Alden House Historic Site 2020 Calendar of Events

The Language of Fans, Calling Cards & Flowers: **Friday, February 14, 2-4 pm.** Join the Ultimate Tea Couple Donna & Ron Lasko for a Valentine’s Day presentation about how these symbols of love and courtship were used throughout history. Includes tea refreshments. Registration recommended. $10.

Colonial Adventures for Kids, **Tuesday, February 18 & April 21, 10 am-2 pm.** Boys and girls ages 8-13 experience life long ago through the games, chores, and fun of Colonial Days. Registration required.

Fur Fortune & Empire: The Epic History of the Fur Trade in America, **Sunday, March 29, 2 pm.** Best-selling author Eric Jay Dolan chronicles the rise and fall of the fur trade from its role in saving Plymouth Colony through the 19th century, based on his award-winning book. Supported by the Duxbury Cultural Council.

Fancying Fans: A Look at Fans Through History, **Saturday, May 9, 12-4 pm.** Display of fans from a private collection; 18th century reenactor demonstrates fan etiquette; fan decorating activity for kids. An Art Week event.

Speak For Thyself Awards Dinner, **Thursday, May 28, 6-9 pm.** 14th annual event recognizes women in the community for their leadership and civic mindedness, in the spirit of Mayflower Pilgrim Priscilla Mullins Alden. Jones River Trading Post, Kingston. $75. Reservations required.

Duxbury 2020 - Our Pilgrim Story: Gallery Talks **Thursdays, May—October, 7 pm** Presented by local historians and authors of the 400th commemorative book Duxbury— Our Pilgrim Story. Free. Schedule to be announced.

Duxbury Garden Club Tour, **Tuesday, June 2. 10-2 pm.** Explore 400 years of gardens in Duxbury. Sponsored by the Community Garden Club of Duxbury. Registration.

Liberty Pole Day, **TBD.** Experience the life of a soldier during the American Revolution during this day-long military encampment with living history demonstrations, and more. Fee. Supported by the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.

Wampanoag Day, **Saturday, July 11, Noon—4 pm.** Join Plimoth Plantation’s Timothy Turner for a presentation about Native American history in Plymouth and cornhusk doll marking. Supported by the Duxbury Cultural Council.

120th Alden Reunion, **Wednesday through Saturday, July 29-August 1.** Share history, fun and kinship at this memorable annual event. Registration required; Fee.

Duxbury Plimoth 400 Day, **September 17. Noon to 4 pm.** Living history demonstrations bring the 17th century to life; guided tours explore Duxbury’s Pilgrim treasures, offered as part of the 42nd Mayflower Society Congress followed by Candlelight Music Program & Chowder supper.

Historic Foodways: Fire Cider, Tinctures and Tonics of Pilgrim Times! **September 26, noon to 4 pm.** Explore the history and benefits of this traditional herbal remedy that has had a resurgence in popularity in this ongoing demonstration at the Alden hearth. Part of the Duxbury Food & Wine Festival.

*In Small Things Remembered*: Uncovering the Story of John and Priscilla Alden, **October 10, Noon to 4 pm.** Archaeological program will spotlight Alden House and the lives of historical icons and Mayflower Pilgrims John and Priscilla Alden through curator tour of the exhibit and hands-on program for kids.

Haunted House, **Saturday, October 24, 5-8 pm.** Enjoy a spooktacular night of family fun with haunted tours, trails, games and activities. Admission.

Holly Days, **Sunday, November 29, 12-4 pm.** Features colonial crafts and tours of Alden House decorated for the holidays. Sponsored by the Duxbury Business Association.