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What's Happening This October at Genesee Country Village & Museum? Join us for the Agricultural Fair, our popular "Spooky Season" events, and more!

Mumford, NY (September 17, 2026) – As the fall foliage reaches its peak in Western New York, October is a beautiful time to visit Genesee Country Village & Museum as we continue to celebrate our 50th anniversary! The month kicks off with the Agricultural Fair, a weekend-long celebration inspired by the country fairs of generations past, and continues with a naturalization ceremony and kids free days. It's a spooky time too, with our popular "Spirits of the Past" walking tours of the Village, family-friendly trick-or-treating, and a full calendar of "Spooky Season" events. Spanning over 600 scenic acres, GCV&M invites visitors of all ages to explore our Historic Village, world-class John L. Wehle Gallery, and immersive Nature Center or attend one of the special programs offered throughout the month.

Here's a look ahead to the month of October at GCV&M:

Agricultural Fair

Saturday & Sunday, October 3 & 4, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

One of our largest events each **year**, the Agricultural Fair is a celebration of the Western New York harvest:

- Visit dozens of local vendors in the vibrant market tent and shop for fresh vegetables, baked goods, and arts and crafts all grown or made right here in Western New York.
- Celebrate the variety of heritage breeds and livestock, and take in a live sheep herding demonstration, a dairy goat show, a falconry show, a stunning parade of horses through the Historic Village, and the Rochester Poultry Association's 119th annual show.

- Enjoy live entertainment for the whole family, including a Punch & Judy puppet show, music from local musicians, and live demonstrations of traditional crafts like woodcarving and cornhusk weaving.
- Check out the Blue Ribbon Competition winners! See the best pies, pickles, tomatoes, squashes, flowers, woodwork, quilts, cheeses, and so much more.
- Don't miss the last vintage base ball games of the season, as our four home teams compete in the Mayor's Cup Tournament.

The Agricultural Fair is sponsored by the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA), Power & Construction Group, Palmer's Direct To You Market, and Tompkins Bank & Trust. For more information and tickets, visit: [Agricultural Fair - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#).

Landmarks & Lunch Trolley Tours

Thursdays, October 1 & 8, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Long a favorite for group tours, these guided trolley tours are now available to individuals and families to experience. An interpreter will join you on a guided trolley ride around the Village, followed by a light lunch in the Freight House Pub. The tour also includes full admission to the Museum, so you can explore on your own as well.

Tickets for the Landmarks & Lunch Trolley Tours are available at: [Landmarks & Lunch Trolley Tour - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#).

Civics Day

Thursday, October 8, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Witness something truly special as we welcome our newest American citizens at their naturalization ceremony! Then spend the day exploring the history of civic participation in 19th-century New York, learning about democracy, the Constitution, and role of the town hall meeting, and more. Find more information at [Civics Day - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Outdoor Movie Screening with The Little

Thursday, October 8, 5:30 – 9 p.m.

Kick off "Spooky Season" with a spooky movie. Head over to the Village Square to watch M. Night Shyamalan's "The Village" in the Village! GCV&M members and members of the Little Theatre enjoy discounted admission.

Find more information and tickets at [Outdoor Movie Screening with The Little - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#).

Spooky Saturday

Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Get into the fall spirit with a day devoted to all things spooky! Learn about this history of spiritualism and the Fox Sisters, get your own fortune told, taste some frighteningly

good treats in the Confectionery, and more. Find more information and tickets at [Spooky Saturday - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#).

Kiln Firing

Saturday, October 10, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Genesee Country Village & Museum is the only living history museum in the Northeast that fires salt-glazed stoneware in a wood-fired kiln as it was done in the 19th century. Join us on this exciting day to experience this unique artistic process in action! All the newly crafted ceramic pieces fired in the kiln will eventually make their way for purchase in our Flint Hill Store and Village Mercantile. Find more information at [Kiln Firing - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#).

A Night with Edgar Allen Poe

Saturday, October 10, 6:30 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.

Get to know the tales of Edgar Allen Poe through readings and a monologue with the man himself! Choose from two Saturday show times in the Carriage Barn, and enjoy a Poe-inspired food and cocktail menu, including “Gold Bug” tacos and “The Raven” blackberry Moscow Mule.

Find more information and tickets at [A Night with Edgar Allen Poe \(Two Performances\) - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#).

