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What's Happening This May at Genesee Country Village & Museum? Join us for the Antiques & Artisans Show, 1812: The Genesee Valley at War, Mother's Day, History on Tap, and more!

Mumford, NY (April 23, 2026) – Genesee Country Village & Museum begins its 2026 high season on Saturday, May 2, followed by a jam-packed season of fairs and festivals, daily programming, and exciting new exhibits. Spanning over 600 scenic acres, GCV&M invites visitors of all ages to explore our Historic Village, world-class Gallery, and immersive Nature Center or attend one of the special programs offered throughout the month. Here's a sneak peek of what's happening at GCV&M this month:

Antiques and Artisans Preview Party, Friday, May 1, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for a sneak peek at the treasures for sale during the 2026 Antiques and Artisans show! The Preview Party is a great way to check out the vendors before the show and secure your prized find. Guests who attend the Preview Party get into the Antiques and Artisans show on May 2 for FREE. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [Antiques & Artisans Show Preview Party - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Antiques and Artisans Show, Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The 28th Annual Antiques & Artisans Show takes place on May 2, 2026, when Genesee Country Village & Museum welcomes dealers from around the region with both fine and primitive 19th-century wares to 20th-century vintage. Plus, shop handcrafted goods by local artisans and explore all GCV&M has to offer. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [Antiques & Artisans Show - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Upstairs Downstairs After-Hours Tours, Friday May 8, Saturday May 9, Friday May 22, and Saturday May 23, 5 – 8:30 p.m.

Our popular Upstairs/Downstairs tour is back this May! During this tour, Museum professionals provide insight from behind scenes of working at a museum, as well as special access to the upstairs and downstairs of historic buildings – something most visitors don't get to see. For more information and to purchase tickets visit: [Upstairs Downstairs After-Hours Tours - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Mother's Day at GCV&M, Sunday May 10, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mother's Day at Genesee Country Village & Museum is a great way to celebrate your mom. Interpreters in the historic village will showcase tasks and activities reflective of 19th-century life for mothers. Moms receive free admission to the Historic Village. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit:

[Mother's Day at GCV&M - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday May 10, 10 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Our Mother's Day Brunch is a wonderful way to celebrate Mom's special day. With delectable brunch favorites, vegetarian/vegan/gluten-free options, a cash bar, and more, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Savor a delicious meal in the Museum's Meeting Center dining room, then head out into the Historic Village to explore all of the daily happenings. For more information and to purchase tickets,

visit: [Mother's Day Brunch - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Landmarks & Lunch Trolley Tour: Thursday May 14 and Thursday May 21, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

This spring, join us for a delightful guided trolley tour of the Museum! This tour is great for visitors of all ages, and will be followed by a light lunch. Each ticket includes all-day admission to the Museum. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit

[Landmarks & Lunch Trolley Tour - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

War! What is it Good For? Homeschool Day, Friday May 15, 2 - 4 p.m.

During the 19th-century, the young United States was involved in multiple conflicts, including the War of 1812 and the Civil War. Join us for this guided tour to understand how these nationwide events impacted Western New York. This tour is for ages 8-18. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: [War!](#)

[What is it Good For? Homeschool Guided Tour - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

1812: The Genesee Valley at War, Saturday May 16 & Sunday May 17, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The War of 1812 is considered the "Second War for Independence," as the young United States fought from the East Coast to the Mississippi River. Come be a part of this history at the Genesee Country Village & Museum as we explore the impact this war had on the citizens of Western New York. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: [1812: The Genesee Valley at War - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Night at the Museum, Saturday May 16, 5 p.m – Sunday May 17, 10 a.m.

Join us for a fun-filled "Night at the Museum". Bring a bagged dinner for the evening, then join us in our 19th-century tavern for family-friendly beverages, treats, and historical games. Before camping out for the night, attend a guided tour in the 19th-century Village, and enjoy a campfire to roast marshmallows. In the morning, join us for breakfast and coffee before a morning trail hike. For more information and to register, visit [Night at the Museum - May - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

GCV&M's Official 50th Anniversary, Friday May 22, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Join us for the Museum's 50th anniversary celebration! GCV&M opened to the public on May 22, 1976 and we'll celebrate 50 years later with special tours, evening hours, ways to share your memories of the Museum, and of course, cake. For more information visit [GCV&M's OFFICIAL 50th Anniversary! - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

MacKay Luncheon, Saturday May 23 and Sunday May 24, 12 – 2 p.m.

Join us for an enchanting afternoon luncheon, set in the picturesque MacKay home! Enjoy a menu celebrating the vibrance of the season while being pampered in an elegant, inviting atmosphere. After your meal, listen to GCV&M staff discuss history and stories of the Museum. The menu includes chilled gazpacho, pastry-wrapped brie with apricots and almonds, strawberry chicken spring salad, rolls and honey butter, and lemon tarts. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [MacKay Luncheon - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

History on Tap, Friday May 29, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Sample local craft beers, wines and ciders at this happy hour like no other! Live music, food, and after-hours access to the Museum all make for a fun and unique night out with friends. This is a 21+ event. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [History on Tap - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Spring Workshops

From leather stitching to whisk broommaking to flower arranging, the Spring Workshops have something for everyone!

[Leather Stitching Workshop - Knife Sheath - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#) – Saturday, May 9

[Printmaking Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#) – Saturday, May 23

[Cutting, Conditioning and Arranging Spring Flowers - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#) – Saturday, May 30

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Photo 1: Don't miss 1812: The Genesee Valley at War, coming up on May 16 & 17

Photo 2: Don't miss History on Tap at Genesee Country Village & Museum, May 29

Photo 3: Don't miss Mother's Day at Genesee Country Village & Museum, May 10

Additional photos and b-roll are available by request. To request an interview, or be removed from this mailing list, contact kburns@gcv.org

GCV&M is the largest living history museum in New York State with the largest collection of historic buildings in the Northeast. The Museum, with its John L. Wehle Gallery, working brewery, vintage base ball park, and Nature Center, is located in Mumford, NY, 20 miles southwest of Rochester and 45 miles east of Buffalo. Visit www.gcv.org for more information.