

what's happening at Roseland Cottage



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MAY / JUNE 2011

Plant Sale

When: Saturday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

Celebrate spring and the return of gardening at the Woodstock Area Garden Club's annual plant sale. As part of the plant sale, the Roseland Cottage gift shop has potted cuttings from Mr. Bowen's original boxwood for sale – a unique opportunity to incorporate a piece of Connecticut's history into your own garden.

Power of the Press

When: Wednesday, May 18, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Admission: Free to Historic New England members and students, \$8 nonmembers

Please note: Registration recommended

The Power of the Press is an on-going lecture series that highlights critical events in American history through the editorials and articles published in *The Independent*, Henry C. Bowen's newspaper. This year's lectures focus on the events during the Civil War. Historic New England staff and guest lecturers offer an in-depth review of pressing events, presenting images and excerpts from *The Independent* and other contemporary publications. Light refreshments served.

Open House

When: Saturday, June 4, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

Join us for a complimentary guided tour of Roseland Cottage, one of the nation's best preserved examples of Gothic Revival architecture. Tours on the hour.

Twilight Lawn Concert

When: Friday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

Enjoy the sounds of the 102nd Connecticut Army National Guard Band on the grounds of Roseland Cottage. Visitors are encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic supper to enjoy the performance.

Eighth Annual Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day

When: Sunday, June 26, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

Celebrate the 8th annual Connecticut's Historic Gardens Day with a guided tour of the formal parterre garden at Roseland Cottage. Visitors learn about the history, significance, and theory behind the garden layout and design, including Historic New England's on-going boxwood restoration project. Tours on the hour.

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JULY 2011

Life and Legacy of William Sumner Appleton

When: Saturday, July 9, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

Historic New England presents a traveling lecture exploring the life and work of William Sumner Appleton, founder of Historic New England (formerly Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities). Using materials from Historic New England's extensive collections, this presentation explores Appleton's role in the context of early-twentieth-century preservation efforts and traces his legacy and influence on modern preservation efforts regionally and nationally.

Twilight Lawn Concert

When: Friday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. (Rain date July 18)

Admission: Free

Enjoy the sounds of the Little Big Band on the grounds of Roseland Cottage. Visitors are encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic supper to enjoy the performance. Co-sponsored with the Woodstock Recreation Commission.

Victorian Furniture Explored

When: Saturday, July 16, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Admission: \$25 Historic New England members, \$35 nonmembers

Please note: Registration required

Historic New England Curator Nancy Carlisle presents a dynamic primer on Victorian furniture with a special focus on the Bowen family's collection. Enjoy an illustrated lecture about the styles and techniques that characterized furniture-making for much of the nineteenth century, then take a tour of Roseland Cottage for an up-close view of classic Victorian furniture styles. Light refreshments included.

Victorian Tea

When: Thursday, July 21, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Admission: \$10 Historic New England members, \$18 nonmembers

Please note: Registration required

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea in the carriage barn. After sipping tea and nibbling on scones and cakes, tour this remarkable Gothic Revival summer cottage to learn about Victorian dining customs and etiquette.

Twilight Lawn Concert

When: Friday, July 22, 7:00 p.m. (Rain date July 25)

Admission: Free

Enjoy the sounds of the Windham Concert Band on the grounds of Roseland Cottage. Visitors are encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic supper to enjoy the performance. Co-sponsored with the Woodstock Recreation Commission.

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AUGUST 2011

Rural Retreat: Roseland Cottage Landscape Tour

When: Saturday, August 6, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Admission: Free to Garden & Landscape members, \$5 Historic New England members, \$8 nonmembers

Please note: Registration required

Join us for a special walking tour of the landscape at Roseland Cottage. Learn how the trees, bushes, flowers, and structures reflect the principals of fine nineteenth-century landscape design and notable landscape architect Andrew Jackson Downing.

Victorian Tea

When: Thursday, August 11, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Admission: \$10 Historic New England members, \$18 nonmembers

Please note: Registration required

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon tea in the carriage barn. After sipping tea and nibbling on scones and cakes, tour this remarkable Gothic Revival summer cottage to learn about Victorian dining customs and etiquette.

Twilight Lawn Concert

When: Saturday, August 13, 7:00 p.m. (Rain date August 15)

Admission: Free

Enjoy the sounds of Sweet Daddy Cool Breeze on the grounds of Roseland Cottage. Visitors are encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic supper to enjoy the performance. Co-sponsored with the Woodstock Recreation Commission.

Hermann's Royal Lipizzan Stallions

When: Friday, August 19, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 20, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, August 21, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Admission: \$10 Historic New England members/\$8 children, \$12 nonmembers/\$10 children

Please note: Advance ticket sales recommended.

The Herrmann family, breeders and trainers of the famed Lipizzan horse, demonstrate the highest levels of horsemanship in three shows. These stallions are among the last horses capable of executing the *Airs Above the Ground* maneuvers, dramatic leaps and plunges that were developed as aggressive battle maneuvers in the sixteenth century and are now among the most beautiful displays of equine grace and strength. Bring seats and bug spray. Snacks and souvenirs are available.



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SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2011

Civil War Living History Weekend

When: Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Admission: Free

Roseland Cottage opens its grounds for a Civil War living history weekend. Civilian and military re-enactors create a sense of life during the middle of the 19th century when the country was in the deadly grips of the Civil War. Activities include artillery and engineering demonstrations, military uniform and weaponry displays, and period children's games and activities.

Power of the Press

When: Friday, September 17, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Admission: Free to Historic New England members and students, \$8 nonmembers

Please note: Registration recommended

The Power of the Press is an on-going lecture series that highlights critical events in American history through the editorials and articles published in *The Independent*, Henry C. Bowen's newspaper. This year's lectures focus on the events during the Civil War. Light refreshments served.

Behind the Scenes at Roseland Cottage

When: Saturday, September 24, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Admission: : \$6 Historic New England members, \$10 nonmembers

Please note: Registration required

This in-depth tour explores sections of Roseland Cottage that are not typically seen by visitors. Visitors have the opportunity to see the house and barn from the attic to the basement. By exploring areas such as the servants' quarters, kitchen, water cisterns, and barn haylofts, visitors learn how this wealthy household functioned. Visitors are encouraged to bring a flashlight.

Walktober – The Houses and History of Woodstock Hill

When: Saturday, October 8, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Admission: Free

Explore the history and architecture of Woodstock Hill. Learn about the people and institutions that shaped its long history and walk away with a better sense of New England architectural styles and decorative features. Families are encouraged to join us as special children's eye-spy activities are part of the tour.

Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Festival

When: Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Admission: Free to Historic New England members and children under 12, \$5 nonmembers

Please note: Rain or shine

This festival, one of the leading juried fine arts and crafts shows in New England, features 175 artisans and their wares - jewelry, woodworking, pottery, clothing, metalwork, and much more. Enjoy live music, a food court, and first floor tours of Roseland Cottage.

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