



Middle and High School Workshop Details

Please note that workshops are not offered July-August. Workshops include a self-guided tour when booked during the historic house season (May – October)

Raise the Roof: Early New England Architecture: How did colonial people build homes with just hand tools and human power? Discover the answers by becoming a construction crew and working as a team to assemble a tabletop model of an 18th-century post-and-beam house. Then explore a real historic house built on the same plan, looking for clues to its construction and the lives of the people who lived there long ago.

Industry and Innovation: 19th-Century Cookstove Cooking: In the 1800s, cookstoves were the latest in high-tech home appliances. See how the Industrial Revolution found its way into America's kitchens, utterly transforming daily life, as you prepare a Victorian-era recipe on our cast-iron cookstove. Then search our historic homes for the new inventions of the Industrial Age.

Home and Hearth: 18th-Century Hearth Cooking: Feeding a family in pre-industrial times took resourcefulness and hard work. Travel back to the 1700s to experience open hearth cooking over a wood fire. Read an historic recipe, weigh and measure ingredients on kitchen scales, and bake over hot coals using 18th-century tools and techniques. Tour a Colonial shop to get a taste of global trade and discover exotic spices and foreign goods brought to New England from faraway places.