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What's Happening This September at Genesee Country Village & Museum? Join us for the Hop Harvest Festival, Upstairs/Downstairs After-Hours Tours, and more!

Mumford, NY (August 24, 2026) – As the seasons start to change, September is the perfect time to visit Genesee Country Village & Museum! Guests can help us bring in the hop harvest, meet our two new oxen calves, catch the last games of the vintage base ball season, join us for unique after-hours tours and historic dining experiences, and so much more. 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 September at GCV&M:

Hop Harvest Festival: Bines & Vines – Saturday, September 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

It's time to bring in the hop harvest and many hands make light work! Bring the whole family to experience the spirit of community at harvest time. Stop by our historic hop field and newly refurbished Hop House behind Grieve's Brewery and join in with our costumed interpreters for this important and timeless tradition. Learn how New York State became a leading producer of hops by 1850, watch our cooks prepare a traditional hop harvest meal.

When the work is done, there is plenty to do to celebrate:

- Enjoy live music and German dancing.
- Sample beverages from a dozen local vendors offering beer (including our own historic brews!), wine, spirits, mead, and non-alcoholic options.
- Tour one of the only working 19th-century breweries at an American museum.
- Join a discussion about Rochester beer culture with Jon Urlab, the founder of Rohrbach Brewing Company.
- Visit the cooperage and the pottery to see how historic trades and the hop harvest are connected.
- Learn the history of "wine and war," and the birth of the New York State wine industry.

The Hop Harvest Festival is sponsored by Rohrbach Brewing Company. For more information and tickets, visit: [19th-Century Brewing Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Upstairs/Downstairs After-Hours Tours – Friday & Saturday, September 4 & 5

5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m.

These popular evening tours are back, providing you with special access to areas of the Historic Village not usually seen during a typical visit. The hour-long tours shine a special light on the daily experience of our buildings' former inhabitants, led by Museum experts with fascinating stories to tell.

For more information and tickets, visit: [Upstairs Downstairs After-Hours Tours - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#).

Brotherhood & Betrayal After-Hours Tours – Friday & Saturday, September 11 & 12

5:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m.

On September 11, 1826, roque Freemason William Morgan was kidnapped in Batavia, NY, after threatening to publish the secret rituals of the order. He was never seen again. Now, exactly 200 years later, you can experience the story of “The Morgan Affair,” and the scandal that led to the creation of America’s first third party, changing the course of American political history. The affair has direct connections to several buildings in the Village, and our historic interpreters will lead you on a dramatic and winding tale of history come to life.

For more information and tickets, visit: [Brotherhood & Betrayal After-Hours Tours - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

September Workshops

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

- 19th-Century Brewing – Saturday, September 5 [19th-Century Brewing Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Flower Preservation – Saturday, September 12 [Flower Preservation Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Catsups and Mustards – Saturday, September 12 [Catsups & Mustards Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Dyeing Yarn – Saturday, September 12 [Dyeing Yarn Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Printmaking – Saturday, September 12 [Printmaking Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Everlasting Harvest – Saturday, September 26 [Everlasting Harvest Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)
- Sweet & Savory Pies – Saturday, September 26 [Sweet & Savory Pasties & Pies Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Hosmer’s Inn Historic Dinner – Friday & Saturday, September 25 & 26, 6 p.m.

Join our historical cooks on journey through 19th-century cuisine. Built in 1818 near Avon, NY, Hosmer’s Inn was pronounced excellent in its day for its food and accommodations. The Georgian building has a new life as part of our Historic Village and enjoying a meal in its dining rooms is an experience you won’t forget. Guests will join in traditional parlor games before sitting down to a traditional seven-course dinner!

Check out the menu and find more information and tickets at: [Hosmer’s Inn Historic Dinner - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

\$5 Days – Saturday & Sunday, September 26 & 27

Enjoy two full days of 19th-century explorations at your local living history museum for a discounted price! The whole family can enjoy \$5 admission to all the Museum has to offer. For more information and tickets, visit: [\\$5 Days - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Agricultural Fair Blue Ribbon Competition Deadline – Sunday, September 27

Don’t miss your chance to submit your entries to the annual Agricultural Fair’s Blue Ribbon Competition! Exhibit your creativity, skill, and mastery across multiple categories: Baked Goods, Pickles & Preserves; Dairy; Beverages; Mechanical & Horticultural Arts; Artistic and Agricultural Endeavors; and the Youth Competition. The 2026 Agricultural Fair will be held on Saturday & Sunday, October 3 & 4. For more

information, and to submit your Blue Ribbon Competition entry, visit: [2026 Blue Ribbon Submission Form](#)

Meet Our New Baby Oxen!

We're so excited to welcome our new oxen calves, Tom and Ben, to their forever home at Genesee Country Village & Museum! Tom and Ben are Randall Lineback cattle, a critically endangered heritage breed from New England. Well-known for their distinct line pattern down their backs, Tom and Ben will grow to carry the yoke going forward as our brand-new oxen team, following in a long line of Museum oxen teams past. You can visit them in their new enclosure across from Hetchler House at the Museum's Early Farmstead.

Final Vintage Base Ball Games of the Season

Genesee Country Village & Museum is home to one of the nation's most comprehensive 19th-century base ball programs. Each season, our teams break out the woolen uniforms, brown balls, and double-knobbed bats to play the game the way it was played in the 1860s. Don't miss the opportunity to catch a game in September as the 2026 season comes to a close with the Mayor's Cup in October.

- Sunday, September 13: Spring Creek vs. Oatka B.B.C and Flower City vs. Rochesters
- Sunday, September 27: Rochesters vs. Spring Creek and Flower City vs. Oatka B.B.C.
- Sunday, October 4: Mayor's Cup Tournament

For more information, visit: [Historic Base Ball Schedule - Genesee Country Village & Museum](#)

Museum Hours: Seasonal Hours Change

Genesee Country Village & Museum will shift to our fall opening hours starting in September.

- September 2–6: Museum continues to be open Wednesday–Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- September 10–13: Open Thursday–Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- September 14–23: Museum is CLOSED to the public.
- September 24–October 11: Open Thursday–Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Photo 1: Join us for Hop Harvest at Genesee Country Village & Museum!

Photo 2: Join us for Upstairs / Downstairs After-Hours Tours at Genesee Country Village & Museum!

Photo 3: Meet the new oxen at Genesee Country Village & Museum!

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.