



Immediate Release

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Plimoth Plantation Re- Opens!

Spring Brings The 2010 Season

Plymouth, MA, February 5, 2010 –Plimoth Plantation presents more than just 17th century history, the renown living history museum presents opportunities for families to create their own history with unique and memorable experiences that will last a lifetime. The museum reopens for the 63rd season this March, with a theme of Fin, Fur and Feather. Visitors this March will have the chance to learn more about how animals played an important role in Plimoth in the 1600s.

Saturday, March 13, 9 AM—3 PM

Spring Clean Day—An Annual Tradition!

Spring Clean Day is a sign of winter's end and a community tradition many look forward to! Volunteers are encouraged to invite a friend or enlist whole families to join Plimoth Plantation staff for a fun-filled day of planting, raking, painting, dusting, cleaning and the overall setup of museum exhibits and sites, as we prepare for the 2010 season. This harbinger of spring is a great opportunity to lend a helping hand.

Registration begins at 9 AM, in the Visitor Center. Lunch will be served at 1 PM. Everyone will receive (with museum thanks!) a complimentary pass for a return visit to Plimoth Plantation in 2010 to admire the day's achievements. All are asked to R.S.V.P. by Thursday, March 4, by calling 508-746-1622, 8210, or by emailing ppeters@plimoth.org.

Monday, March 15, 9 AM—3 PM

Rigging the Ship!

The jewel of Plymouth Harbor is getting dressed for the 2010 season! Stop by Mayflower II today to see Plimoth Plantation's Maritime staff as they work together to rig the



Wampanoag Homesite



Mayflower II



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ship for the new year. Children and adults will enjoy seeing this maritime tradition for FREE.

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Tuesday, March 16, 9 AM—3 PM

Maritime Clean Up Day

The spring-cleaning continues, as Plimoth Plantation's Maritime staff invites volunteers to help them for a fun-filled day of painting, dusting, cleaning and the overall setup of ship's exhibit space, as we prepare for opening day and the 2010 season. This is a great opportunity to lend a helping hand as we get Mayflower II into shipshape! Everyone will receive (with museum thanks!) a complimentary pass for a return visit to Plimoth Plantation and Mayflower II in 2010 to admire the day's achievements. All are asked to R.S.V.P. by Thursday, March 4, by calling 508-746-1622, 8210, or by emailing ppeters@pimoth.org.

Opening Day!

March 20, 2010

Rare Breeds Animal Parade, 10:30 am

As Plimoth Plantation opens for another season of fun, ewe & the kids are invited to join Museum staff for our annual salute to spring with a celebratory walk and **Rare Breeds Animal Parade** from the Henry Hornblower II Visitor Center to the 17th Century English Village. Join us as we escort our four-legged and feathered friends to their 'home away from home' for the 2010 season. **Families are encouraged to make and bring signs, to carry in the parade, welcoming our animals home.** This event is FREE to Museum Members and is included with Museum admission. Get up close with endangered breeds of goats, sheep, chickens and cows and meet our newest addition baby animals! As of today, Plimoth Plantation and Mayflower II are now open daily from 9 am to 5 pm.

Fridays and Saturdays, March 20, 26 & 27, 2 PM

Meet the Babies of Plimoth Colony!

The spring usually brings new young for the Rare Breed goats and sheep in the 17th Century English Village. Visit us Fridays

and Saturdays at 2 PM, in March to check up on our newest additions and see their progress.

Saturdays, March 20 and 27, 10 AM—3 PM

Hides at the Homesite

Visit Plimoth Plantation's Wampanoag Homesite to discover how deer hides were tanned and created into beautifully decorated skins for clothing. Join Native staff to experience

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the different stages of processing animal hides into leather for clothing, bags and a variety of other products used by the Wampanoag people for centuries. Guests will have the opportunity to help scrape down a hide and then begin the smoking process to make it soft and pliable. Discover how Wampanoag practices make use of every aspect of the Creator's gifts, using the traditional methods still employed today.

Saturday, March 27, 11:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm—2:00 PM

Indigenous Birds of Prey

Come to Plimoth Plantation for two chances to meet Natasha Hawke, a licensed falconer, and educator. She will be delivering a presentation on the art and sport of modern day falconry (hunting with hawks and other raptors) as well as a quick overview of some raptor anatomy, habitat, predators, and facts. In addition, guests will discover how these birds are still a very important part of Native culture today. Best of all, there will be a live hawk and a falcon for all to meet. This presentation is geared to all ages, and questions are welcome. This is a ticketed event for Plimoth Plantation museum visitors. Tickets are: \$6.00 adults \$4.00 children (age 6-12), Museum Members receive discount pricing: \$4.00 members (adults), \$2.00 member children (age 6-12). Children 5 and under are FREE.

About Plimoth Plantation

Plimoth Plantation is a 17th-century living history museum located an hour south of Boston in Plymouth, (Exit 4, Route 3 south) and 20 minutes north of Cape Cod. The museum is open daily from 9 am, to 5 pm, 7 days a week, from March 20 through the end of November. Plimoth Plantation is

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