

Old Sturbridge Village

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Greetings,

It is my pleasure to inform you that Old Sturbridge Village has been fortunate enough to partner with Melanie Stringer and to share her program, *Meet Laura Ingalls Wilder*, with our guests on several occasions.

From our first meeting I have been impressed with Melanie's desire to "tell Laura's stories." She possesses the unique gift of being able to educate and to entertain at the same time. Her meticulous attention to detail ensures that her depiction of Laura is as accurate and true as possible, creating a window into the past. Melanie has the ability to inspire and stimulate her audience. They leave her performance feeling that they have spent time with the real Laura while developing a deeper appreciation and understanding for everything Laura endured. Melanie's own personal commitment to Laura is evident. Through her skillful choice of dialogue, she paints images with her words making history come alive and transporting her listeners back to the Prairie.

In her appearances at Old Sturbridge Village Melanie has shared her stories to multi-generational audiences with much success. She has proven the ability to effectively touch each audience member in a special and unique way and her presentations are always up to the high quality of standards we expect and are known for.

Melanie is not only a first rate performer but a pleasure to deal with as well. It is our sincere hope that she will continue to partner with Old Sturbridge Village and share her talents and passion, for Laura and her story, with our guests for many years to come.

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