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2007–2008 Newsletter

Dear Educator,

Winterthur has offered organized school programs since the 1960s. Although the world of education has changed dramatically since then, we remain as committed as ever to helping you and your students discover the past through the exploration of the many resources the museum offers. As you read further, you'll discover that **our programs teach so much more than just history**. Each of our on-site and outreach programs is interdisciplinary, incorporating standards in the areas of social studies as well as math, science, and the language arts. To help you convey the value of these programs to your administrators, we have listed the applicable standards inside.

We also realize that **what's important isn't just what students learn, but how they learn it**. For this reason, our programs feature abundant opportunities for children to handle objects, to participate in stories, or to reflect on what they've learned through drawing and writing. Multiple senses are engaged in the garden and in the museum to appeal to various learning styles and to make programs fun! Groups are kept small—only five to ten students—to ensure that each child has an optimal experience. Tours are led by a guide specially trained to interpret these areas for children.

We recognize that testing agendas and budget cuts have made it difficult for many teachers to take their students on field trips. However, we invite you to discover how our programs make learning come alive. Because we believe these fantastic experiences should be available to all students, **we offer scholarships to cover outreach programs, admission costs, and transportation**.

If you have visited Winterthur in the past, please come back . . . and tell your friends to come too! If you have not brought your students, take a look inside and see why this should be the year you do.

Best wishes!

Lois Stoehr
Assistant Curator of Education

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On-Site Programs

Program	Grades	Time	Group Size	Availability	Delaware State Standards
NURSERY RHYMES In this engaging first-museum experience, children will visit several areas of Winterthur to learn about life long ago. Age-appropriate hands-on activities will relate to nursery rhymes. Stay to see the child-friendly exhibition <i>K is for Kids</i> .	Preschool (ages 3 ½–5 ½)	1 hour	Min. 15 Max. 30	Year-round	Builds language, social, math, and gross and fine motor skills.
ADOPT AN OBJECT Students investigate daily life in the past through the study of household objects. In the process, they'll learn about shapes, materials, and basic economics while role-playing, making comparisons, and participating in a story.	Grades Pre-K–2	1 ½ hour	Min. 15 Max. 72	Year-round	Math #2, 8; Science #2, 3; Civics #4; Economics #1, 2, 3; History #2, 4; English #2; Visual Arts #1, 2, 3
WONDER & WANDER IN ENCHANTED WOODS Wander garden paths on a wondrous walk to Enchanted Woods. Kids learn how this magical garden was created and discover a new appreciation of nature. Includes storytelling and free time for imaginative play.	Grades Pre-K–2	1 ½ hour	Min. 15 Max. 72	April–October	Visual Arts #5
PLAIN AND FANCY How and why do people decorate their possessions? Learn about the practice of decorating textiles with weaving, embroidery, and dyeing in the 1700s and 1800s.	Grades 2–4	1 ¾ hours	Min. 15 Max. 72	Year-round	Math #8; Science #2, 8; Economics #1, 2; Geography #3; History #2, 3; English/Language Arts #1, 2; Visual Arts #4
DISCOVER THE “SECRET” GARDEN OF WINTERTHUR Find shapes in the Reflecting Pool, spot frogs in the pond, wander along the paths, and enjoy the magnificent trees. Learn about the plants blooming in the garden and gaze at the clouds and birds.	Grades 2–5	1 ½ hours	Min. 15 Max. 60	April–October	Science #2 (Geography); Math #8, 8
THE MIXED-UP FILES OF MRS. BASIL E. FRANKWEILER Students will discover whether George Washington actually sat in a chair that is now on display in our Galleries. This program encourages a multidisciplinary approach to problem solving.	Grades 4–6	1 ¾ hours	Min. 15 Max. 72	Year-round	Social Science & Geography #1; Social Science, History #2, 3; Visual Arts #4, 5, 6
MAKER AND MARKETPLACE Local and global economies, geography, and history come together as students study the roles of craftsmen and shopkeepers in the 18th and 19th centuries.	Grades 4–6	1 ¾ hours	Min. 15 Max. 72	Year-round	Math #1, 5, 8, 10; Science #1, 2; Geography #1, 2, 3; Economics #1, 2, 3, 4; History #2, 4; English/Language Arts #1; Visual Arts #3
WORK AND PLAY THE WINTERTHUR WAY Through games, puzzles, and hands-on projects, children will explore the various activities that engaged people who lived and worked at Winterthur. A kid-friendly tour of the Winterthur house and a few outdoor activities will enable children to experience life on a country estate from many different perspectives.	Grades K–6	2 hours	Min. 15 Max. 60	Summer only	Not applicable
AMERICAN DECORATIVE ARTS Explore the characteristics of decorative arts and furniture styles popular from 1640 to 1860. Students will handle and examine objects and take a tour through period rooms to observe design history and principles. Ideal for history, visual art, art history, interior design, and home economics students.	Grades 6–12	2 hours	Min. 15 Max. 72	Year-round	Visual Arts #4, 5, 6; History #1, 2
HISTORY IN A TEACUP Investigate life in the 1700s through tea drinking and discover tea's social rituals, political symbolism, and economic power. A primary-source activity relating to the Boston Tea Party is included.	Grades 6–12	1 ¾ hours	Min. 15 Max. 72	Year-round	Civics #1, 4; Economics #1, 4; Geography #4; History #2, 3, 4; Visual Arts #4, 5, 6; English/Language Arts #3, 4

