

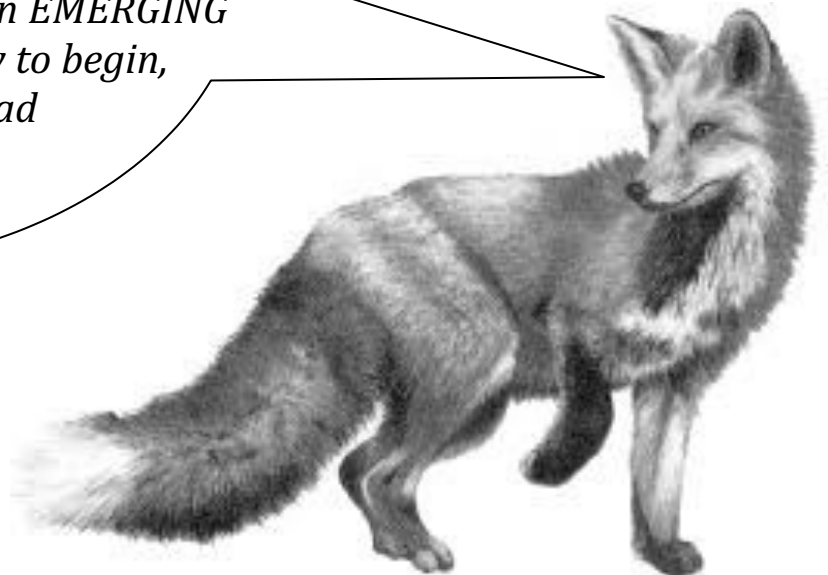
BOSCOBEL

HOUSE AND GARDENS



Activity Booklet

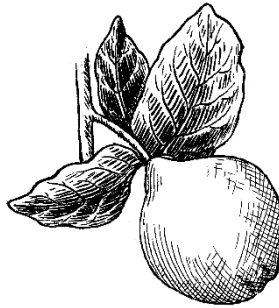
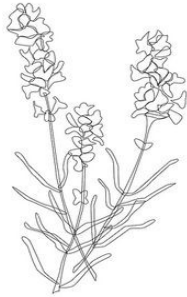
*Hello and welcome to
Boscobel House and Gardens!
I'm Frankie the Fox, here to lead you
through all the exciting things to see and
do at Boscobel. When you complete the
activities in this booklet, you will be rewarded
with a certificate declaring you an **EMERGING
HISTORIAN**. Once you are ready to begin,
walk down the red brick road
to the Herb Garden.*



The Herb Garden

Wow! The plants here are so colorful!

Plants in the herb garden are useful as well as pretty. Can you draw connecting lines to match each plant to its special use? (The pictures are not to scale)



Mint:

Often used in tea and food. Soothes sore throats and refreshes breath.

Quince:

Often made into jellies, preserves and pies. Good for the liver.

Poppy:

A pretty pink or red flower that creates a pink dye. Seeds are sometimes eaten.

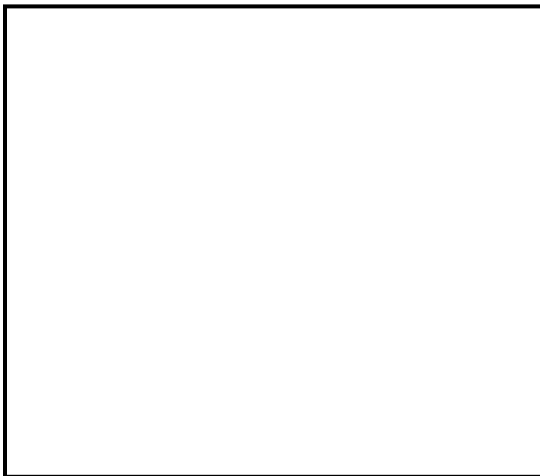
Rosemary:

Used for stimulating the brain and enhancing memory. It is often used in cooking.

