

Greenwich Village: History & Historic Preservation

Our Program

Since 1991, the **Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation (GVSHP)** has offered elementary students an unparalleled opportunity to engage with New York City's past by exploring the diverse culture and architecture of Greenwich Village. We are pleased to invite your class to participate in GVSHP's education program, **Greenwich Village: History and Historic Preservation**, which highlights the uniqueness of Greenwich Village's historic built environment and the importance of preserving and learning from our past.

Led by qualified educators and aligning with New York State and City learning standards for Social Studies, English, Language Arts, and the Arts, **History and Historic Preservation** functions as a wonderful foundation for the study of the history and development of New York City. The program offers **several different program** choices focusing on diverse themes and distinct areas of the Village and is tailored to the needs of your individual class (please see *Program Choices* insert). During each of the **three interactive sessions**, the program provides an introduction to New York City social history and basic architectural features for younger students, while encouraging students in the upper grades to think critically and integrate more advanced social and architectural concepts into a wider historical context.



Session 1: A Peek into the Past— Historic Investigation Activity

In **Session 1**, a GVSHP educator will visit your classroom and introduce your students to the history of Greenwich Village and lead them in a history-based activity that demonstrates how the neighborhood has become the historic place it is today. Students will develop their observational and analytical skills as they discover how a city and its neighborhoods change.



Session 2: Village Detectives— Walking Tour

You and your class will travel to Greenwich Village for **Session 2**, and explore the neighborhood's unique structures and streets with the GVSHP educator. Using the concepts and vocabulary introduced in Session 1, students will examine the exteriors of homes, businesses, and public spaces and look for clues about how the Village has changed over time.



Session 3: Creative Construction— Art Project

Back in your classroom for **Session 3**, students will engage in an art project in which they will apply the historical and architectural lessons they have learned. While they integrate concepts inspired by the streetscape of Greenwich Village, your students will create a souvenir that will serve as a reminder of the discoveries and knowledge they came away with through their exploration of the neighborhood's design and history.

Scheduling the Program

The cost of the program is **\$100 per class**. This cost includes all three sessions. Payment is due prior to or at the first session.

To ensure your dates of choice, we suggest contacting us as early as possible.

A reduced fee may be issued in cases of documented need.

Call **212-475-9585 x34** or email education@gvshp.org. Please have the following information ready when you call/email:

- ▶ Program choice
- ▶ School name, address, and telephone number
- ▶ Name of participant teacher(s)
- ▶ Primary contact name, email, phone, cell phone number
- ▶ Grade level
- ▶ Number of classes, students/class, adults

About GVSHP

The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation was founded in 1980 and is dedicated to preserving the architectural heritage and cultural history of Greenwich Village, the East Village, and NoHo. GVSHP is a leader in protecting the sense of place and human scale that define the neighborhood's unique community, developing the City's first children's education program about historic preservation. In addition to children's education programming, we offer public lectures, tours, and exhibitions for adults, technical consultation services in building conservation and community development, and preservation leadership and advocacy. To find out more, please visit our website at www.gvshp.org.

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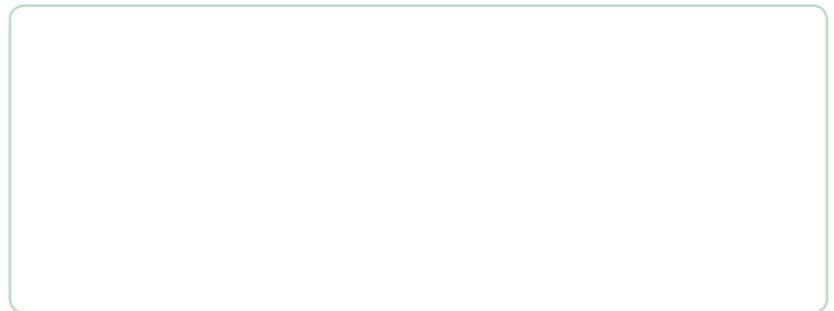
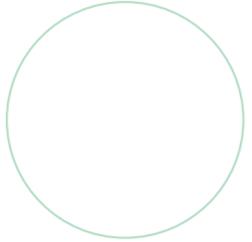


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An Education Program
for Grades 1 to 8

GVSHP's school program is a standards-based learning experience that works within New York City's public and independent schools to teach students in grades 1–8 the history of Greenwich Village and New York City and the importance of historic preservation. Since its founding in 1991, the school program has reached thousands of students in all five boroughs.