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“Celebrate the Herbarium!” at the Emily Dickinson Museum Sept. 30

AMHERST, Mass.—To mark the publication of the Emily Dickinson’s Herbarium: A Facsimile Edition, visitors to the Emily Dickinson Museum will be invited to create a botanically inspired greeting card or bookmark to “Celebrate the Herbarium!” from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Emily Dickinson Museum: The Homestead and The Evergreens (Main St., Amherst, Mass.). Artist Mary Weidensaul will show visitors how to print with leaves and other plant material found on the museum grounds. A \$2 donation is suggested to cover materials.

The close observation of nature was a lifelong passion for Emily Dickinson, who used her garden flowers as emblems in her poetry and correspondence. The poet’s fervor for flowers and plants began at an early age and remained with her throughout her life. Dickinson’s herbarium of 400 carefully preserved, pressed flowers and plants has long been a highlight of Harvard’s Houghton Library.

Emily Dickinson’s Herbarium: A Facsimile Edition (\$125, Harvard University Press), is available in the museum gift shop.

The Emily Dickinson Museum, made up of the Dickinson Homestead and The Evergreens, two historic houses in Amherst, is devoted to the story and legacy of poet Emily Dickinson and her family. The Dickinson Homestead was the birthplace and residence of the poet (1830-1886). The Evergreens was the 1856 home of the poet’s brother and sister-in-law, Austin and Susan Dickinson. Merged into a single museum in 2003, both properties are owned by the Trustees of Amherst College. For more information, contact the museum at 413/542-8161 or visit the museum’s Website.

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