

**S**TORROWTON VILLAGE  
Museum  
EASTERN STATES  
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**STAN SVEC PORTRAYS LUKE DAY FOR  
STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM'S FIRST PERSON HISTORIC PRESENTATION**

*Luke Day: Revolutionary, Farmer, and the Master Spirit in Shays' Rebellion*

Eastern States Exposition's Storrowton Village Museum will host its annual First Person Presentation, "Luke Day: Revolutionary, Farmer and the Master Spirit in Shays' Rebellion," by Stan Svec, January 26 at 7pm, in the Village's historic Meetinghouse.

Svec, of Southwick, Mass., is the History Department Chair at West Springfield High School. He will portray Day (1743-1801) who was well known for his leadership role in Shays' Rebellion, for which he was convicted of high treason and sentenced to death, before being pardoned by Governor John Hancock. He was referred to as the "Master Spirit" of the insurrection, and was only passed over as overall leader in favor of Daniel Shays due to the perception of overzealousness on his part, by his men. As a lieutenant, and then a captain, he served for eight years and participated in many key battles of the American Revolutionary War. After the war, he joined the prestigious Society of the Cincinnati, which included the likes of George Washington and Alexander Hamilton.

A member of one of the most prominent families in West Springfield, Day was christened at the First Congregational Church. His cousin, Josiah, owned the home which still stands today on Park Street – The Old Day House – and is the oldest known brick saltbox-style house in the country. His brother-in-law, Justin Morgan, developed the Morgan horse breed.

Captain John Potter, whose home stands in Storrowton Village Museum, served in the Massachusetts Militia and on two occasions, his Brookfield Company was called on to suppress the tumult of Shays' Rebellion.

Admission is \$8 in advance online at [storrowtonvillage.com](http://storrowtonvillage.com) and \$10 at the door.

For more information, call the Village at 413-205-5051. Visit [TheBigE.com](http://TheBigE.com) to find out about all events at Eastern States Exposition throughout the year.

Note: This event is weather permitting. If the weather is questionable, please call the Village for details prior to your departure.

*Storrowton Village Museum, an educational arm of Eastern States Exposition (a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization) and located on its grounds in West Springfield, Mass., presents hands-on school programs and guided tours of its historic buildings throughout the year as well as seasonal 19th century-themed events. It is the site of Storrowton Tavern/Carriage House and Storrowton Village Museum Gift Shop and is a picturesque, popular site for weddings held in its Meetinghouse and Gazebo. For more information, contact Storrowton Village Museum at 413-205-5051, weekdays between 9am and 5pm.*

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