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STOROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM TO CELEBRATE MAPLE HARVEST DAY & GIFT SHOP GRAND RE-OPENING

Storowton Village Museum will celebrate all things maple on Maple Harvest Day, Sunday, March 15, from 10am to 3pm. The annual FREE event highlights the history and tradition of maple sugaring in New England.

The historic Gilbert Farmhouse will turn into a sugarhouse for the day. Visitors can learn how the “liquid gold” is made, from tree tapping to sap boiling. Watch 19th century open hearth cooking demonstrations of maple recipes and take a docent-led tour of the Farmhouse. The West Springfield Lions Club will serve up pancakes and pure New England maple syrup in the Village’s red Greenwich Barn from 10am to noon. Pick up a plate for \$5 per person (cash only), with a side choice of sausages and coffee or juice. All proceeds from the pancake breakfast will be donated to Storowton’s educational programs.

A maple-themed pop-up shop will offer a selection of New England maple products from Ben's Sugar Shack, Wood’s Vermont Syrup Company and Fuller’s Sugarhouse. Items featured this year include maple sugar, candies, jelly beans, taffy, sprinkles, as well as traditional and gourmet syrups. New in the shop are miniature “nip” bottles, full-size decorative bottles and flavors such as Ghost Pepper Maple Syrup, Vanilla Bean Maple Syrup, Rum Barrel Aged Maple Syrup and Smoked Maple Syrup. The Village’s very own *Maple Harvest Sampler Cookbook* will also be available for purchase.

The Village will also celebrate the grand re-opening of the Storowton Gift Shop in the Phillips House on March 15. Over the winter, the store was remodeled, restocked and features a line of items made with the official Eastern States Exposition-West Springfield Tartan.

“We are excited to re-open our reimagined gift shop here at Storowton. It's fresh, filled with new products and we look forward to having it be a place where the community wants to shop to get gifts and those perfect little things you can't find anywhere else,” said Chelsea Viens, Retail & Business Manager at Storowton. For more information about the Storowton Gift Shop, visit storowtonvillage.com/shops.

For more information about Storowton Village Museum’s Maple Harvest Day, visit storowtonvillage.com or call 413-205-5051.

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ABOUT STOROWTON VILLAGE MUSEUM

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Storrowton Village Museum, an educational arm of Eastern States Exposition (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. For more information, visit storrowtonvillage.com or call 413-205-5051.