

# ALHFAM

## OFFERINGS

*ALHFAM sponsors programs designed to meet the needs of paid and volunteer museum staff. These meetings, workshops and regional and special interest groups encourage an exchange of information and ideas among the members.*

**Annual Conference** - The annual conference is the largest single gathering of the ALHFAMily. Hosted by member institutions in the United States and Canada, the format includes formal papers, interactive workshops, site visits and multiple opportunities for informal discussion. Sharing, fun and learning go hand-in-hand at this meeting, considered by many to be one of the most useful museum conferences available.

**Professional Interest Groups** - PIGs are standing committees which exist to encourage the sharing of information on topics of particular interest to living history practitioners in museums. These include: Seeds and Plants; Livestock; Historic Clothing; Replica Resources; First-Person Interpretation; Electronic Resources and Data Systems; Programs, Interpretation and Education; Collections, Preservation and Registration; Machinery; and Historic Foodways. Several PIGs publish newsletters, and all sponsor workshops and sessions at the annual conference.

**Regional Offerings** - Information exchange on a local level is also available within our international museum community. A system of regional representatives coordinate annual regional meetings and distribute regional newsletters. In the USA the following regions have been established: New England, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast, Midwest\*, Mountain/Plains, and West. Outside of the USA are these three ALHFAM regions: Canada, Atlantic Canada and Japan.

\*The Midwest Open-Air Museum Coordinating Council (MOMCC)

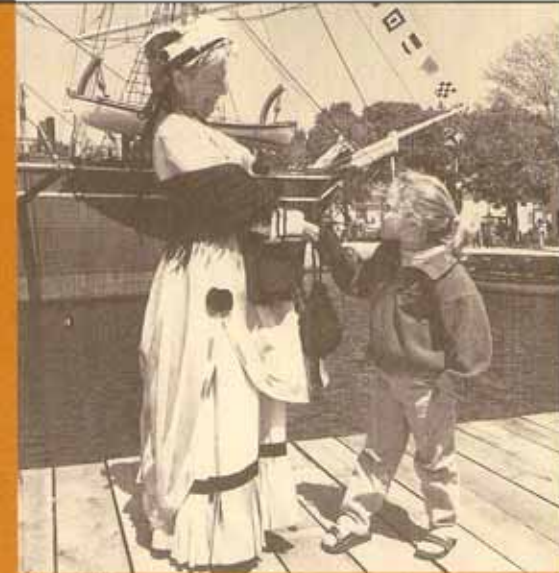


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ASSOCIATION FOR LIVING HISTORY, FARM AND AGRICULTURAL MUSEUMS



An organization of people who bring history to life.



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### ALHFAM

The Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums serves those involved in living historical farms, agricultural museums and outdoor museums of history and folklife. Since its founding in 1970, ALHFAM has been at the forefront of the growth and professionalization of the use of living history techniques in museum programs. ALHFAM members and member institutions can be found across the United States and Canada and in many other countries.

### ALHFAM'S MISSION

ALHFAM is an organization of people who bring history to life. ALHFAM enables its members to make history a valuable part of the lives of museum visitors. It achieves this purpose through the exchange and sharing of ideas, information, tools and experiences centered around accurate, active, participatory, object-based historical interpretation.

ALHFAM, through its membership, is committed to leading museum interpreters, educators, researchers, administrators, curators and volunteers in these fields:

- Historical agriculture
- Historical trades and manufacturing
- Historical clothing and foodways
- Living history programming
- Historic site administration, care of collections, and program delivery within the above specialties

### MEMBERSHIP IN ALHFAM

ALHFAM membership is open to all. Please see the enclosed Membership Application for current rates and benefits. The membership application is also available at the website, <http://www.alhfam.org>, or from the Secretary/Treasurer.

### PUBLICATIONS AND INFORMATION RESOURCES

■ **ALHFAM Bulletin** - The Bulletin goes to all ALHFAM members four times a year. Members find useful articles, book reviews, plus a feature on a living history site which illustrates the diversity of the field. The Bulletin includes announcements of seminars and meetings in related fields, position openings, sources for replicas and other classified advertisements, and the schedule of ALHFAM regional and annual meetings.

■ **ALHFAM Proceedings** - Each year, papers and summaries of workshops presented at the annual conference are published as a monograph. These document current concepts and practical considerations in all aspects of living history museum operations.

■ **Replica Resource List** - This publication is a listing of individuals and companies that produce or distribute replicas and reproductions useful in living history settings. Constantly maintained as a computer database, each printing is up-to-date and readily available for sale from the Publications Clearinghouse.

■ **Membership List** - A complete listing is available to all members.

■ **Regional Newsletters** - Each of the regional representatives sends notices of local interest to members in the region.

■ **ALHFAM-L** - An electronic discussion list is available for members. Topics cover the diverse range of interests of the living history museum community in a current and lively format.

■ **ALHFAM.ORG** - ALHFAM maintains a website available to all. Located at <http://www.alhfam.org>, it is chock-full of current and useful information including a hypertext listing of links to living history sites, a listing of "Jobs for Living History Specialists," membership information, useful bibliographies, a searchable index of all of the ALHFAM Proceedings, annual conference information and contact information for officers, PIG chairs and regional representatives.

■ **Publications Clearinghouse** - This service provides easy access to ALHFAM publications. Check any issue of the Bulletin or the website for ordering information.

*We invite your membership to support and share in this community.*