



19th Century Curran Villages at Orrington & Newfield

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Summer 2019

Member of the Greater Bangor Chamber of Commerce

Travel Back in Time on July 27

Join us on a chartered bus trip from Bangor-Portland-to the "Other Curran Village" in Newfield



Take a Bus Trip from Bangor, Ramada Inn, Park & Ride, Odlin Road, on Saturday, July 27 at 7 a.m. to Portland for pick-ups and on to 19th Century Curran Village at Newfield. You can arrange to be picked up at other locations along the way. Contact us for details about this. Ticket price is \$39.

We need to finalize our numbers by July 15. Your payment gets you a seat.

The trip includes round trip travel, director's or self-guided tour of the museum village, and a ride on our 1894 Herschell-Armitage horse carousel. A box lunch is available upon request at extra cost or pack a picnic lunch. Cooler drinks available on board the bus and also at the Newfield village's Amos Straw Country Store. To make a payment and secure a seat on the bus, call 207-745-4426.

\$10K Raised!

We matched the \$5,000 donation pledge from an anonymous donor for a total of \$10,000 raised to date. That same donor has pledged another \$5,000 if we can match it by October 31! That would be a total of \$20,000 of funds raised that we need to meet the costs of maintaining our two museum villages, especially preserving our school field trip program at Newfield that saw more than 1,850 visitors in May and June.

We are also working at replicating that program for the purpose of the greater Bangor and northern Maine region with new construction and renovation to our Orrington museum village. Please help us to meet these goals by making a donation by phone at 207-745-4426 or 207-205-4849, by mail to Curran Homestead, Inc., PO Box 107, Orrington, ME 04474 or by Pay Pal on our website.

Our Old Home Week Events

Join us July 12-21 in Orrington

The S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics) History camp for ages 8-13 in Orrington takes place on three activity-packed days. The workshops will be in our newly constructed classrooms. A snack will be provided each day, bring a bag lunch and at the end of the day get a ride in a 1917 Ford Model T. Cost is just \$95 and is a great gift for the kids or grandkids. We need to know the final numbers of campers soon, so register now by calling 207-205-4849.

Join us Monday-Wednesday, July 15 through 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the 19th Century Curran Village at Orrington, 372 Fields Pond Road.

This is a day camp with many hands-on activities, including:

- July 15: Make a working Leonardo Da Vinci style catapult from wood with post

and beam construction.

- July 15: Make an electric lamp from scratch with blacksmith made elements, wood, and vintage materials.
- July 16: Make a flute and learn a ditty on it. How fun!



Flute project

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Newfield Camp Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead

We have added one more day to the Summer S.T.E.A.M. History Camp in Newfield. This is now a five-day camp because we have so many great things to share!

Sign up now for our **five-day Summer Day Camp for kids ages 8-13, July 22-26, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**, 70 Elm Street, Newfield,

The program includes the following:

- **July 22: Fiber Arts with Rhonda Junkins of Echo Valley Farm in Cornish.** Meet the sheep, clean, card and spin the wool, dye the wool with natural pigment, weave the wool.
- **July 23: Hand sewing and machine sewing,** cooking, baking (Irish Soda Bread with raisins), and pickling (sauerkraut & bread & butter pickles you take home in

Mason jars) in our **Victorian Kitchen.** Make a flute and learn a ditty.

- **July 24: Make a figure from clay and cast it in pewter** using metal casting/foundry techniques. Make cyanotypes (an early photography technique) with artist Ann Thompson.
- **July 25: Complete a woodworking project** Make a dowel handle toolbox or flower cutting collector. (1)
- **July 25: Make a flute and learn a ditty** on it.
- **July 26: Letterpress Printing and Pinhole Camera Making**

Take a ride on our 1894 horse carousel ride every day! Call to register now at 207-205-4849. We will send you an application form via regular mail or email.



