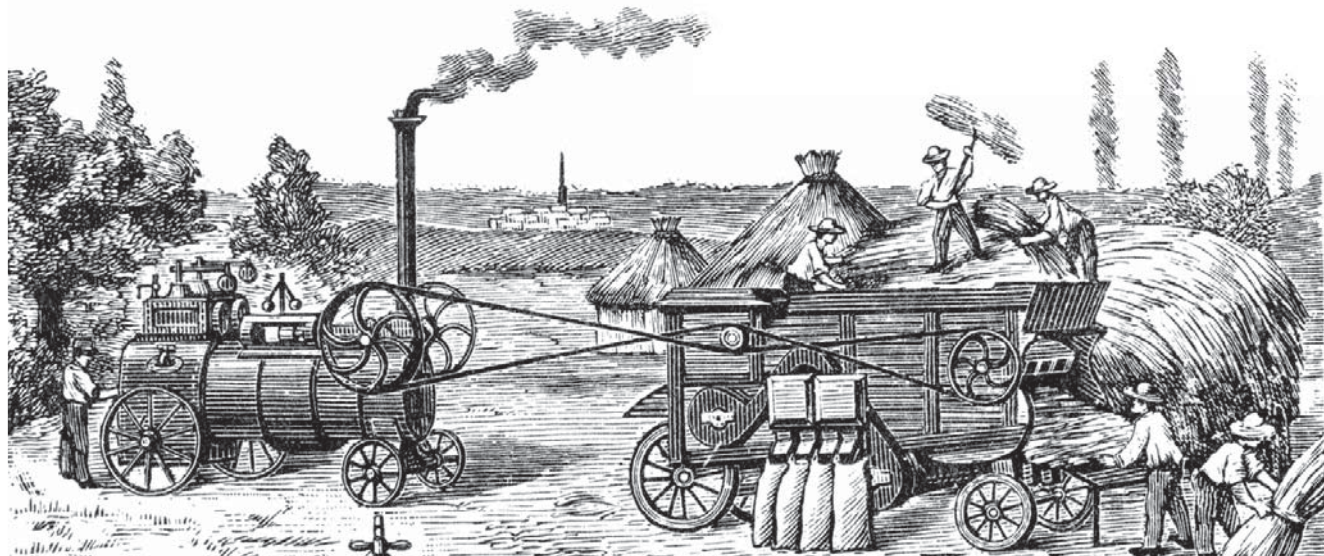


Autumn ON THE Farms

TWO WEEKENDS!



“As a month between the late fruits of summer’s sunshine and human toil are ripe for the cellar and garner, and the races of men and animals are busy gathering their food and preparing their homes for the piercing cold of winter, there is none in the calendar more interesting than October. A great variety of work will urge itself upon the farmer, no department of which, we trust, will be neglected by him.”

Wisconsin Farmer
October, 1858

*Saturday & Sunday,
October 10-11 & 17-18
10 am to 5 pm*

IN THE 19TH CENTURY, THE CHANGING SEASONS DICTATED AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES. Autumn was an especially busy time for families living in rural Wisconsin.

The kitchens, fields and farmyards at Old World Wisconsin are alive with the same activities early settlers performed; join us as we bring in and put up the harvest.

SPECIAL THANKS to the Jefferson County Draft Horse Association and the Dairyland Drivers for lending us their teams to help. Thanks also to heirloom apple grower Ken Weston, Brighton Woods Orchard, and Quednow’s Heirloom Apple Orchard.

All activities take place between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm unless otherwise noted and are subject to change due to weather and staff availability. Buildings without special activities are open with regular programming.



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Market Place Shed


(on the Visitor Center Green)


Heirloom Produce Sales: Stock up on pumpkins and other fruits of our gardens, plus some locally-grown heirloom apple varieties.

Artists' Wares: Shop for handmade goods, made by local and international artisans.

Caldwell Farmers' Club Hall Education Center


Candle Dipping: Try your hand at making a candle; it's only \$1 to take it home! 


Rug Braiding: Learn how a rug is braided, recycling wool fabric. 

Graces, and Hoops and Sticks Games: Enjoy some leisure games from the Victorian Period. 

Crossroads Village Area

St. Peter's Church ①

Piece Pin Cushions: Sew together scraps of fabric to make something useful AND beautiful. 

Prairie Talks: Learn about the significance of the prairie in Wisconsin and at Old World Wisconsin, as you speak with naturalist Bob Ahrenhoerster. **October 10-11; 10 am – 12 pm.** 


Hafford House ②

Soap Making: Watch lye soap being made and feel the finished product; learn about its recycled ingredients. 

Grotelueschen Blacksmith Shop ④

See the blacksmith at work.


Thomas General Store ⑤

Winter Goods: See the display of products available for winter; try something on. 


Sisel Shoe Shop ⑦

Waterproofing Shoes: Put some special dressing on shoes to protect them from the elements. 

Four Mile Inn ⑧


Popping Popcorn: See popcorn made over a cast iron stove and sample a little. 

Sanford Farm ⑩

Autumn Cooking: Learn how pumpkins were preserved. **October 10-11.** 


This weekend's specialty is gourd soup. **October 17-18.** 

Sanford Farm Garden ⑩

Heirloom Vegetables: Learn what makes the varieties grown on site so special. **11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm.** 

German Area

Draft Horse Demonstration: Members of the Jefferson County Draft Horse Association and their horses will be at work throughout this area.

