

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Knox Museum to Host Free Community Family Harvest Festival** Thomaston, Maine

On Saturday, October 12 from 10am – 1pm, The General Henry Knox Museum will host a fun-filled harvest festival on the grounds of Montpelier. Free to the community, this family event will feature traditional lawn games, hands-on seasonal craft activities including pumpkin painting and cookie decorating, apple cider and fall inspired treats will be served. Take your photo with General Henry Knox. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

General Henry Knox was born in 1750. In 1775, General George Washington chose Knox as his Chief of Artillery. Knox spent most of the Revolutionary War by Washington's side and following the war, he was chosen to be the first Secretary of War. Knox and Washington became and remained lifelong friends. In 1795, Knox retired to a large tract of land, located in what is now Thomaston, which his wife had inherited from her mother. On this land, they built an elaborate nineteen-room mansion and named it "Montpelier". Knox had a hand in much of the area's economic development: He shipped timber, made bricks, participated in agriculture, built a lock and canal system on the Georges River, built roads, helped found a church, and quarried lime. A true extrovert, he once welcomed over 500 townspeople to a party at Montpelier. Knox died in 1806, at the age of 56, but he left behind many people dedicated to preserving his legacy.

The General Henry Knox Museum is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to honoring the life, times, and legacy of Henry Knox; the heritage of Montpelier; and the veterans and families who have served, and continue to serve, our nation. The Museum is located at the junction of Routes 1 & 131, on 30 High St. in Thomaston, Maine.

For more information contact Knox Museum at 354-8062. [www.knoxmuseum.org](http://www.knoxmuseum.org)

# HARVEST FESTIVAL

 KNOX MUSEUM - Thomaston, ME



Make Family Memories at Henry's Harvest Party. Enjoy Harvest Treats, Face Painting, Pumpkin & Cookie Decorating, Colonial Games, & More!



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**Saturday, October 12, 2019**

**FREE** - 10 AM - 1 PM Rain or Shine

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