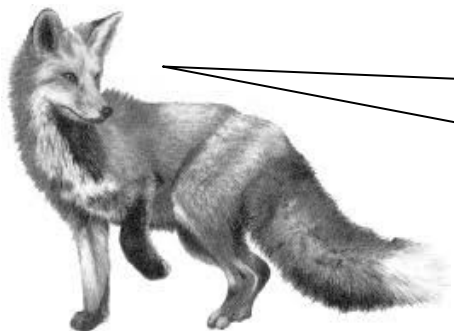
Lavender:

Attracts honey bees. Can be used as a perfume or a decorative flower.

In historical times, going to the doctor's office was not always convenient, affordable, or safe. It was important to have trusted, natural remedies at home in an herb garden like this one.



In the box on the left, draw your favorite plant and write a description about why you like it. Don't forget to consider the plant's color, height and aroma! (smell)

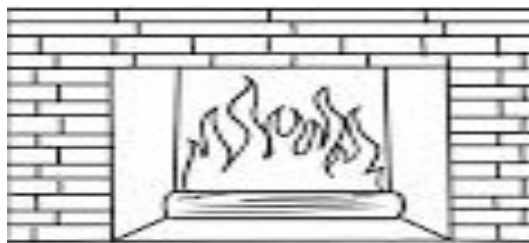


Ready to learn more? Walk down the lavender lined path in the Herb Garden, into the brick building called the Orangery.

The Orangery

Can you guess which fruits were grown inside here?

Look around you. Why do you think there would be fireplaces in a garden?



The two fireplaces are here for the purpose of keeping oranges at a warm temperature similar to the tropical climate of Florida where they are naturally grown.

Look at all the windows! They are here to let sunlight in, just like a modern greenhouse!



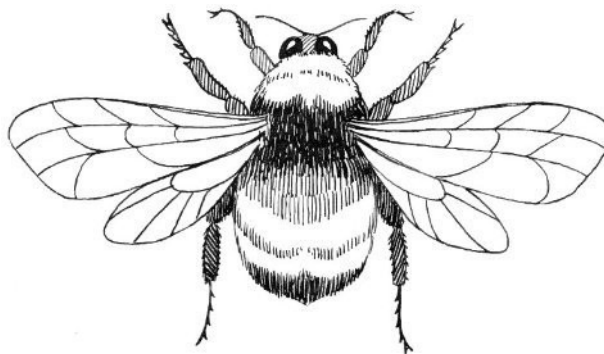
Do you like oranges?

Write three reasons why oranges might have been prized by historic residents of Boscobel.

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____

Bee Keeping

To the right is a picture of a Honeybee. Some people today are afraid of bees because they are able to **sting** if they feel threatened. However, bees are also very helpful. Many things that we have, even today, were created partly by bees.



Check off the circles of the items below that bees helped to make.

- ☐ Honey
- ☐ Candles
- ☐ Flowers
- ☐ Berries
- ☐ Fruit

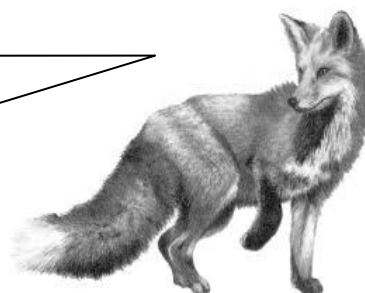


That's everything on that list! But how can bees help flowers and berries to grow?

Bees **pollinate** flowers. When a bee feeds on a flower, some of the flower's pollen rubs off on the bee. When the bee carries this pollen to the next flower, it leaves some behind. This sharing of pollen helps the plant make seeds and grow.

Now that you see why bees are so important, it is easy to understand why bees were, and are, welcomed at Boscobel.

Let's move on! Exit the Herb Garden and turn right on the red brick road. As you walk into the Formal Flower Garden smell these flower species native to the Hudson Valley.



