



Virtual Collectors' Fair with The Old Stone House Museum & Historic Village *Calling all Collectors!*

Last year our annual collectors' fair was the last in person event held by the museum before the pandemic. This year we can't hold the fair in person, but wish to continue the tradition and celebrate the art of collecting and our local collectors. We are calling all collectors to participate in a virtual fair as part of the museum's Spring opening. Share your collection with us and we will include it in a virtual fair on our website. Join us for online events to talk with other collectors and learn about the collection at the Old Stone House Museum. Collectors of all ages and backgrounds are encouraged to participate, but there are special programs for kids who collect. Use this packet as a resource for how to participate.

Program Details

There are three main ways to participate in the Virtual Collectors' Fair: Submitting a collection, attending the virtual events and voting for your favorite collections.

Submit a Collection:

Share with us a favorite collection or something that you enjoy collecting. Send us pictures and describe your collection and we will share it on our website alongside other community collections in a series of virtual collectors' fair online exhibits. See the submission guidelines below for more information.

Events:

Join us on Zoom for virtual events to connect with other collectors and learn about how the museum cares for its collection.

- An online program in place of our annual Gas, Steam and Engine Show
- Come together for a virtual Show and Tell to chat with other collectors about your interests in collecting. Let us know ahead of time if you would like to share your collection during this event.

- Join the collections staff of the Old Stone House for a demonstration detailing the life of a museum object. Learn about how items become a part of the museum collection and what happens behind the scenes to care for and preserve them.
- Introductions to Collecting via Zoom will be hosted on April 5-7 for classes with students who would like to participate.

See the schedule below for more information and the How to Participate section for details on participating in these events.

Viewing and Voting:

If you don't want to submit a collection to share, we still encourage you to visit our site each day of the fair to learn about what your fellow community members collect. On the last two days of the fair you will have the opportunity to vote for your favorite collections in each category. There will be prizes and special features for winners.

Program Schedule

Monday May 3rd: Registration Opens for Zoom events.

Monday May 10th: Deadline to submit collections

Wednesday May 12th: Round 1 of Community Collections Shared Online

Thursday May 13th: Round 2 of Community Collections Shared Online

Friday May 14th: Children and Student Collections Shared Online
Program: Gas, Steam and Engine Workshop/Talk (Time: TBA)

Saturday May 15th: Staff, Trustees, and Volunteers Collections Shared Online
Program: Zoom Show and Tell-Community Collectors (Time: TBA)
*Voting Opens

Sunday May 16th: Program: Life of a Museum Object Demonstration (Time: TBA)
*Voting Closes

Wednesday May 19th: Announcement of Favorite Collection Winners

Submission Guidelines

What to Submit:

- Name, email address, phone number

- Up to 3 photos of your collection
- A paragraph describing your collection:
 - What do you collect or what does your collection include?
 - Information about the collection such as historical details, where you found the items or other contextual information?
 - When do you start collecting these items and why?
 - Are there any particular items you would like to share more details about?

Submission Rules:

- Please do not share collections that are disrespectful toward any cultural or racial group or that promote violence.
- Collections including weapons will only be allowed if they are pre-1950
- Museum staff reserve the right not to share or publish collection submission that are deemed inappropriate for public sharing or do not adhere to the guidelines above

Not sure what to submit? At past fairs collectors have shared collections of buttons, shells, movies, books, toys and everything in between! Your collection can focus on one item or a theme, it can be historical, vintage or related to current trends. Think about what collecting means to you!

How to Participate

Community Collectors

- To submit a collection **email Mahala Nyberg at collections@oldstonehousemuseum.org** with your information, collection description and photos.
- Please note if you would like to remain anonymous in the virtual fair exhibits on the website.
- If you are unable to send the photos and information by email they may be mailed to:

Old Stone House Museum
Attn: Mahala Nyberg
109 Old Stone House Road
Brownington, VT 05860

Museum Board of Trustees, Advisors and Volunteers

- The museum staff will be participating in the fair sharing something they collect at home. Trustees, advisors and volunteers of the museum are encouraged to participate alongside the staff.

- To submit a collection email **Mahala Nyberg at collections@oldstonehousemuseum.org** with your information, collection description and photos.

Kids and Students (Parents and Teachers)

- To submit a collection for feature on the website email **Mahala Nyberg at collections@oldstonehousemuseum.org** with your information, collection description and photos
- Email **Leila Nordmann at education@oldstonehousemuseum.org** for more information about kids “Introduction to Collecting” programs and how to participate. *Note these programs will take place in mid-April to allow students time to submit collections to the fair, should they choose,