Outreach Programs

Program	Grades	Time	Delaware State Standards
NURSERY RHYMES If you can't make it to the museum, we'll bring this program to you. Children will learn about life long ago through hands-on activities related to nursery rhymes.	(ages 3 ½–5 ½)	1 hour	Builds language, social, math, and gross and fine motor skills.
HOW DO WE DECORATE THINGS Using objects from our demonstration collection, students learn how objects were decorated with color, shapes, and motifs—just as they are decorated today. Art activity included.	Grades Pre-K	45 minutes	Feeds into Delaware Standards for History and Visual Arts
GOING TO MARKET WITH “OX-CART MAN” Children will help tell a favorite story about life long ago— <i>Ox-Cart Man</i> , by Donald Hall—using objects from Winterthur's demonstration collection. Writing activity included.	Grades 1–2	1 hour	Economics #2; Geography #1, 2, 4; History #1, 3; English/Language Arts #2
MEET GEORGE WASHINGTON'S FAMILY Students will be introduced to George Washington's household through reproductions of period possessions and clothing. Art activity included.	Grades 3–5	1 hour	Economics #3; History #1,2,4; English/Language Arts #2; Visual Arts #4
A PROPER DAY'S WORK Students role-play, tackling the daily chores of Laura Ingalls Wilder. They'll “wash” clothes and “bake” bread using demonstration collection objects.	Grades 3–5	1 hour	Science #2, 3; History #2; English/Language Arts #2, 4
WORKING IN EARLY AMERICA Using several objects and tools from our demonstration collection, students learn how skilled craftspeople—a potter, a tinsmith, and a tailor—met basic human needs in early America.	Grades 5–8	45 minutes	Science #2, Economics #3; History #2; English/Language Arts #2; Visual Arts #4
THERE'S HISTORY IN THINGS Objects can be primary sources too. Students will hone their analytical skill using a house inventory and artifacts from our demonstration collection to reveal evidence about people's lives in early America.	Grades 6–12	45 minutes	History #2; English/Language Arts #2; Visual Arts #4, 5

We can adapt most outreach programs to on-site visits! Please call 302.888.4645 before booking a program to make special arrangements.
*All outreach programs can serve a maximum of 30 students.

Logistics

Program Times

On-site programs are available Tuesday through Friday. Groups must arrive 15 minutes before scheduled program start time. **Outreach programs** are now available Monday through Friday throughout the school day. Special arrangements are required for other times, including weekend and after-school programs

Program Costs

Scholarships are available to cover the cost of outreach programs, admission, and transportation (up to \$250 per day). Please submit the application form when booking your program. We are generally able to grant funds to all qualified groups.