The Front Lawn

When you reach the Front Lawn, look out over the Hudson River. Do you see:

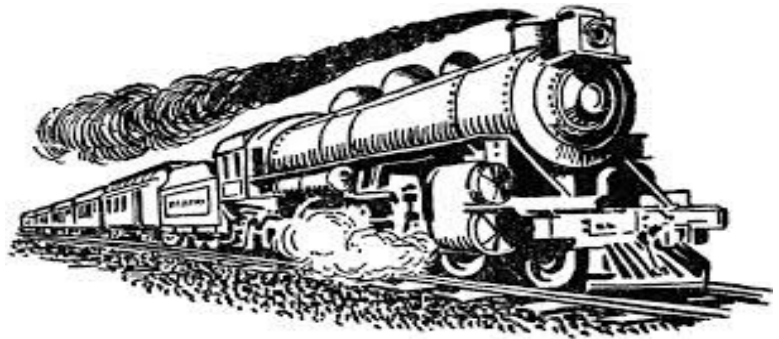
- Bear Mountain Bridge in the distance?
- Constitution Marsh?
- Lots of trees everywhere?

Actually, the residents of Boscobel would not have seen any of those things in 1808 (the year Boscobel was completed) for three reasons:

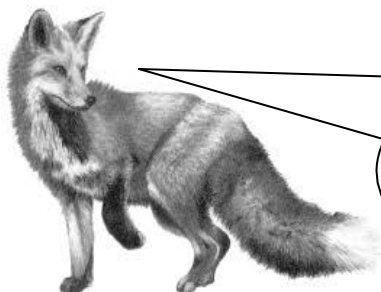
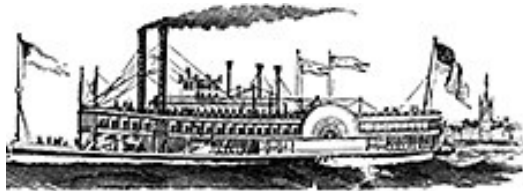
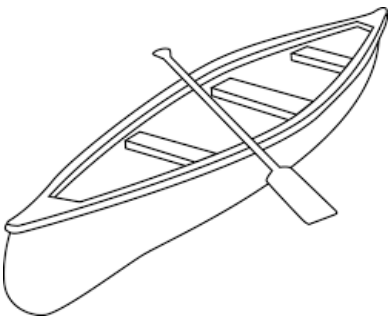
1. Boscobel was built on a property 15 miles south of here.
2. The Bridge would not have been built yet.
3. The land would have been cleared of trees for agriculture.

The Hudson River

Did you just see a train go by? Trains were **not** yet running in the Hudson Valley at the time of Boscobel's construction. Before 1850, the fastest way to transport goods and people was by steamboat.



Can you tell which of the three boats below is a steamboat that was so important for transporting items up and down the Hudson River in historic times? Circle it when you figure out which one it is.



Now turn around and look at the front of Boscobel's mansion. Do you see symmetry in the building? Note the triangular-shaped pediment at the top and columns on each level. This is called Neoclassical architecture!

The Dyckman Household

Let's get to know the people of Boscobel! They remind us that Boscobel was a once a dream home, a working farm, a family seat—a complex hierarchy of Hudson Valley labor and liberty.

Can you draw connecting lines to match the **name** to the short **description** about his or her life?

States Morris Dyckman	Elizabeth Corné Dyckman	Sarah "Sil" Wilkinson	Peter Corné Dyckman
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My father spent most of my childhood abroad, then died when I was 7. My baby Eliza inherited Boscobel when I died at age 27.

