



History Makers: Craft Your Way Through the Past

Our 6-week sessions are sure to get your child excited about history through awesome crafting projects, hands-on moments with special artifacts, and cool facts about Montclair and NJ history! We'll pair a craft or activity associated with a discussion topic and learn about our rich history before getting hands on. Our goal is to use crafting to expose children to learning about history in **fun** and **creative** ways without the textbook. Program appropriate for ages 6 to 10; if your child falls outside of this age range please contact our staff to discuss enrollment. As class space is limited, registration is required to hold your space. Cost is \$65 per child for the entire series; individual class registration is not available. Register at mail@montclairhistorical.org or 973-744-1796.

Dates: 1st and 3rd Thursdays: March 2 & 16; April 6 & 20; May 4 & 18.

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am. All sessions are located in the program room of the Crane House & Historic YWCA at 108 Orange Road, Montclair, NJ.

Week 1

Text messaging of the 1900s

Communication has drastically changed by technology in such a short period of time. We'll take a look some older style telephones, 1900s city directories, and historic postcards that were used for people to communicate before cell phones and computers were around. We'll make our own 1900s style postcard to send to family or friends.

Week 2

Home is Where the Hearth Is

How did people cook before stoves and microwaves, and what kind of special skills did they need? We'll gather around in our cozy hearth kitchen to learn how our ancestors made meals before modern conveniences. We'll use historic tools, methods, and recipes to create a meal straight out of history. We'll enjoy our snack together and any leftover scraps will be shared with our chicken friends in our community garden!

Week 3

The Art of Weaving

Weaving was more than just creating clothing for family. Today we'll look at the entire process of making clothing from start to finish and tools that were used to us before fabric mills came to town. We'll watch our creativity come to life and try our hand at weaving patterns using basic household items families can continue to experiment with at home.

Week 4

What came first the chicken or the egg?

Let's talk about animals we find on a farm. What would their role be, what about their role today? How have things changed or stayed the same. Using our happy

brood of chickens as examples, we'll talk about the life of a chicken and how to feed and care for them throughout the seasons. Before the day is done we'll have our own happy crafted chicken masks to take home.

Week 5

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Life in the 1800s was mostly focused around your household, farm, and living off the land. As industry began, jobs were available, like becoming a blacksmith, bread baker, general store keeper, weaver, and a teacher. Today we'll have a scavenger hunt taking us to learn more about the working in the 1800s. Taking on the role of a blacksmith, we'll tin punch designs into pie tins and create a lantern display.

Week 6

Historic Agriculture

Let's get our hands dirty! Working on a farm was not a small task. Today we'll take a look at some of our historic farm tools and understand how technology and industry has changed our lifestyle and farming methods today. We'll try our hand at making beautifully scented herb bundles and plant vegetable seedlings to take home and grow for the summer season.