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OLD YORK REOPENS FOR THE 2022 SEASON

York, Maine—Old York opens for the 2022 season on Monday, May 30, with a Community Free Day from 10 am to 2 pm. Admission to the historic buildings is free for the day.

The historic buildings, including the Old Gaol, Jefferds Tavern, York Corner School House, and the Remick Gallery will be open through October 29. The Emerson-Wilcox House is closed for restoration. Summer hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10am-4pm (until September 17), and Fall hours are Thursday through Saturday, 10am-4pm. General admission is \$10, and free for members. **Free admission for children 18 and younger is underwritten this season by a generous grant from Kennebunk Savings.** Tickets can be purchased at the Museum Center, located at 3 Lindsay Road, York, or in advance at oldyork.org.

Old York is proud to be a **Blue Star Museum**, offering free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve.

REMICK GALLERY

Visitors are invited to enjoy the popular exhibition, *The Best of York: Treasures from the Collection*, featuring the renowned Bulman Bed Hangings, and newly-acquired pieces from the Pepperrell-Sparhawk family, including an important desk-and-bookcase from Boston. Made about 1760, the nearly nine-feet-tall piece was commissioned by Nathaniel Sparhawk and Elizabeth Pepperrell for their mansion in Kittery Point. Cabinetmaker Thomas Johnson (1715–1787), who made the desk-and-bookcase, had a connection to Maine. His maternal grandfather, Leonard Drowne, was a shipwright in Eliot until 1692, when he moved the family to Boston. The piece was acquired from a Pepperrell family descendant in 2020, and was recently restored by cabinetmaker Alan Breed and finisher Eric Hall in Rollinsford, New Hampshire.

PERKINS HOUSE MUSEUM

The Perkins House Museum will be open to the public for guided tours on Fridays, at 2:30 pm, June 10 through October 22. Tours are limited to 8 visitors, and tickets must be

reserved in advance at oldyork.org. The house, built in the early 18th century, was the summer home of Rev. Joshua Newton Perkins, his wife Mary Sowles Perkins, and their daughter Elizabeth Bishop Perkins of New York. The family purchased the property in 1898 and owned it until Elizabeth passed away in 1952. The house opened as a museum in 1954, fulfilling Elizabeth's desire the house and collection be enjoyed by the public. In 2020, using historic inventories and photographs, museum staff restored the rooms to how they appeared in 1951, Elizabeth's last summer in York. For the 2022 season, the Perkins parlor will be set for a game of contract bridge, using cards and other accoutrements from the museum's collection. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and free for members.

WALKING TOURS

Old York's popular series of walking tours will continue this season, with daily tours held at 1 pm. The tours take place outside and are limited in size, but provide visitors with an opportunity to learn about York's historic buildings and landscapes. They range in topic from a general overview of York's long history to in-depth explorations of the Old Burying Ground, York's war memorials, and the 1692 Candlemas Raid. Full descriptions of the tours, along with specific dates and times may be found on oldyork.org. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and free for members.

ABOUT OLD YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OYHS is a vital part of the York, Maine, community. The organization maintains 16 buildings and 20 properties including the 17-acre Steedman Woods; employs 5 full-time and 25 part-time employees; houses more than 20,000 artifacts and 50,000 archival materials; and serves thousands of people year round through tours, educational programs, and special events. OYHS receives no Federal, State, or Municipal support, and relies on funding provided through private donations, a modest endowment, and a trust established by Elizabeth Perkins, as well as earned income from ticket sales, programs, memberships.

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