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NEH Summer Teachers Institutes “Women Making Change” Bring Teachers from Across the Country to Holyoke



Scholars in the institute represented 20 different states:

CALIFORNIA
CONNECTICUT
FLORIDA
MASSACHUSETTS
MAINE

MICHIGAN
MISSOURI
NORTH CAROLINA
NEW HAMPSHIRE
NEW JERSEY
NEW MEXICO
NEW YORK
OREGON



PENNSYLVANIA
TEXAS
UTAH
VIRGINIA
VERMONT
WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON DC
WISCONSIN



New Information on Skinner Coffee House Uncovered

Historical records pertaining to the Skinner Coffee House have been limited in the past to just a few slim boxes of records held at Wistariahurst. Researchers have always lamented this void. Now there is good news! While researching the Skinner Coffee House for a presentation for this year’s NEH Summer Institutes, historian,



performer, and author Sarah Kilborne made an exciting discovery—a great many of the Skinner Coffee House Annual Reports from the early to mid 20th Century tucked into the scrapbooks and annual reports of the Holyoke YWCA which had subsumed operations of the coffee house.

The Annual Reports include not only financial reports, but also reports on the work of the Coffee House; information regarding number of women served, year-to-year activities, committee members; and staff lists.

YOU’RE INVITED

Mischief at the Mansion Gala to Benefit Wistariahurst

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 7 P.M.

PRESENTED BY HISTORIC HOLYOKE AT WISTARIAHURST

SPRING/SUMMER 2017 By the Numbers: 220 People attend our summer lawn concert, presented by Genuine Culture LLC and NEPR • Teachers from over **20** different states came to study Women’s history in August • Over **200** students participate in our annual *Immigration Experience* school program. • **352** people participated in programs for Immigrant Heritage Month in June



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AROUND THE MUSEUM

International Reach of Wistariahurst Archives

The summer months are a busy time in the Wistariahurst Archives. Here are a couple of examples of the national and international researchers who came to visit this year.

In early June H el ene and Michel Rodier came from Quebec, Canada to spend many hours pouring over the records of the Wm Skinner & Sons silk manufacturing business records. They wanted to learn more about the living and working conditions of their grandfather Hermenegilde and great grandfather Didace who worked in the Skinner mills prior to 1903. They were able to find out not only when he worked but where he lived and with whom. Like every genealogist, their research will continue.

In mid-June Dr. Satoshi Matsumura, Professor of Japanese Economic History at Kanagawa University in Japan returned to Wistariahurst with his daughter. Dr. Matsumura had previously visited last November. Together they reviewed ALL of the business records of Wm. Skinner and Sons Manufacturing. Dr. Matsumura's research is in the field of Japanese Economic Growth at the turn of the 20th century. Dr. Matsumura also spent some time at UConn Archives reviewing the Cheney Brothers Silk business of Manchester, Connecticut.



Summer Highlights

Vibez for the Tribe
concert on the lawn, presented by Genuine Culture, LLC.



Women Making Change
exhibit at Celebrate Holyoke funded by the HLCC



Immigrant Heritage Month
Community Picnic in the Gardens



Thank you to our Summer Intern Antonio!

Antonio Quinones came to Holyoke from Puerto Rico this summer to gain professional experience before his first year of college. Over the course of his time at Wistariahurst Antonio led tours, worked

events, researched Holyoke history, and provided support in our daily operations. We'd like to thank Antonio for all of his hard work and energy this summer! *A portion of the donations received by Historic Holyoke at Wistariahurst on Valley Gives Day went to funding this summer internship.*

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Cemetery tours Saturday, October 21, 2017

4 - 5 pm & 6 - 7 pm



Monuments, Markers, Crypts and Crosses are but a few of the sights you will see on this insightful walk through Forestdale Cemetery with City

Historian Penni Martorell. Find out the history of some of Holyoke's founding families, and learn some of the facts of death and dying in the 19th century.

Reservations are required.

Still Here featuring *Admiral Launch Duo* Thursday, December 7, 7 p.m.

Saxophonist Jonathan Hulting-Cohen and harpist Jennifer R. Ellis transcend the traditional boundaries of their instruments by creating an entirely new and beautiful sound shimmering with contrast, warmth, and virtuosity. The program features the acoustic work *Still Here* by Puerto Rican-born composer Angélica Negrón and the world premiere of *Meditation and Dance* by Gregory Wanamaker. Ellis and Hulting-Cohen embrace an accessible concert-going experience that matches the spirit of their music.



Open Hours and Tour Schedule April - October 2017

Gardens: Open Dawn till dusk each day

Visitor's Center: Open Sunday – Tuesday, 12 – 4 p.m.
Wednesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Self-Guide of the Mansion: Sunday – Tuesday, 12 – 4 p.m.

Guided Tours of the Mansion: Sunday 12 – 4 p.m.
Monday & Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Sundays September & October

9 am VegaFlow

Advanced class with dynamic sequences, custom mixes and always taught with modifications for deeper challenges.

10:30 am All Levels Yoga

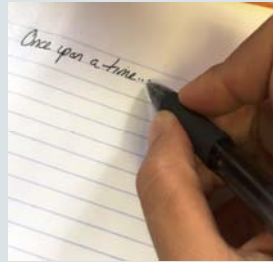
Beginner-friendly classes open to students of all levels of yoga abilities, from basic level to intermediate.

(check online calendar to confirm week to week)



Writing to Reach Others Fall Creative Writing Workshops

Sundays, twice a month, starting September 24
(check website for full calendar)



This free, drop-in workshop series is open to anyone who wants to put pen to paper and cultivate their inner author. The facilitated sessions will include readings, discussion, and writing time. All are welcome.

Join us for our Annual performance of *The Nutcracker and Sweets* Presented by the Massachusetts Academy of Ballet Friday - Sunday, December 15 - 17



Tickets go on sale Monday, October 16

Register for programs, buy tickets & become a member WISTARIAHURST.ORG

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The Photography of Peter Healey

Peter Healey is a photographer and sculptor and former chief of Pathology at UMass Medical School in Worcester. Regularly working with microscopic images contributed to the way he often sees his own work abstractly, even when a subject is clear. His work has been exhibited at the University Museum of Contemporary Art at the University of Massachusetts, Gallery A3 in Amherst, and at the Northampton Center for the Arts. Peter Healey lives and works in Ashfield, Massachusetts, and often commutes to New York City to work.



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Your Membership support helps us fulfill our mission of preserving the history of Holyoke and inspiring an appreciation of history and culture through educational programs, exhibits and special events. Member benefits include free house tours, discounted tickets to events, members-only events, subscription to 'The Vine' Newsletter and a 10% discount in the Museum Gift Shop. Most importantly, your membership supports all of our culturally rich programs for youths and adults.



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 memory and creative expression, provides year-round opportunities for learning, conversation, and entertainment for people of all ages.