

**The Geffrye
Museum of the Home**

**Handling Sessions for Blind and Partially Sighted Visitors
February 2010 – June 2010 Programme**

The Geffrye explores the home over the past 400 years, from around 1600 to the present day. Our focus is on the living rooms of the urban middle classes in England, particularly in London. We aim to show how such homes have been used and furnished over this period, reflecting changes in society and patterns of behaviour as well as style, fashion and taste.

Visitors can tour the museum's period rooms with our free audio guide or you are welcome to attend one of our monthly object handling sessions or talks. These multi-sensory sessions provide participants with the opportunity to explore aspects of the museum's collections, gardens and themes in more detail. The spring/summer programme includes: a joint multi sensory event with the Wallace Collection and a tour of our historic almshouse.

The sessions are free, but please book in advance, as places are limited.

For more information or to book your place please contact our Bookings Officer, Sarah Fairbairn, bookings@geffrye-museum.org.uk or telephone 020 7739 9893.

Language of Flowers Event

Learn about the language of flowers and then create your own scented herb and flower bag to take home.

Date: Wednesday 10 February

Time: arrive at 1.30 and bring a packed lunch for a chance to chat and enjoy a cup of tea. Event runs between 2.15-3.45pm

Sensation: Multi-sensory Art Event with the Wallace Collection

Artists in the 17th and 18th centuries show off their skill and whet our palates with their beautiful still life paintings of feasts and banquets, depicting soft bread, meaty pies and glistening fresh fish. Examine the food of the poorer and richer classes, what people ate, how they grew their food and how they flavoured it in this joint event with the Geffrye Museum and the Wallace Collection. This event will give you the opportunity to taste and smell a few foods and to be guided around the 17th and 18th century gardens at the Geffrye.

Date: 14 April at the Wallace Collection

Date: 12 May at the Geffrye Museum

Time: arrive at 1.00pm and bring a packed lunch for a chance to chat and enjoy a cup of tea. Event runs between 2.00-4.00pm

Almshouse Visit

Visit one of the Geffrye's 18th-century almshouses, which has been fully restored to its original condition, and explore the home of a retired couple from the 1780s and a Victorian Governess from the 1880s. The session includes a room talk and handling session.

Sunday 13 June, 1.00pm-2.00pm

Group Visits

Handling sessions and craft workshops for groups of 6 or more people can be arranged separately through Sarah at a time convenient to your group, Tuesday –Fridays subject to availability.

USEFUL INFORMATION - ADMISSION FREE

Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, London, E2 8EA

Opening hours

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10.00am-5.00pm

Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays 12 noon –5.00pm

Closed Mondays (unless Bank Holiday), Good Friday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing day, New Year's Day.

Facilities

Restaurant: open until 4.45pm

Shop: open during museum hours

Access Information: All main displays are located on the ground floor. Entrance and gardens are ramped and accessible to wheelchairs. Facilities include: accessible toilets, lift, audio guide, and induction loop in all education rooms.

Lecture Room: and other areas available for hire

Gardens: Walled herb garden and period garden rooms open April to October during museum opening hours

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Travel Information

Buses: 67, 149, 242, 243, 394

Underground: Liverpool Street, then bus 149 or 242 from Bishopsgate

Old Street (exit 2) then bus 243 or 15 minutes walk

British Rail: Liverpool Street or Dalston Kingsland

Parking: Limited meter places available in neighbouring streets

Parking for disabled drivers: Limited bays on Kingsland Road red route outside the museum for up to 3 hours between 10am-4pm

Map

