

## *Discovering the Museum program*

Accompanied by a guide, students discover the local history and daily lives of our ancestors by exploring the museum and its collections through one or all of its three historic buildings: the Cornell Mill, Hodge's General Store and the Walbridge Barn. The visits are adapted for each grade level and meet the objectives of the Quebec Education Program. In addition, they can be developed with the teacher to maximize the learning experience. This program, available in June, September and October, offers an original look at the museum's collections through the exploration of galleries, games and creative activities. The program changes every year depending on current exhibitions.

### **The Cornell Mill                      60 minutes**

Emblem of the Missisquoi Museum, the Cornell Mill built in 1830 by Zebulon Cornell is the oldest grist mill in the Eastern Townships. This water mill was used to grind cereal grains in order to transform them into flour, a basic food staple for our ancestors. Today, the old mill houses the imposing museum collection which preserves the memory of the Missisquoi pioneers and of their way of life. A visit to the Cornell Mill is first of all, the discovery of the contribution the Loyalists have brought to our culture but it is also an appreciation of the richness of Missisquoi County and of the expansion of its towns and villages.

### **Hodge's General Store    30 minutes**

Just a short walking distance from the main museum, Hodge's General Store takes visitors into the daily village life from the era of the Great

Depression and World War II. Built in 1841, this store, a place where time stood still, contains an extraordinary collection of authentic merchandise and even offers the opportunity to “meet” the owner.

## Walbridge Barn                      60 minutes

Classified as a provincial historic building, the Walbridge barn in Mystic is one of the most beautiful gems of Quebec heritage. This dodecagonal barn is the only one of its kind in Quebec. Exhibiting the Missisquoi Museum agricultural collection in the immense Walbridge Barn, makes this site an advanced centre for interpretation of agricultural life in Missisquoi County before the industrialisation of agricultural machinery. Its builder, Alexander Solomon Walbridge, an industrial engineer, remains an important character who transformed the area by his involvement and creative ingenuity.

## Adopt a Heritage Child              90 minutes

This program focuses on growing up in Missisquoi County in the early 19th century through cemetery studies. Students can visit a local heritage cemetery along with a museum guide and adopt a child’s tombstone. They will learn about gravestone images, mourning customs and early 19th century illnesses. They will also discover what daily life was like for a child growing up in the Eastern Townships; the difficulties and challenges they had to overcome. The proposed activities can be explored as a whole or separately.

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90 minutes

Your students will discover the history of the photographic process through a guided tour of the museum's collection. Students will learn how to interpret photographs and they will finish the tour in our portrait studio where they can dress up in authentic 19th century fashions and sit for their very own portrait.