



**Deerfield  
Teachers'  
Center**



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE  
**Humanities**

### *Civic Reflections: Picturing America and the Changing Face of American Democracy*

The Deerfield Teachers' Center and the National Endowment for the Humanities are pleased to offer a free three-day conference, training K-12 teachers in the integration of NEH's *Picturing America* gallery into core content areas. The expressive content of a work of art is the result of choices made by an artist working at a particular moment in history. Participants in the *Civic Reflections* conference will study the historical relationship between American civic identity, democratic participation, and voting rights, while practicing concrete strategies for investigating art, as a special kind of primary source, with students.

#### A Free Conference for Teachers

## *Civic Reflections: Picturing America and the Changing Face of American Democracy*

#### Conference Dates

**Tuesday, July 26, 2011 (Conference Day 1)**

**Wednesday, July 27, 2011 (Museum Field Day)**

Smith College Museum of Art

Northampton, Massachusetts

Amherst College Museum of Art

Amherst, Massachusetts

**Thursday, July 28, 2011 (Conference Day 2)**

#### Conference Location

**The Deerfield Teachers' Center of the  
Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association  
Old Deerfield, Massachusetts**

#### Program Benefits

- ◆ Two Conference Days featuring nationally-recognized scholars
- ◆ Museum Field Day exploring locally-exhibited works of art related to conference themes
- ◆ *Picture This: Investigating Art in the Humanities Classroom*, a program designed for K-12 learners and presented in your classroom by a DTC Museum Educator
- ◆ One-on-one consultation with Museum Educators and historians
- ◆ Professional Development Points (PDPs)\* and Certificates of Attendance
- ◆ Conference materials, including assigned readings
- ◆ \$300 Stipend to help defray costs of participation

\*The Deerfield Teachers' Center is an approved Massachusetts DESE PDP Provider.

**Who is eligible to apply?** Teachers with access to the *Picturing America* poster gallery through their school or local library are eligible to apply for the *Civic Reflections: Picturing America and the Changing Face of American Democracy* conference. (See "Award Recipients" at <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/>.) A prerequisite for participation is a commitment to incorporating *Picturing America* gallery images into the teaching of the core content areas of U.S. History, English Language Arts, and Civics. Teachers must commit to attending all three conference days.

**Deadline to Apply:** To be considered, all applications must be received by **Friday, July 8, 2011**. We anticipate high interest in this competitive program. Interested applicants should indicate their intent to apply, via email to the Coordinator, Nathalie McCormick at [nmccormick@deerfield.history.museum](mailto:nmccormick@deerfield.history.museum) as soon as possible.

## About *Picturing America*

*Great art speaks powerfully, inspires fresh thinking, and connects us to our past...*

The nation's artistic heritage—our paintings, sculpture, architecture, fine crafts, and photography—offers unique insights into the character, ideals, and aspirations of our country. Picturing America, a far-reaching new program from the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association, brings this vital heritage to all Americans.

By bringing high-quality reproductions of notable American art into public and private schools, libraries, and communities, Picturing America gives participants the opportunity to learn about our nation's history and culture in a fresh and engaging way. The program uses art as a catalyst for the study of America—the cultural, political, and historical threads woven into our nation's fabric over time....

—[About Picturing America from \*Humanities\*, September/October 2007, Volume 28/Number 5](#)

# Picturing America



The Deerfield Teachers' Center in Old Deerfield



Memorial Hall Museum in Old Deerfield

### About the Deerfield Teachers' Center of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association

Located two hours west of Boston and situated in the heart of Old Deerfield, Massachusetts—a town with one of the nation's best-documented and preserved histories—the Deerfield Teachers' Center at the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association offers high-quality professional development for K-12 teachers in the content area of American history and culture. Drawing on the landscape, built environment, documents, and material culture of Western Massachusetts, our interactive, primary-source based programs span topics and themes in American history from the pre-contact and colonial period to the mid-twentieth century. Our award-winning educational websites, *American Centuries* ([www.americancenturies.mass.edu](http://www.americancenturies.mass.edu)) and *Raid on Deerfield: The Many Stories of 1704* make historically-significant objects, cultural artifacts and documents, lessons and curricula, exhibits, essays, and engaging interactive experiences available to classrooms throughout the United States.

**Deerfield Teachers' Center, Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association**

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