Enjoy Baked Beans and a Brass Band

Join us Friday, July 19 in Newfield

On **Friday, July 19, 2019 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.**, guests can savor a **free Deluxe Bean Supper** for our southern Maine membership at the **Old Sandwich Shop (Trafton House), Elm Street, Newfield, ME.** Please RSVP now for the supper and concert, so we plan enough chairs and food.

The **Sanford-Springvale Historical Society** and the **19th Century Curran Villages** presents **Yankee Brass Band**

Concert followig the Bean Supper from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** behind the Durgin House, the big white house. An 18-piece Civil War era brass band will be performing 19th century favorites. This is a free concert for our southern Maine membership. Public is welcome. RSVP now. No tickets will be sold at the door. The package deal of supper and concert only is \$29/single and \$35/couple.



Independence Week Celebration Set for July 3-6

The **Second Regiment of York Militia** will set up for a four-day **Independence Week Celebration at Newfield on July 3-6.** Learn about colonial military life, weaponry, and much more. There will be an ongoing demonstration of **shaving horse construction** on Saturday and Sunday particularly the practice of riving, a primitive timber splitting process of constructing furniture. See a shaving horse, draw knife, froe and hatchet used in the construction of this useful woodworking tool that dates from medieval times well into the early twentieth century. This was a tool used by coopers, wheelwrights, cabinet makers, furniture makers and others. Also,

there will be outdoor cooking and costumed interpreters. Visit our letterpress office, our kitchen, and get a ride on a carousel horse. There will be colonial era games to play for kids and parents alike.



Civil War Weekend Set for July 19-21

We will have our three-day fun-filled **Civil War Weekend** on **July 19, 20, and 21** at Newfield. Starting on **Friday, July 19, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**, the museum is open, and free to members as always. After we close, we will have carousel rides at 3:30 and 4:00 p.m. From 4:30-6:00 p.m., at the **Old Sandwich Shop**, our members are invited for a **Free Deluxe Bean Supper** with not



only baked beans, salads and dessert, but bratwurst, kielbasa, knockwurst, and sausages to boot. **Please contact us and let us know you're coming**, so we can prepare enough food.

Don't miss this! On Saturday and Sunday, July 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., we will have the Maine 6th Battery, a Civil War re-enacting group, will present a Civil War encampment as well as demonstrations of parrot rifle cannon firing each

hour on Saturday and Sunday. There will be a mustering in of participating children, marching with wooden rifles, secret decoder wheel making, coded telegraph message sending at our telegraph rooms, a medical triage for bandaging battle wounds (role playing), Enfield rifle firing demo, lead bullet making demo, and blacksmithing, letterpress printing, as well as outdoor cooking with costumed interpreters. See the secret Decoder Wheel shown below.

From 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., the 18-piece **Yankee Brass Band** will perform. The band is sponsored in part by the **Sanford-Springvale Historical Society**. **The band concert is free to southern Maine members, but everyone needs to call and reserve seats. Open to the**

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Thank you

A big thank you to all our costumed interpreters who volunteered many, many hours to the museum in Newfield so that we could offer Spring field trips to school groups. We had over 20 such groups and 1,851 visitors in 2019. Thank you!

Bob Nesland
Ruth Durfee
Beth Felipe
Donna Tani
Wayne Gillette
Jeanne Loughan
Mary Ritchie
Ken Ritchie

Sandy Johnson
David Mann
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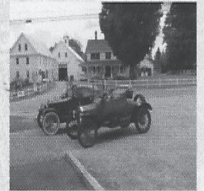
2019 Season Calendar



Orrington, Maine (372 Fields Pond Road)

- Wednesday, May 15, 10-3: Open Day
- Wednesday, May 29, 10-3: Open Day
- Wednesday, June 5, 10-3: Open Day
- Wednesday, June 19, 10-3: Open Day
- July 12-July 21: OLD HOME WEEK
- July 15-17, 10-3, STEAM History Camp
- July 27: Bus Trip to Newfield Village
- Wednesday, Aug. 28, 10-3: Open Day
- Sat., Sept. 14, 10-3: Open Day
- Sat., Sept. 21, 10-3: HARVEST FESTIVAL
- Wed., Sept. 25, 10-3: Open Day

