

A rummage through the Collections

Keen to stay curious? Want to know more?

Not only do we have many treasures in the museum collections, we also have a treasured team of expert curators who bring these objects to life through a programme of talks and activities at all our sites.

The County Museum at
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Worcester City Art
Gallery & Museum
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01905 25371

The Commandery
Sidbury, Worcester
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Worcester City Art Gallery & Museum

Bite size talks

Escape into the world of museums for thirty minutes and enjoy fascinating facts about Museums Worcestershire's collections and exhibitions. Talks start at 1pm.

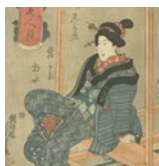
~ Tuesday 14th April Introducing Skyscape

A behind the scenes insight of Skyscape, on tour from the Ashmolean Museum.

~ Tuesday 5th May Dunkirk and the Worcestershire Yeomanry Colonel Stamford Cartwright MBE TD of Worcestershire Yeomanry Museums Trust ahead of the 75th anniversary of the 1944 D-Day landings.

~ Tuesday 9th June Robert Gale – Tales from HMS Rattlesnake Find out more about one of the museum's most prolific collectors in the 19th century, his adventures aboard HMS Rattlesnake and the objects that he brought back to Worcester.

~ Tuesday 14th July Japanese Prints in Worcester City's Collection Discover more about Worcester's recently-researched collection of beautiful and intriguing Japanese prints.

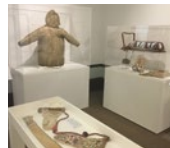


~ Tuesday 11th August Introducing Human Machines An introduction to this year's summer exhibition, Human Machines.

~ Tuesday 8th September Worcestershire Treasures Join our Head Curator for a look back to Worcestershire's most important archaeological treasures and some exciting recent discoveries.

~ Tuesday 13th October Introducing The Printed Line Take a closer look into this fascinating exhibition about the development of print-making techniques since the beginning of the 20th century.

~ Tuesday 10th November A Pilgrim's Choice – Mayflower400 On the 400th anniversary of its voyage from Plymouth to the USA, find out more about the Mayflower ship and its crew's search for religious freedom in the New World.



~ Tuesday 8th December The Worcester Story An exploration of Worcester and its story, told by objects in Worcester City's collection with Head Curator Deborah Fox.

Cost: £3 - Booking: 01905 25371
Email: gallerymuseum@museumsworcestershire.org.uk



Go Behind the Scenes at the Art Gallery & Museum

~ Friday 2nd October, 10.30am, 1.00pm, 2.30pm Behind the Scenes in the Fine Art Collection Enjoy a tour of the beautiful Fine Art collection and learn about the work being undertaken to care for the artworks.

Cost: £8 - Booking: 01905 25371 - Email: gallerymuseum@museumsworcestershire.org.uk

Curators tours of the exhibitions

Find out more about the objects and artworks in the exhibitions in these informal, friendly sessions with the Curators. Questions welcome! Meet at the Art Gallery Desk 11.30am (Tours take about 30mins – 1 hour), no booking needed.



~ Monday 16th March
A Grand Tour

Tour the Georgians: the Pride and the Prejudice exhibition and discover some of the stories behind the objects on display.

~ Monday 20th April
All at Sea

Enjoy a Curator's view of the Mayflower 400 exhibition as they talk about their favourite objects in the exhibition and the fascinating stories that have come from the research.

~ Monday 18th May
Skyscape

An informal chat and walkabout in the stunning Skyscape exhibition.

~ Monday 21st September
Walking The Printed Line

An informal walk through The Printed Line for an insight into how this fascinating exhibition was put together.

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Showcase Saturdays 11.30am – 12pm

Discover more about the museum's wonderful collections at these family-friendly talks and have fun with a mini make-and-take.

~ Saturday 27th June
Poisons and Potions in the Victorian Pharmacy
Mini-make: decorate and label a potion bottle.



