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What's Happening This November at Genesee Country Village & Museum? Join us for the Holiday Market & Preparing for Winter weekend and more!

Mumford, NY (October 27, 2026) – As fall turns into winter in Western New York, we continue to celebrate our 50th anniversary with events and programs that mark the changing seasons!

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 November at GCV&M:

Holiday Market & Preparing for Winter
Saturday & Sunday, November 7 & 8, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
It's two beloved traditions in one festive weekend! Browse unique handcrafted gifts at the Holiday Market, then step back in time to discover how Western New Yorkers got ready for the cold season in the 19th Century. It's the perfect way for families to celebrate the start of the holidays!

- Stroll through the Historic Village and visit with costumed interpreters as they prepare for the snowy season ahead.
- Bring your own fiber art project (for example hand-sewing, embroidery, knitting, or crocheting) and join in a community craft circle, working around the hearth in the Foster House.
- Enjoy Indigenous storytelling.
- Shop locally produced goods from dozens of vendors and find unique Village-made items at the Holiday Market.

Tickets for Holiday Market & Preparing for Winter are available at: Holiday Market & Preparing for Winter - Genesee Country Village & Museum.

Livingston-Backus Dinner
Saturday & Sunday, November 7 & 8, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
This delightful evening combines 19th-century entertainment with contemporary cuisine. Guests will enjoy a five-course meal in the enchanting upper rooms of the Livingston-Backus House.

Dinner menu, event details, and tickets are available on our website: Livingston-Backus Dinner - Genesee Country Village & Museum

Preparing for Winter Homeschool Day
Friday, November 13, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Our programs designed specifically for homeschool families continue this season with a day devoted to exploring the Historic Village as preparations begin for the upcoming cold season. Students will learn how the needs and duties of 19th-century New Yorkers changed as they got ready for winter. Additional workshops allow students to get hands-on experiences in hearth cooking, weaving, and woodcarving.

Find more details and reserve your spot on our website: Preparing For Winter Homeschool Day - Genesee Country Village & Museum

Historic MacKay Suppers
Fridays & Saturdays, November 13 & 14 and November 20 & 21, 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Experience an authentic 19th-century meal you'll never forget in the beautiful MacKay House dining rooms! The seven-course menu is based off a Thanksgiving Dinner menu from *American Economical Housekeeper* in1845, and features Thanksgiving Chicken Pie, fresh vegetables, and cranberry tart.

Make your reservation on our website: Historic MacKay Supper - Genesee Country Village & Museum

Behind the "Seams" Brunch
Sunday, November 15, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Join us in the John L. Wehle Gallery for a fantastic behind-the-scenes vault tour followed by morning brunch served right in the Gallery lobby. The Bruce & Susan Greene costume collection is one of the finest collections of historic clothing and textiles in the country, and this exclusive event will give you guided access to our private vaults that most guests do not get to enjoy!

Make your reservation on our website: Behind The "Seams" Brunch - Genesee Country Village & Museum

50th Anniversary Brunch
Sunday, November 22, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Celebrate GCV&M's 50th anniversary with brunch in the John L. Wehle Gallery followed by a brief overview of Museum history from President & CEO Becky Wehle and a tour of our new 50th Anniversary exhibit, *An Extraordinary Attraction: 50 Years of History, Art, and Nature.*

Make your reservations on our website: 50th Anniversary Brunch - Genesee Country Village & Museum

November Workshops
Get ready for the holiday season with workshops providing hands-on experience in a new skill or trade, and take home a sample of your own work!

- Yuletide Wreath (SOLD OUT!) – Saturday, November 14 Yuletide Wreath Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum
- Embroidery (SOLD OUT!) – Saturday, November 14 Embroidery Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum
- Archival Mount Making – Saturday, November 14 Archival Mount Making Class - Genesee Country Village & Museum
- Quilting (SOLD OUT!) – Saturday, November 21 Quilting Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum
- Sweet & Savory Pasties & Pies – Saturday, November 21 Sweet & Savory Pasties & Pies Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum
- Springerle Cookies – Saturday, November 21 Springerle Workshop - Genesee Country Village & Museum

Tickets on Sale *TODAY* for *Yuletide in the Country* Tours and Yuletide Dinners!
Friday-Sunday, December 4-6
Friday-Sunday, December 11-13
Friday & Saturday, December 18 & 19
To close out of 50th Anniversary season, this year's Yuletide in the Country tour will revisit some of the most beloved moments from years past: From lively winter balls and unruly tavern tales to candlelit homes, carols in the church, and the quiet magic of St. Nicholas. It's a tradition that has endured for generations.

Get your tickets for Yuletide in the Country tours and Yuletide Dinners on our website: Yuletide in the Country Tours and Dinners - Genesee Country Village & Museum. This events is sponsored by Cedar Street Sales & Rentals and Valley Propane & Fuels.

Tickets on Sale *TODAY* for Breakfast and Bruch with St. Nick!
Sunday, December 13
Sunday, December 20
Celebrate the Christmas season with family and friends at a festive breakfast or brunch with St. Nick! There are multiple seatings each day, and tickets will sell quickly.

Get your tickets on our website: Brunch with St. Nick - Genesee Country Village & Museum

Museum Hours: Seasonal Hours Change
Genesee Country Village & Museum is open Friday–Sunday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. until Sunday, November 15. The Museum will be closed for general admission from November 16–December 19, and open for ticketed events only.

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 Holiday Market & Preparing for Winter at Genesee Country Village & Museum!

Photo 2: Join us for the Holiday Market & Preparing for Winter at Genesee Country Village & Museum!

Photo 3: Experience the Historic MacKay Suppers 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

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.