

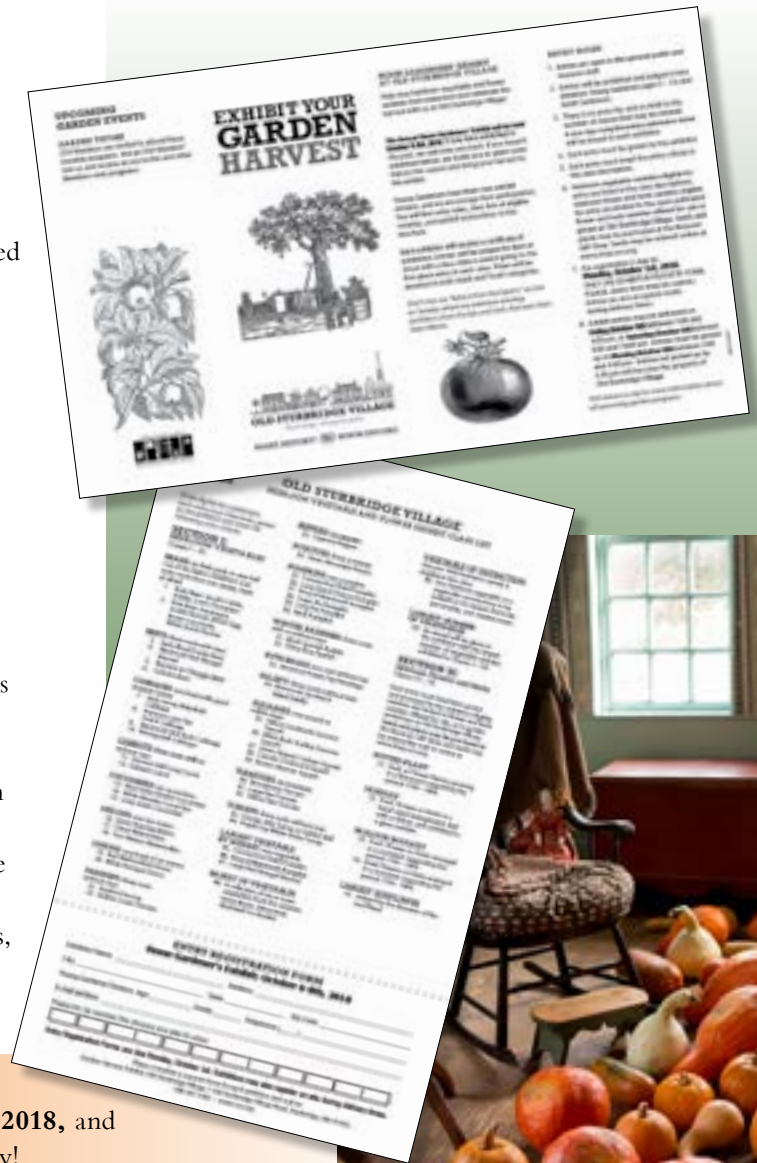


Home Gardener's Exhibit at Old Sturbridge Village

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Agricultural fairs were increasingly popular in 19th-century New England, with communities and agricultural societies hosting annual fairs awarding premiums for cattle, sheep, vegetable crops, textiles, plowing matches, and more. These fairs not only offered farmers the opportunity to advertise their successes in livestock, crop yield, and all things agricultural, but also the chance to share ideas and techniques for the improvement of agriculture within the community. At Old Sturbridge Village we continue a part of this tradition with our annual *Home Gardener's Exhibit*.

With spring fast approaching, it is time to think about what should go in the garden for harvest this fall. Mark your calendars and join OSV gardeners in celebrating the 2018 growing season on October 6 – 8 at the 2018 *Home Gardener's Exhibit*. Enter to display your crop of 19th-century New England herbs, flowers and vegetables, and get a chance to talk with OSV horticulturists about the season. Be sure to stop by the OSV gift shop this spring to pick from a wide selection of heirloom seeds that are eligible for entry into the *Home Gardener's Exhibit*. Information is available on the event page at www.osv.org/event/home-gardeners-exhibit along with the registration form, flowers, herbs, vegetables, and classes in which entries are accepted!



Pre Registration for this event is due October 1, 2018, and entries will also be accepted on site. Start planting today!