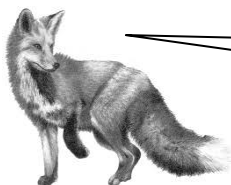
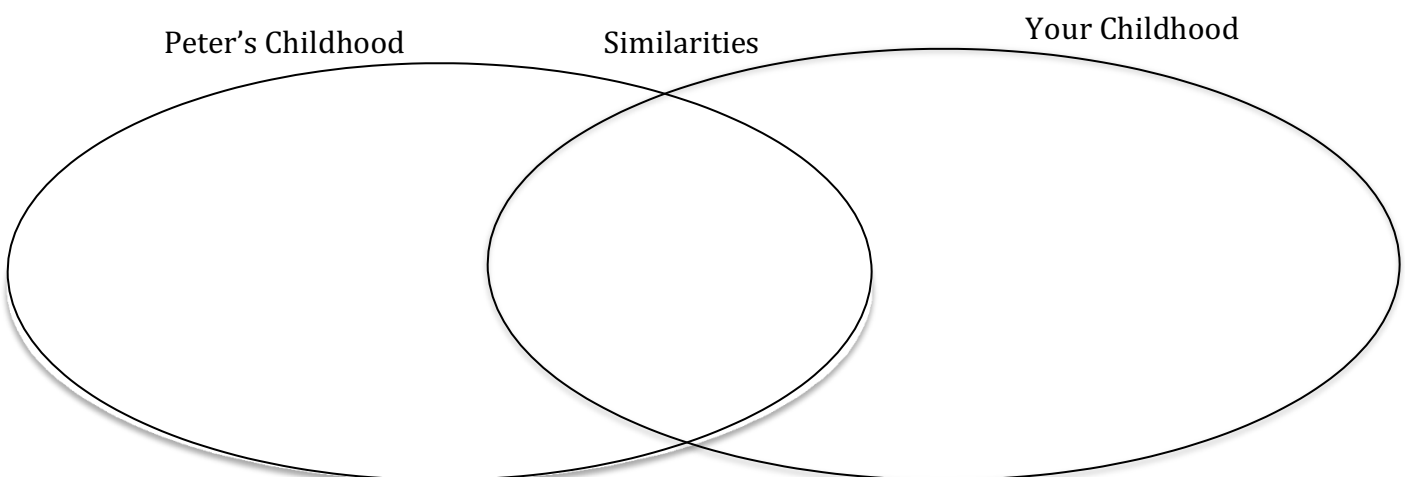
I was one of several enslaved African Americas who worked for and was eventually freed by the Dyckmans.

I grew up in a Dutch family, worked for the British Army, spent years exiled in England, then died before my dream house was completed.

I was raised by my grandfather. As a widow I completed Boscobel, raised our only son, and ran a successful farm.

As a child Peter Corné Dyckman was schooled at home. He had many more luxuries than most people then, but still had house and farm chores, like gathering wood.

Imagine all the differences between your life and his. Use the Venn diagram below to compare and contrast your childhoods.



Make sure you have a good view of the front of the mansion before you begin the activity on the next page.

The Mansion

How many windows are on the front of the house?

Why do you think there are so many?

- At the time Boscobel was built, there were no electric lights. Therefore, the windows let in the most natural sunlight possible to keep the house bright.
- The windows also helped frame the beautiful Hudson River scenery.

How many chimneys are there?

Why are there so many?

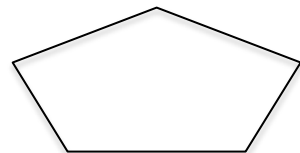
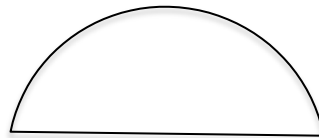
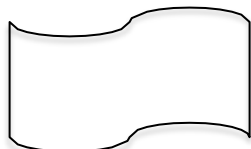
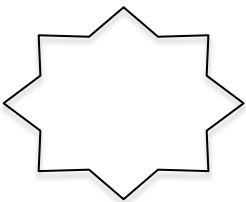
- Back in 1808, there was no electric or gas heating. In order to stay warm in the winter there was a fireplace in almost every room.

How many columns are there?

