



NEW SALEM MUSEUM AND ACADEMY OF FINE ART

New Salem, MA
Wednesday, March 6

8:45 am – Meet and board the bus at the State Street parking lot located across from the Springfield Main Library.

9 am – Depart from the Museums' State Street parking lot.

10 am – Estimated arrival at the New Salem Museum in New Salem, MA. Enjoy a guided tour of the first museum dedicated exclusively to realism located in the historic town of New Salem, Massachusetts, about 40 miles northeast of Springfield.

Recently opened in the fall of 2023, the museum's collection began in 2005 with founders Vincent and Laura Barletta's first acquisition, the oil painting "Leaving Home" by Michael Klein. An award-winning and internationally-renown realist artist, Michael Klein is also the director of the new museum.

Since 2005, the Barletta's collection has grown to include more than fifty contemporary masterworks including, John Singer Sargent, Andrew Wyeth, and several Barbizon School paintings by 19th Century French plein air landscape painters, to name a few.

The settlement of New Salem dates to around 1735. At that time, it was a land grant given to proprietors coming from Salem, Massachusetts to build a new community on approximately 30,000 acres. The historic property of NSMA was originally used as a boarding home for New Salem Academy students from 1871 through 1928. It accommodated about 24 students on the premises and is located near to the original academy. A group lunch at a local restaurant is included.

Following the museum tour, enjoy a group catered lunch onsite at the New Salem Museum. Menu to be announced.

3:00 pm – Meet the bus and depart for the return to Springfield with an estimated arrival at 4 pm.

What to bring: A snack and a beverage for the bus. Please dress in layers and the temperature varies on the bus, as well as in the Museum. Items may be left on the bus while touring. Bottled water is provided on the return.

Cost: \$120, Members, \$140, nonmembers; includes tour, lunch, bus travel and driver tip.