



## Exploration Stations

Museum Exploration Stations are hands-on activities set up throughout the galleries in the museum. Each station includes an informational card making connections from the activity to the exhibit, brief directions for the activity, and questions to encourage further thinking and discussion.

**Grade:** adaptable to any grade level

**Time:** approximately 40 minutes

**Goal:** Students will have the opportunity to self-select areas in the Decorative Arts Gallery that capture their interest. Hands-on stations throughout the gallery encourage deeper understanding of the material on display.

**Additional Goals:** Exploration Stations allow students to visit the museum shop in small groups while keeping non-shopping students actively engaged in learning. This is also an opportunity for teachers to check in with students regarding any note taking or other assignments.

### Exploration Stations Currently in Rotation:

- Games
  - Stern Halma – more commonly known as Chinese Checkers
- Coverlets
  - Real weaving on a loom
- Music
  - Making the connection from music boxes to our player piano
- Clocks
  - A complex clock puzzle that puts visitors in the shoes of apprentice and master clockmakers
- Photograph
  - Recreate a scene and hold the pose
- Colonial Clothes
  - Recreate all the layers typical of early settlers
- Rebus Puzzles
  - Crack the code of Colonial picture puzzles