



Classes will be held at Macktown Living History Visitors Center located at 2221 Freeport Rd. Rockton, IL

# SUMMER WORKSHOPS

### Gourd Class

For thousands of years gourds have been used all over the world to make containers, musical instruments, and fishing floats.

During this class we will use gourds to make a small bowl, a spoon or 'noggin', and a gourd rattle.

All supplies except for masks and gloves will be provided. Tools will be available for use during the class. We will be using knives and small saws and there will be dust so masks will be required.

Please bring your own dust mask (found at hardware or home stores in the paint aisle, these can be paper dust masks or respirator masks depending on your needs). Well-fitting work gloves with grippy palms and fingers are recommended.

Date: June 20 Time: 6-8:30 pm

Class minimum- 5 Class Maximum -10 Fee: \$10.00 per person



JUNE 20

### Beginners Herbalism

Presenter: Heaether Johnson

Heaether Johnson is a Reiki Master Teacher, flower/stone essence practitioner, herbalist and owner of Trillium Moon.

In this class you will learn the benefits of natural plant medicine and how to prepare an herbal remedy using the standard methods.

Date: Thursday July 18 Time: 6-8 pm

Class Minimum-5 Class Maximum -15

Fee- \$15.00 per person



JULY 18

### Make and Take an 1850s Leather Pocketbook

Instructor. Norman Walzer has done leatherwork and shoe/boot making exhibitions for 50 years or more and was tutored at Old Sturbridge Village and Colonial Williamsburg. He also has an assortment of dated 19th Century pocketbooks and pre-Civil War tools.

Leather tri-fold pocketbooks with multiple compartments were widely used by both women and men during the early 19th Century to carry bills, business papers, letters, money, and related items. Here is an opportunity to "make and take" your own period pocketbook, using patterns from a dated 1856 pocketbook available for review. Leather, patterns, awls, needles, thread, and a finish coat will be provided along with guidance and assistance from the instructor during the process. Activities involve mainly hand sewing which requires manual dexterity and good eyesight. Prior experience in working with leather is not necessary. Participants should schedule up to 5 hours to complete the project or plan to finish it later.

The pocketbook will be well-suited for participation in reenactments and other historic activities.

Date: August 11 Time: Noon - 5PM

Fee- \$55 per person Class minimum- 3 Class maximum-7



AUGUST 11

Pre-Registration required, click here [macktownlivinghistory](http://macktownlivinghistory.com).