



# Around the World with Miss Columbia

## Discovering a Century of Change

The Wenham Museum welcomes you to the global tour of Miss Columbia—a centennial project that will bring the discovery of history and world cultures to your students’ doorstep.

Thousands of people around the world cheered and were touched by the historic journey of the original Miss Columbia—the famous 19-inch doll that circumnavigated the globe to raise funds for children’s charities from 1900-1902.

Now the Wenham Museum of Wenham, Massachusetts, home of the original Miss Columbia, is recreating her incredible journey to help commemorate the year 2000 and to offer an exciting learning opportunity for schools and students in communities around the world.

With the assistance of educators at the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District, the Wenham Museum has prepared this Interdisciplinary Guide for your use in making Miss Columbia’s visit to your school an experience your students and community will enjoy, learn from—and never forget.



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Dear Educator:

Thank you for participating in *Around the World with Miss Columbia: Discovering a Century of Change*. This Interdisciplinary Guide will tell you everything you need to know to begin planning your learning activities in anticipation of Miss Columbia's visit to your school. It is designed to offer a set of complete activities for those who want to use them that way, but it can also serve simply as an idea-generator if you would like to customize the activities for use at your school.

We have an opportunity in 1999 to step back, take the long view, and review the incredible changes that the past century has brought — and to anticipate what the next century might bring. With the Internet and other developments in transportation and communication, today we all share unprecedented opportunities to connect, teach, and learn from people in communities across the world. This Interdisciplinary Guide, therefore, devotes itself largely to these two themes: Comparing life in the year 1900 with everyday life today, and exploring our global neighborhood. Turn to the table of contents to find out more.

The Wenham Museum is honored and proud to be able to carry on the tradition created by the original Miss Columbia and the many helping hands that propelled her around the globe exactly one hundred years ago. Her message of understanding among all people has every bit as much resonance today as it did in 1900.

Our deepest thanks go to the many skilled and generous people who have helped (and who are continuing to help) make this project a successful one. May there be as many public-spirited, visionary helping hands when Miss Columbia makes her *third* global voyage in the year 2100!

Yours sincerely,

Emily Stearns  
Executive Director  
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# WENHAM MUSEUM

*A Museum of Family Life*



*The mission of the Wenham Museum is to protect, preserve, and interpret the history and culture of Boston's North Shore, domestic life, and artifacts of childhood. It offers visitors a historic view of family life - how we have lived, dressed, worked and played from the 17th century to today. A delightful, family-friendly institution, the Wenham Museum has exhibits, programs and events appealing to all ages:*

- **WORLD FAMOUS DOLL COLLECTION** - Over 1,000 international dolls from the Museum's collection of over 5,000 are exhibited in a rotating permanent display. Come see dolls dating from 1500 BC through the present. Highlights include a fine collection of American cloth dolls, Native American figures, European play dolls and, our most famous doll, Miss Columbia, who traveled around the world from 1900-1902.
- **CLAFLIN-RICHARDS HOUSE** - Three centuries of New England life are exhibited in this first-period house (c. 1690), one of the oldest dwellings on the North Shore. A guided tour interprets period architecture, furnishings and artifacts.
- **SPECIAL CHANGING EXHIBITS** - Three galleries of changing exhibits bring history and culture to life.
- **MODEL TRAIN ROOM** - Six operating layouts with twelve trains of various gauges; Display of antique trains and railroad artifacts; Train experts available to answer your questions on railroading and model trains.
- **TOY SOLDIER COLLECTION** - Extensive permanent collection of lead soldiers depicting the American Revolution through World War II. One of the finest collections of Britains' toy soldiers on display anywhere.
- **DOLLHOUSES AND TOYS** - A permanent display of dollhouses and miniature rooms representing a variety of styles, from the French Haviland house of 1891, with original European furnishings, to the three-foot tall Addams' Family house, based on the Charles Addams cartoon characters. Antique toys on display may range from mechanical toys dating from the late 19th century to the 1960s, to games, puzzles, and pull-toys.
- **COSTUME COLLECTION** - Exhibits are created from our extensive costume collection which includes over 10,000 pieces of clothing, accessories and textiles from the Victorian era and beyond (1840 - 1950). The Museum's 1724 woolen bed rug, displayed in the Claflin-Richards House, is considered to be one of the finest pieces of folk art north of Boston.
- **PLAY & LEARN ROOM** - Hands-on children's interactive space featuring a child-size replica of a 17th century saltbox, BRIK building blocks, weaving loom, puppet theater and other activities relating to the Museum's changing exhibits.
- **LIBRARY** - The Timothy Pickering Library offers a wealth of information on local history, dolls, crafts, genealogical records and much more. The library is headquarters for the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Agriculture, which supports agriculture in the region.
- **EDUCATION PROGRAMS** - The Museum offers children's craft classes for ages 2 1/2 through 12, Summer Camps, adult artisan workshops, exhibit-related events, walking tours and lectures.
- **SCHOOL PROGRAMS** - School groups may participate in a variety of hands-on educational programs including: Fireside Chats, Colonial Household, Spinning and Weaving, Building for the Future, and The Doll Collection.
- **STUDENT ART GALLERY** - The Museum invites schools to exhibit their students' artwork in a special gallery.
- **GIFT SHOP** - A wide selection of charming specialty items including unique handmade merchandise by Museum Artisans, dollhouse miniatures, stuffed animals, gift ideas and much more.



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- *Student teams or classes research and create displays about 100 years of change in such areas as communication, transportation, music, art, sports, and technology.*

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