Newfield, Maine (70 Elm Street)



- May 13-June 21: SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS
- Sat. May 25, 10-3: OPENING DAY
- Sat., June 1, 10-3: Open Day
- Sat. & Sun., June 8 & 9, 10-3: Open Days
- Sat., June 29, 10-3: Open; Bean Supper, 5-7.
- July 3-6, 10-3: INDEPENDENCE WEEK
- Fri., July 19; Open Day; Free Member Bean Supper, 4:30-6 & Yankee Brass Band Concert, 6:30-7:30PM. Carousel Ride: 3, 4, & 4:30. Sat., July 20, 10-3: Open
- July 22-25, 10-3, STEAM History Camp
- Sat., July 27, 10-3: Open: Bean Supper, 5-7.
- Sat., Aug. 31, 10-3: Open: Bean Supper, 5-7.
- Fri. & Sat., Sept. 27 & 28, 10-3: HARVEST FESTIVAL; Bean Supper (Sat., 5:00-7:00)
- Sat. & Sun., Oct. 5 & 6, 10-3, OPEN
- Sat. & Sun., Oct 12 & 13, 10-3, OPEN



A Tour of 19th Century Village at Newfield

(A Bus Tour Guide to Time Travel)

History

- The properties that comprise this museum village were once part of the main commercial area of Newfield village which was devastated by fire in 1947.
- The Durgin House and Trafton House survived the fire due to a change in wind.
- The Newfield bandstand is a replica of the razed 1878 structure that was originally situated off Route 11 at the beginning of Elm Street.
- The museum properties were purchased by Donald King of Topsfield, MA in the 1960s and transformed into a museum village with new constructions.
- Many of the artifacts you see were purchased within 50 miles or less of the museum between 1967 and 1970. They were restored at the museum by staff.
- The Victorian theme museum named Willowbrook at Newfield opened in 1970 and served more than 500,000 visitors during its 47 seasons under the Willowbrook name.



