OSV’s famous fudge!"
- "OSV’s sunburst lantern made by Old Sturbridge Village tinners."
- "Take Advantage of Member Discounts this Holiday Season
OSV-inspired gifts for everyone on your list

Don’t forget...Members can get 20% discounts on these items and everything in the store on key dates in December.

**Old Sturbridge Village Cookbook – 3rd Edition**
Product Number: 204163
Revised and updated with authentic “receipts” and modern alternatives.

**OSV Sunburst Lantern**
Product Number: 123227
Locally made from a hand-sculpted mold, and individually painted.

**OSV 2010 Calendar**
Product Number: 219161
Beautiful Village scenes and upcoming event listings.

**OSV’s famed fudge!**

**OSV’s Midwinter Ornament**
Product Number: Tin Lantern
Made by Old Sturbridge Village tinners.

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What’s Cookin’ at OSV

Thanksgiving at Old Sturbridge Village
Nov. 26 and 27
Make Thanksgiving at OSV your family tradition. See OSV costumed historians prepare Thanksgiving dinner over the hearth. Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at the Bullard Tavern or a Thanksgiving Buffet at the Oliver Wight Tavern – with multiple seatings in both locations on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 27.


Families Cook
Dec. 29 and Feb. 17
This unique evening event offers families a chance to cook by the hearth 1830s style — with the help of Old Sturbridge Village costumed interpreters. After learning to chop, cook, and bake the old-fashioned way, families enjoy the meal by candlelight and relax by the fire after dinner to enjoy 19th-century games and amusements.

Nights of Christmas
Dec. 4 – 9 p.m. Thursday – Sunday
Dec. 3 – 6, 10, 13, 17 – 19
On 12 special evenings, Old Sturbridge Village turns into a magical candlelit Village. Visitors can stroll the Common and ride in a horse-drawn sleigh (snow permitting). Children can visit Santa Claus and Father Christmas, and can learn about the origins of sugarplums, Yule logs, Christmas trees, mistletoe, and more. Visitors can sip hot cider, enjoy music, carols, and holiday songs, and even see chestnuts roasting on an open fire.

Fire and Ice
Jan. 30
Embrace the joys of an old-fashioned winter at OSV’s “Fire & Ice” celebration. Try your hand at cutting blocks of ice from the Mill Pond with vintage tools, and learn how early New Englanders shipped ice around the world before the invention of electrical refrigeration. Sled, skate, and ride in the horse-drawn sleigh, and then warm up with hot cider, songs, and fireside tales at the Bullard Tavern.

Maple Days
Each weekend in March
Visit OSV’s own “Sugar Camp,” and learn about the entire sugar-making process, from tapping the trees to “sugaring off.” New England farm families in the 1830s tapped around 100 trees to make 400 pounds of sugar each season.

For times and details on all upcoming events at OSV, please call 1-800-SEE-1830, or visit www.osv.org.
Museum Hours

Through Nov. 30, open Wed. – Sun. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dec. 1 – 20
Museum open evenings only Thurs. – Sun. 4 – 9 p.m.
Gift shop open daily:
Mon. – Wed., 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thurs. – Sun., 10 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Dec. 21 – 25, Museum closed
Gift Shop open 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Closed Christmas Day, Dec. 25

Dec. 26 – Jan. 3
Museum open daily 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Jan. 4 – April 2
Open Wed. – Sun., 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Exceptions:
Open Mon., Jan. 18 (holiday)
Open Feb. 15 and 16 (school vacation)

April 3 – Summer hours begin
Museum open daily 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m

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