CONCORD MUSEUM: AT A GLANCE

An irreplaceable cornerstone of the Concord experience, the Concord Museum speaks to the deepest historical, literary, and cultural roots of our American identity. The Museum’s mission has education at its core and emphasizes that ordinary individuals have the ability to affect extraordinary change. This history belongs to all of us — current and aspiring citizens, visitors to our country, and future generations.

A GATEWAY TO CONCORD’S HISTORY

• When you set out to explore historic Concord, begin at the Concord Museum
• The one place where all of Concord’s remarkable past is brought to life through an inspiring collection of historical, literary, and decorative arts treasures
• The award-winning Exploring Concord film highlights the town’s historic landscape

NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT COLLECTIONS

• The only known surviving signal lantern hung in the church steeple on the night of Paul Revere’s 1775 ride
• The green-painted pine desk at which Henry David Thoreau wrote Walden and “Civil Disobedience”
• The furnishings of the Study of Ralph Waldo Emerson, the spokesman for individualism and self-reliance
• The most varied and extensive assemblage of provenienced prehistoric artifacts from any town in Massachusetts

DYNAMIC CHANGING EXHIBITIONS

• A variety of changing exhibitions presented throughout the year, drawing from the Museum’s permanent collection, as well as distinguished museums and private collections from around the country
• Recent changing exhibitions included Annie Leibovitz: Pilgrimage (Summer 2012); Early Spring: Henry Thoreau and Climate Change (Spring/Summer 2013); and The Shot Heard Round the World: April 19, 1775 (Spring/Summer 2014)
• Upcoming exhibitions include The Art of Baseball (Spring/Summer 2015) and Middlesex County Modernism (Fall 2015/Winter 2016)

EDUCATING THOUSANDS

• School programs serve 8,000 students from more than 60 Massachusetts communities and 16 states annually through hands-on school programs that connect real artifacts with people, places, and ideas
• Public programs, such as lectures and gallery talks, foster a life-long love of history, literature, community culture, and decorative arts
• Family-oriented activities and programs include treasure hunts, living history performances, children’s vacation events, and hands-on historical crafts