

STORROWTON VILLAGE
Museum
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**STORROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM
INTRODUCES ITS BLACKSMITH COLLECTIVE**

Are you a fan of the television show “Forged in Fire” or the Minecraft video game? Come to Storowton Village Museum May 12 for an exciting new event called Blacksmith Collective.

The event offers visitors an interactive look at the trade and artistry of blacksmithing in New England from the 17th to 21st century. The day will be filled with demonstrations in the busy Clark Blacksmith Shop and on the Village green by visiting smiths from throughout New England.

Visitors will be able to talk with smiths about their tools, techniques and traditions as they work at their forges. The event is suitable for all ages -- adults will get a practical view of the art and craftsmanship of the trade while the children’s activity area provides a hands-on look at the tools and toys made by blacksmiths as well as a clay molding activity that teaches the science behind molding metal.

Storowton Tavern will offer \$12 boxed lunches as a grab-and-go option as well as a regular meal service. Boxed lunches will include a sandwich, bag of chips, fresh fruit, two homemade cookies, a granola bar and condiments. The Shops at Storowton will be open and smiths will offer items for sale. Visitors can also purchase tickets for the Hammer & Anvil Raffle, with 100% of proceeds to benefit Storowton Museum’s education programs. Winners must be present to receive prizes that will be drawn hourly.

Special guests include the 3rd Massachusetts George Washington Continental Army Unit reenactment group, leading demonstrations and discussions on the role of blacksmithing during the American Revolution.

The Blacksmith Collective is open to the public and runs from 11am to 4pm. Tickets are \$8 in advance via storowtonvillage.com (through 5/11/18 at 11:59pm) or \$10 on the day of the event.

Storowton 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 Storowton Tavern/Carriage House and Storowton Village Museum Gift Shop and is a picturesque, popular site for weddings held in its Meetinghouse and Gazebo. For more information, contact Storowton Village Museum at 413-205-5051, weekdays between 9am and 5pm.