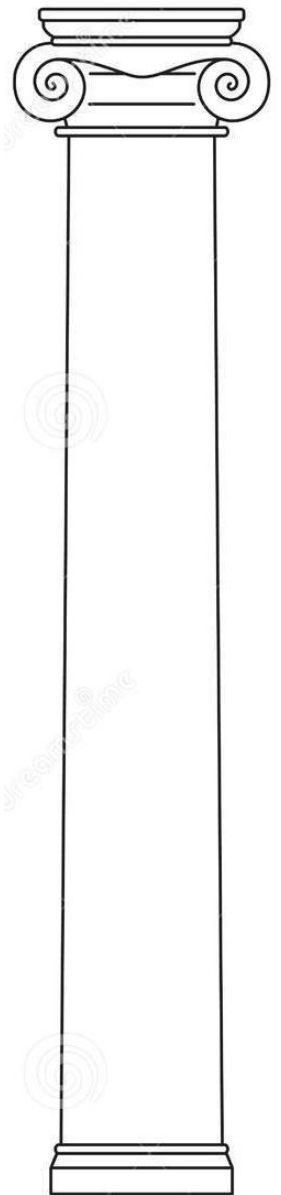
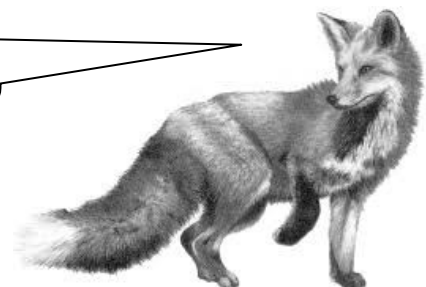
How many bows?

Wow, that's a lot! The decorative pieces on the front of Boscobel are called

Boscobel Mansion has a decorative window above its front door called a Fantail window. Can you circle the shape below that is the same shape as the window? Hint; think about the word **FAN**tail.



Are you ready to see some more buildings? Use your map to find the way to the Necessary and Spring House just beyond it in the hillside.



The Necessary and Spring House

Have you found the Necessary? What do you think it was used for?

- a) A guesthouse
- b) A bathroom
- c) A garden shed

Make some observations about what you see: _____

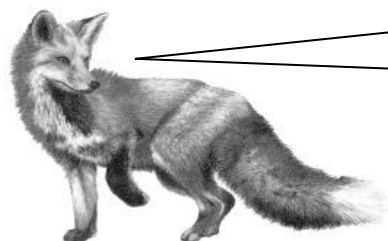
Can you guess what the purpose of the Spring House was?

- a) A dungeon
- b) A doghouse
- c) A refrigerated storage area

Make some observations about what you see: _____



At the time that Elizabeth and Peter Dyckman lived at Boscobel, there were no toilets or refrigerators. That means that the Spring House and the Necessary were...
necessary!



Let's move on to the Woodland Trail of Discovery! If you don't have one already, be sure to grab a Trail Map. You may do the entire trail- it's about a mile long- or you can take one of the many shorter routes that we have here at Boscobel.

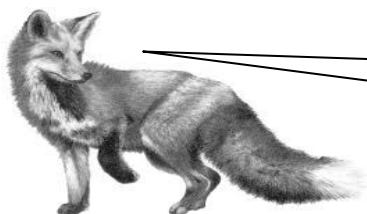
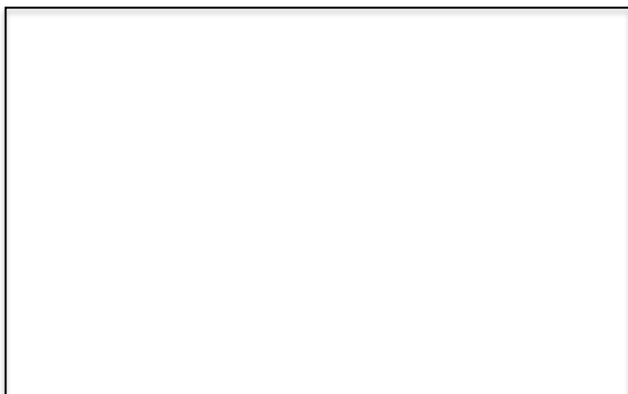
The Woodland Trail of Discovery

Attached to the trees on the trail you will find paintings of plants and animals that might live in the woods at Boscobel. Write down any that you spot. Indicate whether it is flora (plant) or fauna (animal).

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|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| 1. _____ | flora/fauna | 4. _____ | flora/fauna |
| 2. _____ | flora/fauna | 5. _____ | flora/fauna |
| 3. _____ | flora/fauna | 6. _____ | flora/fauna |

Did you have a favorite painting that you saw on the trail? Draw it in the box below or create your own work of art.

