Holyoke League of Arts and Crafts Annual Exhibition at Wistariahurst
Sunday June 9 – Wednesday June 26, 2019
Opening Reception Sunday June 9 from 2 – 4 pm

During the month of June, the Gallery at Wistariahurst will host an exhibition of artwork by members of The Holyoke League of Arts and Crafts. Organized in 1923 to promote the arts in the community, The Holyoke League of Arts and Crafts holds monthly meetings to conduct artist demonstrations, critiques, and group art activities. This juried show will include entries in oil and pastel, watercolor, acrylic, tempera, gouache and other non-oil wet media, graphite, charcoal, printmaking and other graphic media, sculpture and ceramics. There will be an opening reception Sunday June 9th from 2 – 4 pm. This event is free and open to the public. Throughout the month of June, the exhibition may be viewed during the museum’s open hours Sunday – Wednesday 12pm – 4 pm. The gallery is included in the price of a tour, or a suggested donation of $3.

Immigration Experience
The end of the school year ushers in our annual educational program Immigration Experience. The day’s adventures focus on Holyoke’s major ethnic population, French Canadian, German, Irish, Polish and Puerto Rican, with students immersing themselves in several activities these groups were involved in, including assembly line work, choosing precious objects to carry on the trip, and going through a mock Ellis Island. Students will not only be learning about immigrants and their journey to the Paper City, students will also become acquainted with the story of William Skinner and his successful life in America as an English immigrant.

Stitch by Stitch: Needlework Samplers from the Wistariahurst Collection
Guest Curator: Joanne Picard
July 18 - August 24, 2019
Opening Reception: July 18, 5:30-7:30pm

Guest curator and needlework specialist Joanne Picard will use Wistariahurst’s textile collection to introduce and explain needlework Samplers. The exhibit will illustrate components, look at who made samplers; how they were made and and why. It will examine how sampler designs and motifs reflected the lives and beliefs of their makers and provide the visitor with an opportunity to try their hand at cross stitch and other patterns. Open to the public during regular operating hours. Suggested donation $3.00

Spring Concert by The Aria Chamber Ensemble Spring
Friday May 24 from 7 pm – 9 pm

Classical Music Returns to Belle Skinner’s music room at Wistariahurst with a Spring Concert by The Aria Chamber Ensemble. The Ensemble is comprised of Hillary Tanaka on Violin, Rylan Gajek-Leonard on the Cello, Beck Kalish, Violin, and Sarah Hadley-Yakir Violin. They will perform Leó Weiner’s String Trio in g minor, Op. 6 and Ludwig Van Beethoven’s String Trio in g Major, Op. 9, no. 1.

The Music Room of Wistariahurst will once again be filled with the lilting sounds of classical chamber music performed by seasoned professional musicians. This concert is free and open to the public.

Winter 2018-9 By the Numbers:
44 Artists have displayed works at Wistariahurst in the last 6 months
15 new volunteers have joined our team in 2019
81 Holyoke Firefighters toured Wistariahurst in February
Get the Dish on Chowder History
Tuesday, July 23 6 pm – 9 pm

New England or Manhattan? Clam, Fish, Corn? What makes Chowder, Chowder?
Enjoy an summer evening on the lawn at Wistariahurst while sipping some savory soup and learning the history of this classic New England victual. Smithsonian Café and Chowder house will be serving this summertime favorite while Rob Cox of UMass Amherst will “dish out the history, flavors and significance of every New Englander’s comfort food.”

Reservations required. $15 general public / $12 members. Admission includes a cup of chowder, a roll and a cookie.
In the event of inclement weather the event will be held in the Music Room.

Servant’s Perspective Tours

Chauffeur Charlie Linderme
Sunday, July 7 1 pm and 3 pm
Tour the mansion with character tour guide in character as chauffeur Charles “Charlie” Linderme as he recalls his time attending to the woman he affectionately called “the Chief,” Katharine Kilborne, Wistariahurst’s last Skinner resident.
Online pre-registration encouraged. $10, or $7 for members, seniors, and students.

Nurse Hulda Klemm
Sunday, August 4
Tour the mansion with character tour guide in character as Hulda Klemm, nurse to the Skinner Family for many years. Listen to stories about Hulda’s relationship and years of service to the family, and to other members of the service staff.
Online pre-registration encouraged. $10, or $7 for members, seniors, and students.

Register Now for Landscape Tours of Wistariahurst

Thursday, May 30 5:30 pm
Walk the grounds with the Curator and Master Gardener and learn about the history of the property and design of the gardens.

