



**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 one-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 Date

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Conference Location

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

Program Benefits

- ◆ Conference Day featuring Alexander Keyssar, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- ◆ *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
- ◆ \$100 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 hosting a Picture This! Program in their class.

Deadline to Apply: To be considered, all applications must be received by **Friday, June 29, 2012.**

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) 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.

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