

Highlights from the Eric Sloane Harvest Celebration of October 6, 2012



Dan Cain came with his cider press

What an absolutely wonderful way to kick off our membership campaign event! The weather had been threatening all week but, as if Eric himself intervened, the rain held off until the end of the day. Many, many people came from Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Jersey. We were all impressed with the quantity and quality of the demonstrators of early American arts - **Joe Buda** showed participants how early woodworking tools were used, **Bob Coppola** was busy all afternoon giving tours of the iron furnace and playing early American games with our youngest visitors - *and* he somehow found time to teach them how to write with a quill pen!



Lance Kozikowski demonstrates tinsmithing

Lance Kozikowski came to practice the art of tinsmithing and was seen throughout the day busily hammering and speaking with guests, **Lynn White** came with her husband **Harold** - Lynn created beautifully intricate lace, and I am still uncertain as to how she has the patience to do so. Harold crafted exquisite redware pottery - including a fantastic platter of a whale! **Elizabeth Wood** demonstrated some serious dexterity, patience, and artistic craft creating baskets, and **Samantha Guilbert** happily spent the afternoon spinning wool and talking to her many visitors. **Jennifer Blain** flexed some muscle at the blacksmith forge, adding the clang of a blacksmith's hammer on the forge, an added ambiance to the event that Eric would have heartily approved.