Plowing and planting: **October 10-11; 10:30 am – 12:30 pm; 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm.** 



Koepsell Farm ⑫


Meal Preparation: See a harvest dinner and fixings being prepared for the workers' midday meal.

Mortise and Tenon Joints: Shave and fit a peg and discover the surprisingly strong bond created. 

Schottler Farm ⑬

Preserving Meat: Families usually butchered in the late fall or early winter when the weather was cool.


Sausage Making and Meat Smoking: Discover how meat was salted and smoked to keep it from spoiling. Help grind the meat for sausage making. **October 10-11.**  

Sausage Making and Butchering: In addition to sausage making, you may view the processing of the animal—removing the organs, scraping and preparing the meat. **Butchering begins at noon, October 17-18.** 



Please note: visitors wishing to avoid these activities should by-pass this farm during these specified times.




Schulz Farm ⑭

Play ball! Play with our very special ball, made from a pig's bladder. 

Pigs' Feet Jelly: In the kitchen, see this savory dish being made. **October 10-11.** 



Sauerkraut: Turn cabbages into kraut on the front porch. **October 17-18.**  

Sawmill: Watch the Frick steam engine and 1923 McCormick-Deering 1020 tractor power a sawmill, cutting wood for winter. **October 17-18; 10:30 am – 12:30 pm and 1:30 – 4:30 pm.** 

Finnish Area

Ketola Farm ⑯

Chicken Dinner: Smell the tasty aroma of a delicious midday meal. **Saturday, October 17.** 

Chicken Processing: Help pluck the feathers from a chicken as we prepare it for an old-fashioned chicken dinner. **Sunday, October 18, 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.**  

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Danish Area

Pedersen Farm ⑮

Apple Press: Help press the year's apple crop into cider for storage over winter. **Both Weekends: 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm.**  

Apple Butter: Join in stirring this delicious spread. **Sunday, October 18.**  


KEY All exhibit building numbers correspond to our Visitor Guide numbering.

 = Try for Yourself

 = Special Demonstration (some limited times)


Norwegian Area



Kvaale Farm ⑰

Restoration Talk: Discuss the restoration of the summer kitchen with Gary Goyette, Restoration Maintenance Superintendent. **October 10-11; 12:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm.** 


Spinning Wool (front porch): Watch the spinning wheel turn fiber into yarn and try some carding. 

Fossebrekke Farm ⑳

Boiling Traps. See how the traps are boiled to remove all human scent. **October 10-11.** 

Game Animal Butchering: Watch the processing of these animals and try your hand at stretching the hide. **October 10-11; 12:30 pm and 4:00 pm.**  

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Making Headcheese: As you've likely discovered, nothing went to waste during the butchering process. **October 17-18.** 

Raspberry School ⑲

Beginning of School Exercises: Learn about the start of the school year and life in a one-room schoolhouse.

NEW! Eagle Mills Area

South of Raspberry School—⑲

More Machines! Listen to the pop-pop of hit-and-miss engines as they power washing machines, shellers, grinders and more. Witness a hay baler in action and try making some rope yourself. **Both Weekends: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm; 1:30 – 4:30 pm.**  

Throughout the Site

Oxen in Motion: Oxen provided the tremendous power required for certain heavy farming operations. Witness the brute strength of a yoke of oxen as they help with farm chores.



Meals & Snacks

Clousing Barn: Enjoy lunch or a snack in the cafe or the upper loft.

Lynn's Cookies: Snack on some heavenly, homemade cookies, made onsite daily. Next to Four Mile Inn 8 at the Crossroads Village.

Don't Miss

Workshops

Through November 14

Learn some of the 19th-century skills and crafts you've seen today. Blacksmithing, rug braiding, woodstove cooking and more! Visit our website for class information and registration information.

Halloween Dinner Theater

October 23 & 24, 30 & 31

Fridays 6 pm;

Saturdays 5 pm
and 7:30 pm

Enjoy a themed harvest buffet and dramatization of four of Poe's best-loved tales: "The Raven," "The Fall of the House of Usher," "The Pit and the Pendulum," and "The Tell-Tale Heart." Not recommended for children 10 and under. Adults: \$60; Children (17 and under): \$50. **Reservations required.** Menu details and reservations available online www.oldworldwisconsin.org.

TICKETS GOING FAST: ONLY OCTOBER 31 SHOWS REMAINING!

The Spirit of Christmas Past

December 5 & 6, 12 & 13

Noon to 4 pm

Discover the holiday traditions of many different cultures as you walk from house to house in our festively-decorated Crossroads Village.



Admission: \$5; Toddlers (4 & under): FREE.

Museum Store: Open until 5:30 p.m. today, and stocked with all kinds of books, toys and can't-be-without items!

Thanks for visiting today. There are many ways to continue your support after today's visit. Please stop by the museum store to learn about becoming a Wisconsin Historical Society Member.

While on our website, you can also sign up for our monthly email newsletter and learn about many behind-the-scenes activities.

! We value your opinion. Please take a minute to complete our online survey at www.oldworldwisconsin.org; click on "Visitor Survey."



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