



**PILGRIM SOCIETY &  
PILGRIM HALL MUSEUM**

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**February Kids Week – Family Programs at Pilgrim Hall**

*Monday, February 19th –Friday, February 23rd*

*Sponsored by Rotary Club of Plymouth*

Celebrate February vacation week with a series of family-friendly activities for children at Pilgrim Hall Museum. Bring the youngsters and enjoy book readings, arts and crafts, and programs at 10 am and 1 pm, plus Treasure Hunts for all ages every day throughout the day. Kids Week programs are entertaining and educational for young learners, and there's plenty for grown-ups to explore, too, in the unique galleries of the nearly 200-year-old institution. Get out of the cold, and experience fun learning adventures in an interactive family setting!

**Monday, February 19th – 10 am to 2 pm**

***Musket Day at the Museum***

Colorfully costumed re-enactors from the New Plimmoth Gard brandish pikes, swords and muskets to commemorate the establishment of Plymouth's first colonial militia. Meet the Gardsmen to learn about defense, warfare, and daily life in 17<sup>th</sup>-century Plymouth Colony. Includes live musket volleys on the Museum lawn!

**Tuesday, February 20th**

***Meet the Author Book Reading – 10 to 11 am***

Artist Heidi Mayo, author of *Nelson Telson: The Story of a True Blood*, presents the story of eleven-year-old Mariah Miller, who is so shy she'd rather be an animal than a human! Enchantment abounds when she finds a magic spearhead on the beach that allows her to talk to a wise old horseshoe crab and a host of other animals. Reading followed by *Nelson Telson* craft activities. *Appropriate for ages 8-12.*

***Mapping Massachusetts – 1 to 2 pm***

Explore a gigantic map of Massachusetts rolled out on the Museum floor to learn fun stories about the State and enjoy mapping activities with educator Kathy Babini. *Appropriate for all ages.*

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

***Native American Book Reading – 10 to 11 am***

Enjoy a reading of Joseph Bruchac's *Squanto's Journey: The Story of the First Thanksgiving* and participate in craft activities with educators Judy Fosdick and Tedda Lindeman. In 1620, an English ship called the *Mayflower* landed on the shores inhabited by the Wampanoag people, and it was Squanto who welcomed the newcomers and taught them how to survive in the rugged land they called Plymouth.

*Appropriate for ages 5-11.*

***Meet the Author Book Reading – 1 to 2:30 pm***

Discover *Barnicle and Husk: The Adventure Begins*. Barnicle is a crafty cat who travels the world on ships as a stowaway. In 1620, he finds himself on the *Mayflower* along with 102 Pilgrims and a timid little mouse named Husk. As they travel over rough seas from England to the New World, Barnicle learns that mice can be more than just a cat's tasty snack. Still, he has his own adventures to seek, and the two friends part ways when they arrive in the New World. Author Mary Shields read excerpts from the book, and presents a lively program of games and activities, including make-and-take items to bring home. Keep your eyes out for a special visit from Barnicle and Husk in person! *Appropriate for ages 5-11.*

**Thursday, February 22nd*****Meet the Author Book Reading! – 10 to 11 am***

Plymouth Rock talks! And the famous boulder has stories to share in *The Secrets of Plymouth Rock* by Dianne Finn. Enjoy a reading of the book by the author, and participate in craft activities, including making your own googly-eyed Rock to bring home! *Appropriate for ages 5-11.*

***Mayflower Trunk & Wampanoag Basket – 1 to 2 pm***

Explore the everyday world of the Pilgrims and the Native Americans through their belongings. Help unpack the reproduction Mayflower passenger's trunk and a Wampanoag family's basket and participate in hands-on activities with educator Donna Curtin. *Appropriate for ages 5-11.*

**Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>*****Meet the Author Book Reading! – 10 to 11 am & 11 am to 12 pm***

Author and illustrator Frimma Buckman reads her story, *David the Bus Driver*, and teaches the art of book illustration. Learn to write and illustrate a book yourself, and make one to take home! *Appropriate for ages 5-11.*

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There's something for every child to do at Pilgrim Hall Museum during Kids Week. Children under 18 are FREE all day long, thanks to Kids Week sponsor **Rotary Club of Plymouth**. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Groups of 8 or more should contact the museum for a reservation. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors. Free parking is available in the Museum lot.

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Pilgrim Hall Museum is located at 75 Court Street (Route 3A), Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360.

**Information:** 508-746-1620; Web site: [www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org](http://www.pilgrimhallmuseum.org)

**Hours:** 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 7 days a week. The Museum is open daily February through December.

**Admission:** Adults \$12.00; seniors (62+) \$10.00; Children \$8.00; Families (2 adults, 2 children) \$30.00. Residents of Plymouth, Massachusetts are admitted free.