Frankie the Fox has a favorite animal! It is his friend, Randy the Raccoon! There is a painting of Randy at the bottom of Bluebird Pass.



After you have finished hiking, make your way to the Upper Pond! When standing on the Stone Bridge beside the pond you can hear many things.

The Pond

Are you listening to the sounds around you? Make two lists of what you hear. One list for natural sounds, like bird songs, and one list of human made sounds, like the cars on the road.

Natural sounds

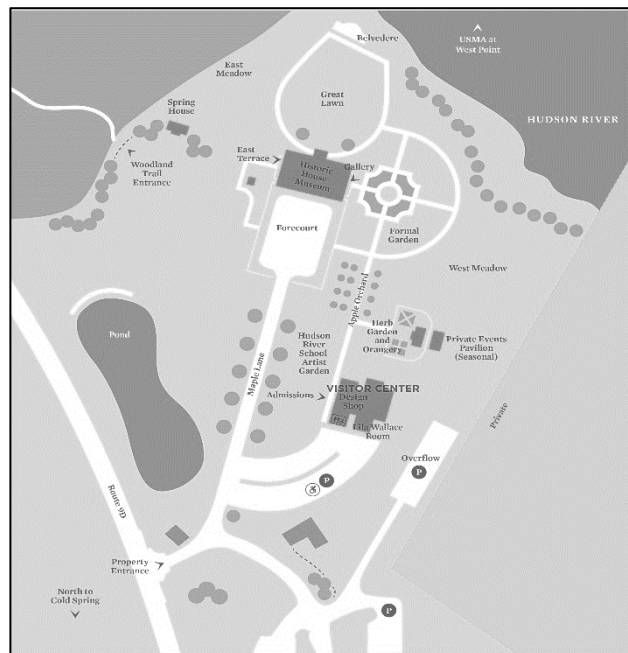
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Human-made sounds

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Let's do a Map Recap!

- Trace the route that you took today.
- Circle your favorite spot that you visited.
- Make a star over the place that you think is Frankie the Fox's favorite spot.
- Place an X over the spot where you learned the most.
- Draw a box around the spot that you might want to come



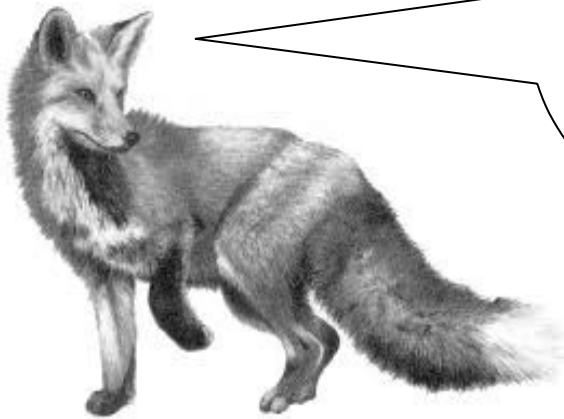
Questions

Do you still have questions?

There are many people who work at Boscobel who would be happy to share their knowledge with you. Write down your question in the box below and ask any member of Boscobel's staff for their help.

Q:

A:



*Congratulations! You are officially
an EMERGING HISTORIAN!
Your certificate is on the next page.
Now all you need to do is to sign it!
You can get a member of
Boscobel's staff to sign it too. See
you next time!
—Frankie the Fox*

To learn more, visit Boscobel.org

This Booklet was created by a 14-year-old rising sophomore student from Toronto, Canada. Both her grandmother and her great-grandmother volunteered at Boscobel, and she is delighted to continue the family tradition. Most importantly, she hopes that you enjoy discovering the significance of nature and history at Boscobel as you work through this booklet.

—Elizabeth R. Hodgson 2015



Here's a space for your special notes or drawings!



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Activity Booklet.

On this __ day, in the month of _____ in the year ____

Your Signature

Museum Staff

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