Just the Facts!  Worcester's Famous highlighted in Alden Family Gallery

PEOPLE
Stephen Salisbury I opened a branch of the family hardware store in Worcester in 1767
Myles McDonough inventor of adhesive labels that fit any size or shape
Jessie Loeffler Randall designer of fashionable, fun footwear
Henry Perky first to mass produce shredded wheat
Frank Fiorillo his Roman Pizza mix was first commercial pizza mix in a box.
Robert Goddard launched first liquid fueled rocket
Coes Brothers patented the adjustable wrench known as the monkey wrench
Hannah Kalajian began making rice pilaf as a kitchen company now known as the Near East Rice Pilaf
Ernest Thayer wrote the poem Casey at the Bat
J. Lee Richmond pitched first perfect game in major league baseball history
Harvey Ball designed world famous Smiley Face
John W. Geils, Jr. blues -rock guitarist who formed the J. Geils Band while a student at W.P.I.
John "Willie" Grout Civil War soldier from Worcester who died in battle at age 18
Charles Tobias wrote the lyrics to Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree for the 1939 Broadway musical Yokel Boy
Mayor Michael O'Hara began presenting keys to the city in 1924
Justin White invented candlepin bowling
T. H. Buckley began Worcester Lunch Cart Company
Cole Porter Worcester Academy graduate, wrote songs including music for the 1934 musical Anything Goes.
Carl Zerrahn the conductor of Worcester's Musical Institute at Mechanics Hall in 1848.

PLACES
Washburn & Moen - manufactured barbed wire
Norton/St. Gobain - manufactures abrasives
Samuel Winslow Co.- largest manufacturer of skates in the country in 1880
David Clark Company- anti gravity suits and headsets for astronauts,
Polar Beverages - largest independent soft drink bottler (in business since 1882)

ANCHOR BUILDINGS
City Hall (Worcester's third) dedicated in 1898
Mechanics Hall dedicated 1857
Northworks 1831
Salisbury Mansion 1772
Union Station built in 1911
Glass Tower (Sovereign Bank) 1973
Harrington Corner 1850
Three deckers 1880-1930
D.C.U. Center (Worcester Centrum) opened 1982
Clark University 1887
Worcester Public Library 1859
White City Amusement Park 1905-1960

WORCESTER DATES
1673 first settled as Quinsigamond Plantation
1713 first permanent settlement as Worcester
1722 incorporated as a town
1731 named shire town of Worcester County
1828 Blackstone Canal opened
1835 Trains first came to Worcester

Museum Visit Options

Museum Staff classroom visit
Basic Field Trip
Basic Field Trip Plus
Multiple Visits
Combo Trips

Call for details

What's Next?
Will you share by
- joining the teacher blog?
- completing an evaluation?
- participating in a focus group?
- encouraging your students to respond to their museum visit and activities?
- suggesting people, places and other resources you have found that could help teachers enhance their visits?

Professional Development Opportunities
Earn Professional Development Points for recertification through workshops and curriculum development. Check www.worcesterhistory.org for more information.

*A Worcester Historical Museum partnership addresses the Worcester Public Schools Strategic Goal #3: Worcester Public Schools will foster high levels of family and community engagements, commitment and partnership.