At Winterthur

On-site programs are \$5 per student, payable on arrival (minimum 15 students per program).

Outreach

Outreach programs are \$75 per group (maximum 30 students per program) for organizations within 50 miles of Winterthur and \$125 for groups located 50 to 90 miles away.

Chaperones

For groups of children age 5 and older, we allow one chaperone per five students. For groups of children age 4 and younger, we allow one chaperone per four students. We will send teachers the exact number of complimentary chaperone tickets with their confirmation letter. For security reasons, all chaperones must arrive with their group, and leaders must remain with their students.



Booking Your Program

Reservations are required at least one month in advance. When you make a reservation, we will send you a confirmation. Please read, sign, and return a copy as soon as possible. To schedule a school or youth-group program at Winterthur, please call 800.448.3883 or TTY 302.888.4907. **IMPORTANT:** Please call 302.888.4866 at least one day before your visit if the number of students attending changes by more than five.

Children with disabilities or special learning needs are readily accommodated. Please call School Services at 302.888.4866 for additional information or to make special arrangements.

Dining

All groups are welcome to eat in the Visitor Center. They may purchase lunch or bring their own. Winterthur's Picnic House is available for brown-bagger groups of 50 or fewer. With seating for 32 inside and 18 outside, it is heated and equipped with vending machines and restrooms. Groups may also picnic in Enchanted Woods but must be prepared for rustic seating (no picnic tables) and must be willing to remove their own trash.

Homeschool

Homeschool groups of 15 students or more are invited to reserve any of our on-site or outreach programs at the standard school program rate.

Yuletide Homeschool Day

Thursday, December 13, 2007

10:00 am–3:00 pm

Cost: \$ 8 per person; children under 2 free

Take a tour of the mansion to learn how children experienced the holidays in the 1800s and early 1900s. Make a craft based on a toy that children would have played with in the early 1800s. Stay to visit the family-friendly exhibitions *Pets in America* and *K is for Kids*.

Pre-registration required; call 800.448.3883 or 302.888.4600 for reservations.

Special Programs/Events

Educators are always welcome to bring students to tour the gardens, special exhibitions, and the house. The cost is \$5 per person, with one chaperone for every five students admitted free. Visits should be booked through the reservation office. Please call 800.448.3883 or TTY 302.888.4907. Scholarships are available to eligible groups.

K is for Kids

September 15, 2007–July 13, 2008

The exhibition *K is for Kids* takes a spirited approach to the history of literacy. The show explores how children learned to read and write in America from the 17th through the 21st centuries. The exhibition also provides an alphabetical introduction to



Winterthur's diverse and rich collection of decorative arts objects. Ceramics, furniture, ephemera, paintings, and textiles are set within the context of American history. *K is for Kids* is the first exhibition of its kind to focus on the decorative

arts in a manner that will both engage children and promote pre-literacy skills and reading readiness.

Pets in America: The Story of Our Lives with Animals at Home

November 10, 2007–January 20, 2008

The exhibition *Pets in America* examines our roles as nurturer, protector, and companion to creatures ranging from man's best friend to pals with feathers, scales, and very long tails.

Organized by the McKissick Museum at the University of South Carolina, the exhibition is curated by Winterthur professor Katherine C. Grier, who also wrote the book *Pets in America: A History*.



Yuletide at Winterthur

November 23, 2007–January 6, 2008

To complement two current exhibitions, *Pets in America* and *K is for Kids*, Winterthur's Yuletide tour presents holiday room settings that evoke how children experienced this special season from the 1700s through the mid 1900s. The displays include religious observances, secular celebrations, Hollywood's idealization of the holidays, and the festivities of the du Pont family at Winterthur in the 1940s. Also highlighted is one child's White House Christmas, where gifts for "the family" had to include the family pets! The tour will make visitors aware of the diverse history of the holiday experiences of past generations.

