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STEP BACK IN TIME AT THE ANTIQUE MUSEUM VILLAGE

Rhinebeck, NY....One of the most unique experiences at the annual Dutchess County Fair is a visit to the Antique Museum Village. The Village, which may be the largest accumulation of antiques in the Hudson Valley, offers an interactive and unparalleled step back in time. The displays, machinery and household objects are part of Dutchess County's past dating from the 1880's through the 1930's. The Dutchess County Fair opens for its six-day run on August 19 and the Antique Museum Village hours are 10am to 10pm each day of the fair.

A visit to the Village feels like a window to the past has opened up and the demonstrations include a working Blacksmith and Print Shop. An operating Shingle Mill, a well driller and various farm equipment run periodically throughout the day. You can watch a chair caning and weaving demonstration and talk to a volunteer (in period costume) about the home exhibits and discover how she utilizes the 'modern' conveniences of a century ago. There is also a Clock Shop, Country Store, textile display, wood craft shop and ice harvest exhibit. There is a display of Dutchess County products, a hand power exhibit, a broom making shop and an auto repair shop. Transportation, including fancy carriages and horse drawn farm equipment are all on view. Stop by the popular "What's It? Exhibit" and test your knowledge of antique items

There are three new displays for the 2014 Fair. A "Baskets Have Many Uses" exhibit which consists of a collection of baskets that were a necessary part of farm and home life. "Early Lighting", a collection of the variety of ways used to light a home before the advent of electricity. And, "Chores are Done, It's Time for Fun", some of the games and interesting ways children entertained themselves after their mandatory chores were completed.

The museum exhibits are presented and maintained by the volunteers of the Century Museum Village and Collectors Association. These volunteers are on hand all during Museum hours to answer questions and reminisce about a time gone by.

For more information go to www.dutchessfair.com or call [845-876-4000](tel:845-876-4000).