



Home School Happenings 2017-2018

At Burritt on the Mountain

Join us for another exciting year of home school classes at Burritt on the Mountain! We love finding ways to integrate history, science, and art into fun and fulfilling enrichment lessons for your student here at our unique museum site on Monte Sano. Each lesson includes a short oral presentation, a hands-on learning experience, and a handout featuring information and follow-up activities related to that month's topic. Learning comes alive at Burritt thanks to our lovely mountaintop setting, historic park, and 167-acre campus!

Our home school classes are open to children from **kindergarten to 8th grade**. We offer multiple sessions each month to allow families to choose a time that best fits their schedule and needs. The **Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning** are geared for lower elementary students. The **Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon** classes are designed for upper elementary and middle school students. Morning classes run 9:30-11:00, and afternoon classes run 12:00-1:30. We often make exceptions to these age designations so that siblings may attend class on the same day, so choose the class meeting that best suits your family's schedule.

Some classes fill up quickly, so send in your registration today! Students must be registered at least **one week in advance** to ensure that ample supplies are available. The cost for each class is **\$10 for Burritt members** and **\$11 for non-members**. Unfortunately, due to limited space parents who choose to attend with their child must register and pay also.

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Registration will open in July 2017. Register and pay in advance for an entire semester's classes and get a **20% discount!** Advance payments for fall semester classes are due by August 31. Advance payments for the spring semester are due by December 31. Burritt reserves the right to cancel or combine classes that do not meet our minimum required enrollment.

To register, please visit <http://www.burrittonthemountain.com> and follow the instructions under "Learn". Contact Meghan Laury Tucker at Meghan.laurytucker@huntsvilleal.gov or 256-518-3931 with any questions.

Class Schedule

September: Letterboxing was a favorite hobby in the 1800s. Like a treasure hunt, letterboxing uses clues and compasses to lead you to a series of stops where you find notes from your friends, discover treasures to share, and get to leave your mark with a custom rubber stamp. Join us this month to learn about this unique pastime, make your own personalized stamp and log book, and try out our letterboxing course in the Historic Park!

October: Agriculture was a part of everyday life for the families who lived in Burritt’s historic homes. Join us in this month of harvest to take a look at some of the plants in Burritt’s heirloom garden – there may be some you recognize, and some that you’ve never even heard of! You’ll compare the garden tools of the past to those we use today and meet the real “horse power” that helped farmers with their work in the 1800s.

November: Floor Coverings are taken for granted today, but we can learn to appreciate our modern carpeted and tiled floors by taking a look at what people put on their floors in the 1800s, and how they made them! In a tour of the historic park we will talk about what people used to cover their floors, how that is different from what we use today, and why. Students will finish by designing and painting a placemat-sized floorcloth.

December: Holiday Ornaments will be on display throughout our museum this month. We’ll tour the homes in the Historic Park to compare Christmas traditions of the past with our holiday celebrations today. Then, put your creative spirit to work as we make some holiday decorations to take home and talk about the symbolism behind these ornaments. We will make decorations the way people did in the 1800s – with paper, fruit, tin, and yarn!

January: Quilling is the art of paper filigree, the detailed twisting and shaping of colored paper strips to make creative designs. This traditional paper craft has been popular for centuries and is both beautiful to look at and fun to do! Join us to learn about the history of this craft, practice making the basic filigree shapes, and make your own piece of quilled paper art using your new skills.



February: Fossils are right under our feet at Burritt! This month we will learn about how fossils are made, examine Burritt’s collection of fossils, and visit the limestone formations on our trails to learn how fossils are all around us here in North Alabama and imagine what it was like when ancient creatures roamed this land. We will learn about the work that paleontologists do and try some of their tools and techniques.



March: Pysanky Eggs are intricately detailed dyed eggs, originating with ancient Ukrainian traditions and commonly decorated for Easter today by artisans across the world. Join us this month to learn about the symbolism behind the designs and colors that artists apply to their eggs, and make your own unique Pysanky egg using the step-by-step wax resist dying process.

April: The Civil War didn’t only happen at Gettysburg and Antietam – it happened right here in Huntsville too! Our Historic Park offers the perfect backdrop for imagining what life was like in Madison County during the Civil War years. Did you know – the final Confederate surrender of the Civil War in Alabama took place just steps away from Burritt, where Bushwhacker Johnston surrendered at Trough Springs one month after General Lee had surrendered at Appomattox! Learn even more fascinating facts about our local Civil War history when you join us this month.

May: Plant Identification comes alive when Burritt is your classroom! Students will learn the basic parts of plants and the major groups, their life cycles, and various characteristics of plants that help scientists classify them. Our junior botanists will have the opportunity to apply what they learned when they explore the historic park’s gardens and hike our nature trail.