For Teachers

***K is for Kids* Teacher Workshop**

Saturday, October 27, 2007, 9:15 am–12:45 pm

This workshop, offered in conjunction with the exhibition *K is for Kids*, will include a tour of the exhibition with its curator and participation in a school program designed for students in preschool through second grade. Participants will also look at early alphabet books and primers in the Winterthur Library, discuss how they reflect the cultures that produced them, and then practice writing their own modern versions of these educational texts. To register, call the Delaware Teacher Center at 800.282.8770.

Save the Date!

Jane Yolen, critically acclaimed author of *Owl Moon* and other favorites, has been named Honorary Ambassador for the exhibition *K is for Kids*. Jane will visit Winterthur the weekend of April 18–20, 2008. Part of her visit will include a workshop for educators. Stay tuned for more information!



Jason Stemple

Announcing Winterthur's Alphabet Book Contest!

In honor of the exhibition *K is for Kids*, and of author Jane Yolen's visit this spring, Winterthur is sponsoring an Alphabet Book Contest open to students in grades K through 12. The contest is intended to inspire a future generation of authors by encouraging them to write a book following the tradition first set forth by the *New England Primer*. First published in 1690, the *Primer* was the earliest instructional text in America to pair alphabet letters with pictures and rhymes.

To enter, contestants must create an ABC book featuring a word or a rhyme and an illustration for each letter of the alphabet. More information and official entry forms are available at winterthur.org/abc. For additional information, please contact Lois Stoehr at 302.888.4645 or lstoehr@winterthur.org.

Entries will be judged according to originality and creativity, neatness and legibility, and content. The final product, including the text and the illustrations, must be the child's own original work.

Writing an ABC Book: Jane Yolen's 7 Rules

1. First you must know the alphabet yourself. If you are a little forgetful, sing the alphabet song 'til you remember it all.
2. Write the alphabet down the side of a piece of paper, one letter per line.
3. Think of a theme for your book. For example, an alphabet of fairies, an alphabet of dogs, an alphabet of kitchen appliances (this one is likely to be difficult), an alphabet of countries, an alphabet of pirates, an alphabet of sports. Any theme can make an interesting alphabet book.
4. Next to each letter, put an item from your theme. For example, in the dog alphabet: A = Airedale; B = Boxer; C = Chihuahua. Better yet, start with the most difficult letters: J, Q, X. If you can't find a word for these, get a different theme. Though, of course, in a pirate alphabet at least two of the three difficult letters are really easy: X marks the spot, and J stands for jewels.
5. Decide if you want to try rhymes or just use the single word, filling everything else in with the pictures. Hints: Don't try to rhyme if you're not good at it, and don't count on the illustrations if you hate doing art.
6. Find a good dictionary and a great encyclopedia and keep them close by.
7. Start. Have fun. Don't get discouraged. Ask for help if you need it. Enjoy!

Scholarship Application Form

Through the generosity of corporate sponsors, scholarships are available to qualifying groups. Such financial aid can cover student admission fees, outreach program costs, and transportation costs of up to \$250 per day.

To apply, submit this application as soon as possible after making your reservation. We will notify you within two days of receipt to confirm the amount of your award.

Send requests to: Winterthur Museum & Country Estate
School & Community Programs
Winterthur, Delaware 19735
Fax: 302.888.4953

Date of program

Title of program

Teacher's name

School

Address

Teacher's e-mail address

Teacher's phone number

Principal's name

School district

Diversity of student population

Number of students who receive free or reduced lunches

Amount of state/federal aid your organization receives

Name of person or group who usually pays for museum programs or trips

Are you applying for a transportation scholarship?

Estimated amount needed

Number of students attending

Teacher's signature

Questions are additional information you'd like us to know

Want to check out the museum
before you bring your class?
Present this coupon and your school ID
to receive one FREE Garden and Galleries Pass.

Coupon valid through November 21, 2007.