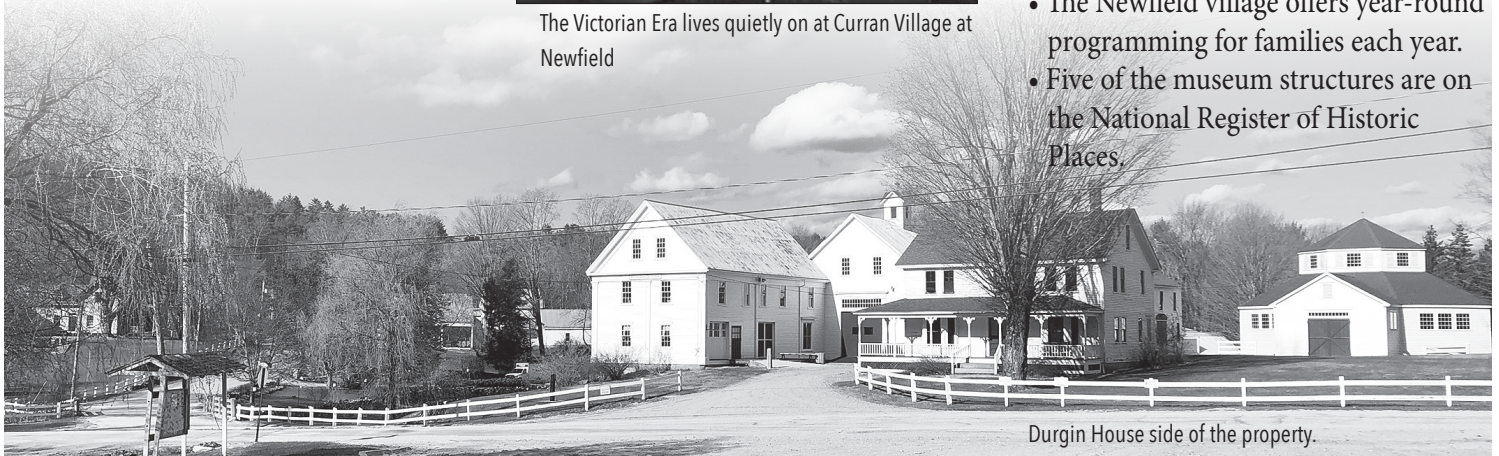
Country Store



The Victorian Era lives quietly on at Curran Village at Newfield

It's 50th Season

- In 2016, the museum properties and much of the collection of 19th Century Willowbrook Village was gifted to The Curran Homestead.
- The gift triggered a change of name and mission for the 501 (c)(3) nonprofit founded in 1991.
- In 2017, a full-time director/curator was hired to run 19th Century Curran Villages.
- In Orrington, development of a greater infrastructure to share the amazing collections and programming found at Newfield is underway.
- It is hoped that the Orrington village can one day offer school field trips modeled after the hands-on, educational programming that serves more than 1,800 school visitors from York, Cumberland and Oxford counties in Maine and New Hampshire each season at Newfield.
- The Newfield village offers year-round programming for families each year.
- Five of the museum structures are on the National Register of Historic Places.



Durgin House side of the property.

Actual Experiences rather than Virtual Ones!

Newfield is the fifty-year-old secret that time travel is possible. Be in the know. Visit us this July 27th or any of our open days this season. Consult our season calendar.

Things to see, but there's more...

- Plenty of benches, chairs, picnic tables and shady trees to utilize
- Two functioning blacksmith shops
- Restored carriages, sleighs and sheds
- An icehouse
- 19th century clothing
- Working Marconi telegraph radio rooms
- An 1894 horse carousel you can ride!
- An 1870s Cider Mill
- A working Victorian Kitchen
- A weaver's shop
- A hands-on laundry
- Early radios
- A broom maker's shop
- Simple and complex machines
- A giant pinhole camera you can get into...
- Historical lighting and candle making
- A functioning letterpress office
- A little red schoolhouse
- A shoemaker's shop
- 19th century medicine
- An 1890s movie projector and a silent movie theater
- An 1859 Country Store with things to buy and see
- A cooperage
- Model T Fords
- Jitterbugs/doodlebugs
- A cow to milk and chickens to feed
- 19th century bicycles, including a hand-forged example made in 1859 in Portland!



