

**AUTUMN ON THE FARMS AT OLD WORLD WISCONSIN  
OCTOBER 18-19, 2008**

Here are some of the 19th-century autumn farm activities visitors can expect to experience and help with during the second weekend of Old World Wisconsin's Autumn on the Farms.

**On the Visitor Center Mall (at the entrance to the site)**

<b>Farmers' and Artisans' Markets:</b> browse a wide variety of handmade goods and crafts
<b>Heirloom Vegetable Sale:</b> choose from a variety of heirloom veggies grown and harvested at Old World Wisconsin

**Ramsey Barn/Museum Store**

<b>Lower Level Auditorium:</b> view a 12-minute video on the <b>Great Peshtigo Fire</b> , the largest and deadliest fire in United States history — an inferno in northeastern Wisconsin that occurred on the same autumn night as the Great Chicago Fire, October 8, 1871, and claimed five times as many victims. After witnessing this video, you'll have greater understanding of the context for the drama that unfolds in the Peterson Wagon Shop: "The Great Peshtigo Fire: Survivors' Stories," depicting the impact on three individuals.
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**Caldwell Farmers' Club Hall Educational Center**

<b>Mattress Ticking:</b> stuff a mattress tick as farm wives did in the 19th century.
<b>Historic Games:</b> play hoops-and-sticks, graces and other 19th-century games.
<b>Caldwell Animal Program:</b> get up-close and personal with historic farm animal breeds.
<b>Rug Braiding Demonstration:</b> see how it's done, turning scraps of wool into works of art.

**1870s Crossroads Village**

Building	Activity
<b>Harmony Town Hall</b>	<b>Display of vintage survey equipment.</b> Sunday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.: join in a discussion with Marty Perkins, Old World Wisconsin curator of research, learn to read and interpret the everyday landscape of Wisconsin and understand the forces that shaped Wisconsin's system of land organization.
<b>Four Mile Inn</b>	Join in making old-fashioned, sweet-smelling <b>apple butter</b> .
<b>Sisel House Kitchen</b>	Help make the much-needed <b>candles</b> , using molds and hot wax.
<b>Benson House</b>	Join in <b>making pumpkin pies</b> , beginning with the pumpkin itself.
<b>Grotelueschen Blacksmith Shop</b>	Stop in to see the white-hot <b>blacksmithing demonstrations</b> .
<b>Thomas General Store</b>	See the <b>display of winter goods</b> available for settlers to purchase.
<b>Peterson Wagon Shop</b>	<b>"The Great Peshtigo Fire: Survivors' Stories"</b> : this 18-minute drama takes place each day at 10:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:45p.m. Limited seating. Free.
<b>Hafford House</b>	Help mix lye and fat together to <b>create the soap</b> used for everything from bathing to washing dishes.
<b>St. Peter's Church</b>	Try your hand at <b>quilting</b> , turning scrap fabric into useful and beautiful creations.

<b>Throughout the site:</b>	Watch the muscular <b>oxen</b> driven with expert precision by our farmer, to assist in the work.
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#### German/Polish Area

Location	Activity
<b>German Area</b>	Watch the <b>draft horses</b> skid logs to the sawmill for cutting.
<b>Koepsell/Schulz Field</b>	See the <b>steam-powered sawmill</b> as it cuts tree trunks into boards.
<b>Schottler Summer Kitchen</b>	See <b>how sausage is made</b> by hand, or how meat is smoked to preserve it.
<b>Schulz House</b>	Help slice and pound the cabbage into <b>traditional sauerkraut</b> .
<b>Koepsell House</b>	Watch as the <b>noon dinner for the farmers is made</b> (Saturday), or how the leftovers are prepared (Sunday).
<b>Koepsell House Porch</b>	Sniff the <b>cider vinegar barrel</b> and see what goes into making vinegar.

#### Norwegian Area

Building	Activity
<b>Fossebrekke House</b>	<b>Make headcheese:</b> erase your preconceptions as you watch this delicious staple with the tantalizing aroma being made.
<b>Kvaale House Porch</b>	See the wool fiber from our sheep as it is <b>spun into yarn</b> .
<b>Kvaale Summer Kitchen</b>	Learn which plants produce which colors in our wool <b>dyeing demonstration</b> .
<b>Raspberry Schoolhouse</b>	Participate in the start of <b>fall school lessons</b> as kids (and adults!) of all ages join in.

#### Finn-Dane Area

Building	Activity
<b>Ketola House</b>	See the farm wife <b>pluck and butcher poultry</b> , with a use for every part (Saturday), or <b>cook poultry</b> using old-fashioned methods (Sunday).
<b>Rankinen House</b>	Join the farm wife <b>digging rutabagas, turnips, potatoes, carrots, beets, onions and cabbage</b> — the Rankinen farm has them all! (Saturday only). Help <b>cultivate the garden</b> to prep it for next year's planting (Sunday only).
<b>Pedersen House</b>	See the year's apple crop <b>pressed into cider</b> .