~ Saturday 25th July
The Fossil Hunters
Mini-make: A clay fossil imprint.

~ Saturday 29th August
Heatwaves and hurricanes
Mini-make: colourful rainmakers.

~ Saturday 28th November
Pictures, words and tales
Mini-make: Printing Block Page.

Cost: £3 - Email:
gallerymuseum@museumsworcestershire.org.uk

Looking for an activity for your group?

Enjoy a private 30 minute talk from one of our expert curators on the current Art Gallery exhibition. £60 per talk (25 max but we are able to cater for larger groups). For all enquiries and booking please contact gallerymuseum@museumsworcestershire.org.uk



The Commandery, Worcester

Civil War talks with the Battle of Worcester Society. Doors open 6pm talks start 7pm.

~ Thursday 23rd April
The private Life of Oliver Cromwell

~ Thursday 21st May
Recent investigation of the battlefield at Worcester

~ Thursday 18th June
Impeachment, Personal Rule and the Lead up to the English Civil War

~ Thursday 23rd July
Oliver Cromwell. Saint or Serpent?

~ Thursday 20th August
Author A J Lyndon – The Tawny Sash

Cost: £7 - Booking: 01905 361821 - Email:
commandery@museumsworcestershire.org.uk

You can also enjoy an informative daily talk as part of your visit to The Commandery. Talks are usually at 11.30am and 2.15pm Tuesday-Saturday and 1pm Sundays. For admissions information please see www.museumsworcestershire.org.uk

Hartlebury Castle



Curators Talks

~ Thursday 21st May

The Bromsgrove Guild- an Introduction - enjoy a fascinating insight into the history of the Bromsgrove Guild and their work which included the gates to Buckingham Palace and the Liver Birds.

~ Thursday 18th June

A Rummage through our knicker drawer - Museums Worcestershire's costume collection includes a rather fascinating collection of under garments. Come for a (virtual) rummage through our knicker drawer and learn more about the development of underwear.

~ Thursday 17th September

Vardos! (or Gypsy Caravans) - take a closer look at the beautiful and nationally significant gypsy caravan collection and find out about new conservation work and research we've been undertaking. Funded by the Jonathon Ellerman Foundation.

~ Thursday 15th October

'Just for Fun' - explore the evolution of spare time and how we spend it, as seen in the new Leisure exhibition.

Cost: £4 - Booking: 01299 250416

Email: museum@worcestershire.gov.uk



The Collections Centre at Hartlebury (off-site store)

Collections in Store tours 11am – 12pm

~ Monday 30th March

Archaeological Discovery

Join our curator for a tour through Worcestershire's fascinating archaeological collections.



~ Monday 4th May

Travel the World Store Tour

Explore the amazing World Cultures and Egyptology Collections.

~ Thursday 4th June

Magical History Tour – Exploring Worcestershire's Social History

As we can only display a fraction the City and County large social history collections at any given time, we invite you to tour our Collection Centre and see items in storage as well as the projects we are currently working on. This behind the scenes view shows the work we do between our exhibitions and how we preserve the county's heritage.

~ Monday 13th July

A Hidden Gem- the Costume Collection Revealed

A rare behind the scenes look at the spectacular costume collection- a real treasure trove of costume through the ages.

~ Thursday 1st October

Glove Affair – A tour of Worcestershire Gloving Collections

Take a tour of Museums Worcestershire's Collection Centre and see our current work in progress on this nationally significant collection. See the gloves themselves, the tools that made them and hear stories about the people that made Worcester gloves the best in the world.

Cost: £8 - Booking: 01299 250416

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Why not book a special Collections Centre Magical History Tour for your group?

Hear how we care for museum objects and get them ready for display. See Archaeology, Textiles, Furniture and World Culture collections. Walk amongst the agricultural and industrial history of the County. Every tour is different. Just because it isn't on display at the museum, it doesn't mean that you can't see it!

Cost: £8 per person - Booking: 01299 250416

(minimum 8 people, maximum 15)

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