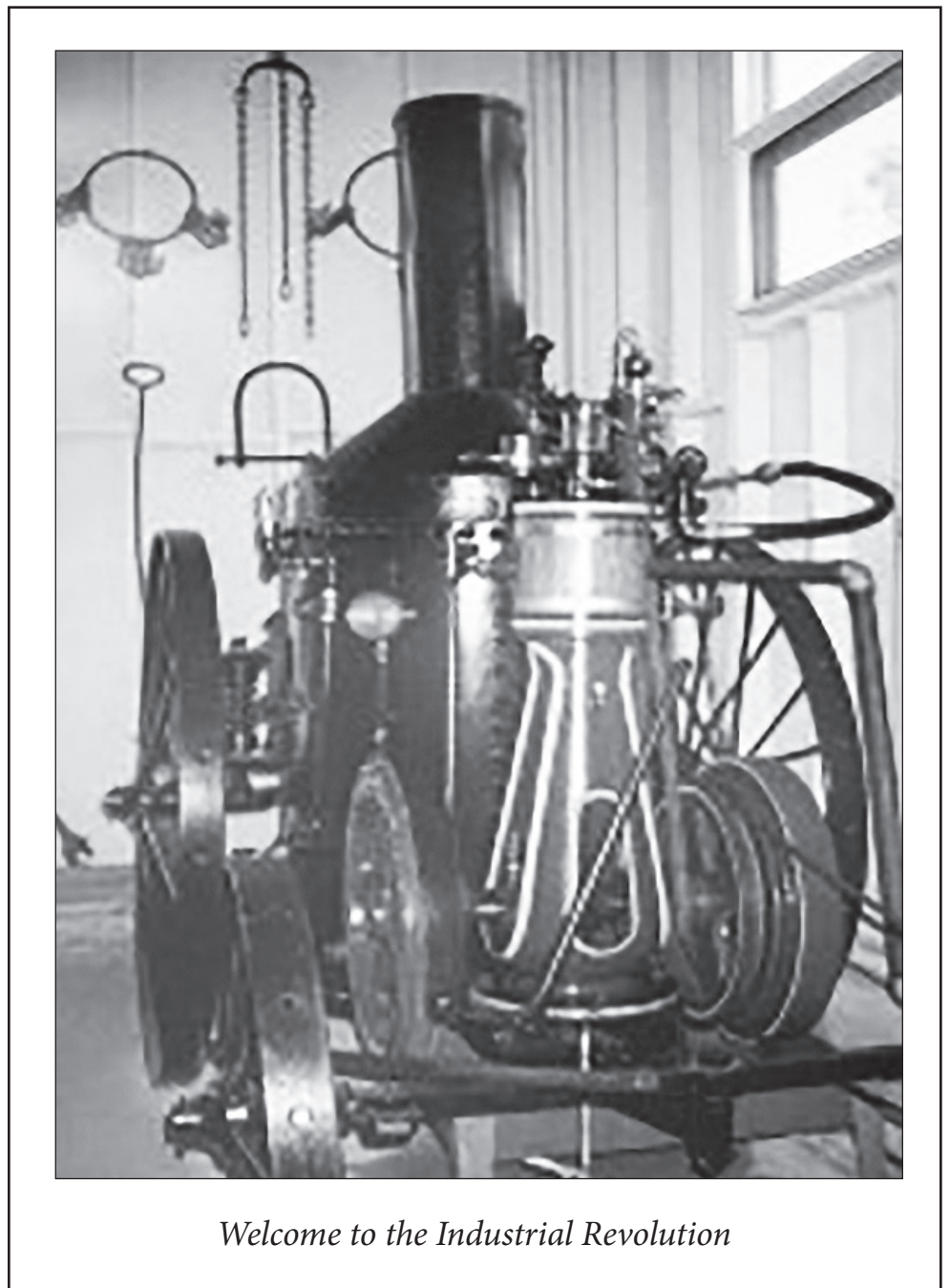
Games without screens



A place to be a kid



Living History



Welcome to the Industrial Revolution

A Tour of 19th Century Village at Newfield



The latest styles



Learning where fonts and type originated



Work of another age is fun this day



Learning to pull one's own weight



Picturesque views



Candles to oil lamps to light bulbs



A place to listen and learn



School of yesteryear



CUT OUT, FILL OUT & MAIL OUT

Please Join or Renew Your Annual Membership in 2019 Today! Our Season Begins Soon!

Membership helps us preserve our Maine and New England rural heritage as well as perpetuate an invaluable community educational resource. Membership also comes with the benefits of free admission and carousel rides for the season, discounts on programs and workshops, and our frequent newsletter. Treat yourself or someone else to a step back into time! Visit us on Facebook or our website.

SELECT A MEMBERSHIP LEVEL:

- ___ **Dual: \$50**
- ___ **Family: \$75**
- ___ **Historian: \$100**
- ___ **Historical Society,
Museum, Library: \$150**
- ___ **Business: \$300**
- ___ **Business Plus: \$350**
- ___ **Sustaining: \$300**
- ___ **Benefactor: \$500**
- ___ **Homesteader: \$1000**

Your contact information is used only to inform you of upcoming events, volunteer opportunities and membership offers. It is not released to others.

