



“Marshfield’s YesterDays—May 31st, 2009

On Sunday May 31, 2009, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, the historic societies and institutions of Marshfield will team up for **Marshfield’s YesterDays**—a celebration of the history and culture of the town and a chance for residents and visitors to visit these sites **for free** in appreciation to the community for the enormous support these groups have been given over the years.

The Historic 1699 Winslow House, the Daniel Webster Estate, the Marcia Thomas House and other sites in Marshfield’s historic complex will be available for viewing to the public. Each venue will offer different activities for viewing and participation.

The Winslow House—the flagship historic house of the community—will open at noon for tours of the House and will give visitors an opportunity to walk through the facility and witness ongoing restoration programs.

A working Blacksmith Shop will open at 11 am and will demonstrate how to shoe a horse. In the Carriage Barn three fine examples of horse-drawn transportation will be on display. From 1-3 pm, there will also be an Ice Cream Social held on the grounds of the House. A demonstration of colonial medical practices will be shown and there will be other activities going on during that time frame.

From 11-1, the Marshfield Historical Society will open the 1857 Webster Schoolhouse for tours and a taste of 19th century schooling.

The Marshfield Historical Society will open the Marshfield History Museum at the Marcia Thomas House for tours. From 2-4 a 19th century-style garden will be planted, with help from the public. Plants will be provided, but visitors are invited to bring their own gardening gloves and trowels.

Hot dogs will be sold at early 20th century prices.

The Daniel Webster Estate will offer tours of the mansion from 12-2. In addition spinners, rug-hookers and quilters will demonstrate their crafts. Visitors will be able to taste Daniel Webster’s favorite chowder recipe and stroll the beautiful grounds laid out by Webster himself.

At the Daniel Webster Wildlife Sanctuary – join Mass Audubon staff on a short walk at this 350-acre sanctuary. Learn about the history of the site – the connection to Daniel Webster, more recent land use, and plans for the future while searching for birds and other wildlife. Walks will leave from the parking lot on the hour and half hour from 1-3pm.

A shuttle bus provided by the Council on Aging will run from parking lots at the Senior Center and the Governor Winslow School throughout the day, making stops at all the venues.

For further information on any of these events, please contact Mark Schmidt (Winslow House) at 781-837-5753; Eileen Agostini (Webster Estate) at 781-837-7579, Jane Davidson (Historical Society) at 781-801-8267 or Regina Porter (Historical Commission) at 781-837-9858.