“Night at the Museum” Overnight

Saturday to Sunday, October 10 to 11

Ever wonder what happens at the Museum after it’s closed? Bring your camping gear and join us for a night of family-friendly games, treats, crafts, and a nighttime guided tour of the Village before roasting marshmallows by the campfire. In the morning, grab some breakfast and coffee before heading out on a morning trail hike to enjoy the fall foliage. Find tickets and information at [Night at the Museum - October - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Indigenous People’s Day (Kids Free Day)

Monday, October 12, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

With many schools closed for the Monday holiday, we’re opening for Indigenous People’s Day and all kids age 12 and under receive free Museum admission! Find more information at [Indigenous People’s Day \(Kids Free\) - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Spirits of the Past: A Walk in the Dark

Friday-Sunday, October 16-18

Friday-Sunday, October 23-25

Friday, October 30 (Super Spooky Tours)

Get ready for a ghoulishly good time! Tour the Historic Village by candlelight for an

experience that is part history lesson, part spooky fun. Each tour lasts approximately 75 minutes and features plenty of frights and surprises, inspired by the macabre tales of Edgar Allen Poe. Come before or stay after your tour slot to enjoy food, drinks, and bonfires at the “Fright” House Pub and Spirits Lounge.

A sensory-friendly (no prowlers) and ASL interpretation tour will be offered at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 18. And all tours on Friday, October 30, will be “Super Spooky!”

The Spirits of the Past: A Walk in the Dark tours are sponsored by Valley Propane & Fuels. Find more details and get your tickets before they sell out at [Spirits of the Past: A Walk in the Dark - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#).

All Hallows’ Teas

Friday-Sunday, October 23-25, 1 – 3 p.m.

This eerily entertaining afternoon tea features the flavors of fall. Join us in the John L. Wehle Gallery for a delightful menu of soup, scones, cakes, sandwiches, and tea.

Guests are encouraged to dress for the season! Find tickets and more information at [All Hallows’ Tea - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Trick-or-Treat

Saturday & Sunday, October 24 & 25, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Go trick-or-treating in our Historic Village! Bring the family and visit eight different historic porches where kids in costume can gather sweet treats from our interpreters, plus enjoy other fall-fun games and activities.

Trick-or-Treat is sponsored by Liberty Pumps. Find more information and tickets at [Trick-or-Treat - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#).

Halloween Homeschool Day

Wednesday, October 28, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Nature Center will be open specifically for homeschool families to celebrate and explore! Spend the day outside in the woods, with guided hikes, crafts, games, and roasted marshmallows. All activities are family-friendly and celebrate the autumnal changes happening in nature, rather than the spooky parts of Halloween. Find more information and tickets at [Halloween Homeschool Day - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Murder, Monsters & Mayhem Dinner Theater

Saturday, October 31, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Join us on Halloween night for an evening of suspense, laughter, and unforgettable dining. Led by the talented actors of the WNY Improv Group, we invite you to engage in an interactive experience like no other. Savor a sumptuous buffet dinner, surrounded by legendary literary monsters of the 19th century. You are encouraged to come dressed in

costume! Find more information and get your tickets at [Murder, Monsters, & Mayhem Dinner Theater - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Hosmer's Inn Historic Dinner

Saturday, October 31, 6 – 8:30 p.m.

Experience the life of a 19th-century traveler with a stop for dinner at Hosmer's Inn. Join our historical cooks as they serve an authentic seven-course meal in the heart of the Village. Enjoy historic entertainment before sitting down at a table set for the 1800s. Enjoying a meal at the Hosmer Inn is an experience you won't forget. Find more information and tickets at [Hosmer's Inn Historic Dinner - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#).

October Workshops

From the garden to the kitchen, the printer to the brewery, spend a day or an afternoon at the Museum learning a new skill or trade!

- 19th-Century Brewing – Saturday, October 3 [19th-Century Brewing Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Wool Spinning – Saturday, October 10 [Wool Spinning Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Leather Stitching – Saturday, October 17 [Leather Stitching Workshop - Scissor Case - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Embroidery – Saturday, October 17 [Embroidery Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Catsups & Mustards – Saturday, October 17 [Catsups & Mustards Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Printmaking – Saturday, October 17 [Printmaking Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Quilting – Saturday, October 24 [Quilting Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Museum Hours: Seasonal Hours Change

Genesee Country Village & Museum will shift our general admission hours in October.

- September 24–October 11: Open Thursday–Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- October 16–November 15: Open Friday–Sunday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Museums for All Membership

Genesee Country Village & Museum is proud to be a member of the national Museums

for All initiative, offering \$5 general admission to all EBT cardholders and up to three guests. Our participation in Museums for All is supported by ESL Federal Credit Union.

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Photo 1: Join us for the Agricultural Fair during our 50th anniversary season at Genesee Country Village & Museum!

Photo 2: Join our "Spirits of the Past: A Walk in the Dark" tours and other "Spooky Season" events at Genesee Country Village & Museum!

Photo 3: Join us for a kiln firing at Genesee Country Village & Museum!

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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 <http://www.gcv.org/> for more information.