Please make checks payable to "The Curran Homestead, Inc."

Be aware that credit card charges for Curran Homestead Village are processed by the **Bangor Letter Shop** as a savings to the museum.

VISA MC DISCOVER # _____

Name on Card _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV _____

Signature: _____

*Please fill out form and return with payment to:
Curran Homestead Village, P.O. Box 107, Orrington, ME 04474*

Please print legibly:

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

2019 Membership Levels & Benefits

- All members get free access to events and open days and the horse carousel in Newfield.
- Consult our calendar for open days at Orrington and Newfield. We have increased the number of days.
- All members receive a membership card.
- Some memberships receive guest privileges, and this will be stated on your membership card.
- For memberships \$100 and above: non-paying guest status at our annual membership recognition luncheon (northern members) and our July 19th Bean Supper/Yankee Brass Band Concert (southern members)
- Children: (ages 0-18) Free
- Dual: \$50 (2 adults) 10% discount on workshops
- Family: \$75 (up to 3 adults) 1 guest pass, 10% discount on workshops
- Historian: \$100 (up to 3 adults) 2 guest passes, 10% discount on workshops
- Business: \$200 Free admission for any employee's family of four each day event or opening, business advert in each newsletter and website, 2 free guest passes. For \$250, get a business advertisement in each of our newsletters in 2018.
- NEW Historical Society, Museum, and Library Membership: \$150. We will issue a pass for a family of four. You can reproduce two of these passes and share with your members (and their family) for each day we are open at either campus for free admission, including a carousel ride. Our normal admission is \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, free for children 18 and under and active military with ID.
- Sustaining: \$300 One additional membership, 4 free guest passes; 20% discount on workshops
- Benefactor: \$500 Two additional Individual memberships, 6 free guest passes, 20% discount on workshops
- Homesteader: \$1000 Four additional Individual memberships, your annual contribution recognized as a co-sponsor of a Curran Homestead event of your choice, 8 free guest passes, 20 % discount on workshops.

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- **July 16: Make a dowel handle toolbox or flower cutting carrier of wood.**



Dowel handle toolbox

- **July 17: Cook, bake and pickle** in our old farmhouse kitchen.
- **July 17: Fiber Arts: Learn to clean, card, and spin wool.** Dye wool with natural dyes. Weave wool on a lap loom.

Giant Yard Sale Items Needed

We're still taking donations of antiques, DVDs, books, furniture, household goods, lawn & garden equipment etc. for our Giant Yard Sale Fundraiser during Old Home Week in Orrington, July 18, 19, & 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bag Some Big Bargains

The **Giant Yard Sale at Orrington** returns under the tent from **Thursday to Saturday, July 18, 19, & 20, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Come and check out one of our biggest fundraisers each year with antiques, household goods, equipment, tools, furniture and more! You never know what you will find! We are looking for donations of things to sell at this fundraiser, too. Call us for pick-up or drop-off at 207-745-4426 or 207-205-4849.

Baked Beans & Bluegrass

Bring your friends to the Curran Village's annual **Baked Bean BBQ** on **Saturday, July 20, 12 Noon- 2 p.m.** Enjoy the Baked Bean Lunch with hamburgers and hotdogs at the historical Orrington site. There will be **bluegrass music** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for your entertainment, thanks to **Jim Leighton and friends**. Come and browse at our Yard Sale and then sit and have lunch and some entertainment in this evolving tradition at the Curran Village. An \$8 donation for the museum is appreciated for the old-fashioned family event.



In Memory of
Robert Croce
1943-2019

Founding member of the 19th Century Curran Village and, more recently, honorary board member, Bob was a frequent contributor, including organizing past ice fishing derbies on Fields Pond and developing our maple sugaring events. Gifts can be made in his memory to the museum at the family's bequest.