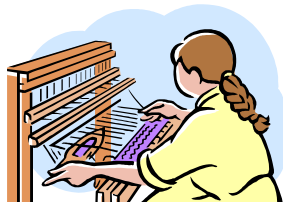


Educational Programs

Since the early 1970's students have participated in the living history programs at Sands Ring Homestead Museum.

Students learn about life in the 1700's while participating in colonial activities, such as open hearth cooking, butter churning, spinning and weaving, candle-dipping, and corn-husk doll making. They also learn about the Sands family and their place in history.



Colonial activity programs support the New York State Learning Standards.

Sands Ring Homestead is one of the oldest Dutch colonial houses still standing in the Hudson Valley. The original home was built from 1760 to 1770. Additions were added from 1777 to 1840. At one time the home contained 22 rooms. The Homestead was known as Rose Cottage because of the beautiful rose arbor that once graced its entrance.

Visitors can tour the Parlor, the General Store, the Meeting Room, the Old Kitchen, the upstairs rooms, and the Herb Garden.

The Homestead is open to the community during our seasonal Open Houses and during other events held throughout the year.

We invite you to become a member of The Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum and help us to preserve and to maintain this historic landmark.

Sands Ring Homestead Museum

P.O. Box 226
Cornwall, NY 12518-0226

Phone: 845-534-4829

E-mail: sandsringfriends@yahoo.com

Visit our website

www.sandsring.org

Take a trip back to Colonial times
and visit

Sands Ring Homestead Museum



Built in 1760 by Nathaniel Sands this Homestead is located on Main Street in the heart of picturesque Cornwall, New York.

Our Mission:

To foster an understanding of the colonial period by sharing stories of the Sands and Ring Families showing how one family lived and prospered in the Hudson Valley.

To provide hands-on-workshops in a 1760 historical homestead using original artifacts and reproductions to illustrate life in colonial America.

History of Sands Ring Homestead



1760 Nathaniel Sands builds The Homestead for his cousin Comfort

Sands. Comfort's wife did not want to move to leave her home on Long Island, so Nathaniel and his family moved in.

1771 Nathaniel gives The Homestead to his son, David, and his wife, Clementine Hallock, as a wedding present.

About 1770 to 1790 David opens The Homestead to The Society of Friends known as The Quakers. The Meeting Room was used until 1790 when the present Quaker Meeting House was built.

1775 to 1783 Revolutionary War Soldiers camp on the property and spend time in The Homestead.

1783 David opens a General Store in a room on the first floor of The Homestead. Soldiers and members of the community trade here.

1818 David dies and bequeaths The Homestead to his daughter Catherine Sands who is married to Elias Ring.

1865 David's son, Nathaniel Sands, creates the Sands Medals to be awarded to students who demonstrate excellence. Today, the medals are still given to students in Cornwall and New Windsor schools.

1907 Benjamin Ring Davis, Catherine's grandson, dies and is the last family member to live in the house.

The Homestead Becomes Part of the Community

1912 Community members concerned about the future of The Homestead form the Village Improvement Society and purchase The Homestead and surrounding property.

1913-1914 The Meeting Room is converted into a Tea Room. The Homestead becomes headquarters for the American Fund for the French Wounded. Garments are made and food is sent to devastated countries. The A.F.F.W. ran the Tea Room to benefit the Red Cross.

1950 The Town of Cornwall purchases The Homestead and establishes a museum.

1951 The State Education Department of New York grants the museum an educational charter .

1973 to the Present Students from Cornwall, surrounding communities, and NYC learn about colonial life through hands-on colonial activity and learning programs.

2007 to the Present Friends of Sands Ring Homestead is created to provide support to the museum. Recognized as a non-profit organization under Section 501 (c) (3), it is organized exclusively for educational purposes



Become a member of Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum and support our mission!

Contributing Member \$100

Institutional Member \$50

Family Member \$15

Individual Member \$10

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

We are eligible for company matching funds. If you wish to participate, please enclose your company form. Thanks!

____ Check here if you are interested in volunteering at the Museum.

Send your membership application and check to:

Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum

P.O. Box 226

Cornwall, NY 12518-0266

The Friends of Sands Ring Homestead Museum is a non-profit organization organized exclusively for educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3).

Sands Ring Homestead Museum

P.O. Box 226
Cornwall, NY 12518-0226

Phone: 845-534-4829

E-mail: sandsringfriends@yahoo.com

Our website: www.sandsring.org