



History Makers: Craft Your Way Through the Past

Our 6-week sessions are sure to get your child excited about history through adventures and craft 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 way without the textbook.

Program appropriate for ages 6 to 9; 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 \$60 per child for the entire series; individual class registration is not available. Register at mail@montclairhistorical.org or 973-744-1796. All sessions are located in the program room of the Crane House/Historic YWCA at 110 Orange Road, Montclair unless noted in the outline below.

Dates: Oct. 4, 11, & 18; November 1, 8, & 15.

Time: 10 to 11 am.

Week 1

Learning in a One Room Schoolhouse

In the 1800s children often learned at home or parents could choose to send children to a one room schoolhouse. Today we'll discuss how many of us still learn at home today, what kind of subjects we'd learn, and tools used to help us in writing skills. We'll try our hand on slate boards and quill pens and learn a secret letter in the alphabet.

Week 2

Architectural Walking Tour

Gothic, eyebrow, or Palladian? On this neighborhood walking tour, we'll look for architectural details in the beautiful homes located on the streets near the Crane House and Historic YWCA. We'll teach kids the language of architecture. Maybe you're raising the next Mead, McKim, or White! Parents and siblings welcome to join the tour, begins at 110 Orange Road outside the museum.

Week 3 (Meet at 30 North Mountain Avenue, Montclair)

Technology at the Shultz House

Today we're talking electricity and magnetism. Charles Shultz may have been president of Hoboken Savings Bank when he built the house in 1896, but he was always experimenting with science in his home. At this program, we'll find out what's behind the museum rope in his fully-intact early 20th century science library and take a scavenger hunt for the latest technology hidden around the house. We'll discuss the fascination of electrical current when it was first available in homes in the late 1800 and try our hand at some experiments.

Week 4

Harvesting in the Hearth

Getting your food ready for the winter season was quite a process. Today we'll learn about each season and focus in on what our families would need to prepare in fall for the winter. We'll discuss preservation in all of its forms. Today we'll prepare cabbage to ferment for winter and do some pickling in jars to take home. This class includes a tasting.

Week 5

A Seasonal Holiday Meal

Today children will learn the basics about historic cooking from reading a recipe, using kitchen tools, including legged frying pans or "spiders," and working with a real fire in the hearth. From roasting, to grilling, or frying, the options are endless. when using hot coals and spiders. We'll try out making a seasonal meal from the cookbooks. This class includes a meal.

Week 6

The Art of Hand Crafts

From embroidery, to family trees, quilts, and samplers, handcrafts were art forms, especially done by women and young girls in the home. Today we'll discuss different ways crafts served not only a purpose, but also a creative expression. We'll try the art of quilling using rolled paper techniques to create our own designs.