Saturday, August 3, 10:30 am
In full summer bloom, stroll the grounds with a Master Gardener and a historian and learn about the property, the planning, the preservation, the plantings, and the priorities for the Wistariahurst grounds and gardens.

Saturday, September 21, 10:30 am
As the blooms and plants change come and learn from a Master Gardener about the processes in place to care for the Wistariahurst gardens over the cooler months. Glean a little grounds history from Wistariahurst’s curator.

We expect these tours to fill up quickly so pre-registration is necessary. $10, or $7 for members, seniors, and students.

TOUR DE LA CASA EN ESPAÑOL
Domingo 14 de julio 1 pm y 3 pm.
Únase a la guía turística Naiomi Robles mientras comparte historias de Wistariahurst y la Familia Skinner que residieron aquí.
Join tour guide Naiomi Robles as she shares the stories of the stately manner Wistariahurst and the Skinner family who resided here. Online pre-registration encouraged. $10, or $7 for members, seniors, and students.

For a complete listing of Art, Music & History events visit WISTARIAHURST.ORG
Tuesday Night History Chatter
PEOPLE, FOOD and SPORT

PEOPLE
June 4, 2019 – The CCC in Massachusetts
The Civilian Conservation Corps was born of a converging environmental and economic crisis in the 1930’s. It left a lasting legacy. Witness the conditions that led to the CCC’s formation. Learn about the “boys” who enrolled in the program, their everyday life in the camps, and their work projects at Massachusetts State Forests and Parks. This story is told through historic images, old documents, quotations, and oral histories. Presented by DCR Regional Educator, Gini Traub.

FOOD
June 25, 2019 – To Bee or Not to Bee
The importance of honey bees cannot be overstated. They are the pollinators of our food and flowers. They also provide us with, according to our speaker, Tom Porter, nature’s perfect food, honey. This program will discuss the life of a bee, some challenges facing the bee population, how you might help and show you a live exhibition hive filled with bees.

July 23, 2019 – Chowder
Summertime Chowder on the Lawn with history discussion by Rob Cox of UMass Amherst. See article opposite page. Pre-registration required.

SPORT
August 27, 2019 – The Rise and Fall of Professional Soccer in Holyoke
People in Holyoke have been playing soccer for more than 125 years. Clubs like the Rangers, Clan MacClaren and Farr Alpaca competed against teams in the Pioneer Valley and beyond. This talk traces the early history of the sport in the city including the region’s first professional club – the Holyoke Falcons.

September 24, 2019 – Western Massachusetts Baseball: A Brief Look
Baseball researcher, author and fan, Kevin Larkin, will talk about baseball in Western Massachusetts, including different players, ballparks and leagues, with a focus on baseball in Holyoke.

Black Holyoke History
After researching and creating a Black Holyoke History Pathfinder that identifies primary sources in local historical collections, Scholar in Residence Erika Slocumb, has turned her attention to collecting historical documents and gathering oral histories from nearly a dozen black Holyoke community members.

“As a scholar, my responsibility is to be a vessel for the community, to tell the stories they want told and to make this history known,” says Slocumb. Her research will culminate in the opening of an exhibit of the history of Black Holyoke in September 2019.

This program is funded in part by Mass Humanities, which receives support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Special Events curated by Erika Slocumb
As the documentation of Black Holyoke’s story takes place behind the scenes, we welcome all to join us in a series of events specially curated by Erika Slocumb:

A Celebration of Black Music and Culture
August 3, 2 – 4 pm, free and open to all
Join us for a celebration of Black music and culture in the gardens at Wistariahurst! Special musical guest Vélez will perform and guests will have the opportunity to purchase pieces from local artists. Cash bar.

Performing Blackness: An Arts Expo
September 19, 6 – 8 pm, free and open to all
Join us in the Belle Skinner Music Room for a showcase of art and music. Special musical guest Vélez will perform and guests will have the opportunity to purchase pieces from local artists. Cash bar.

These programs are supported in part by a grant from the Holyoke Local Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Register for programs, buy tickets & become a member online WISTARIAHURST.ORG
Wistariahurst's gardens are open seven days a week from dawn until dusk.

Become a Member to Support Local Art, History and Music!

For as little as $30 annually, start enjoying the benefits of museum membership and become part of a growing community of individuals who take interest in local history, art and music! Wistariahurst, as an established resource for local history, art and music, provides educational programs, exhibits and special events.

Your membership supports us in fulfilling our mission of preserving the history of Holyoke and inspiring an appreciation of history and culture through educational programs, exhibits and special events.

For more information, please visit www.wistariahurst.org.