

## *Historic Speaking*

Stanley's presentation series includes a variety of interesting topics, presented as historic lectures ending in a round table question and answer session.

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### **"Sharpshooters" Lecture & Interactive Discussion**

Discuss the US Sharpshooters in detail, and engage in an interactive discussion with Author Stanley D. Saperstein. The book lecture series will begin by request in 2003 as soon as the hardbacks arrive from the printer. Lecture will include author's thoughts on the book, and details about the historic content. Questions may be presented in advance or through the presentation.

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### **Colonial Social & Economic Development**

This discussion focuses on the development of trades in the North and South. The historic discussion evolves from the essentials of blacksmiths, coopers, tanners, farmers, etc and the interactions of the various crafts and methods of bartering. Developing into luxury trades including silversmiths, furniture makers, tailors, and wig makers.

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### **The American Revolution**

Debate the deciding factors in the call to Revolution and learn details of how citizen soldiers defeated the most powerful army in the world. Military tactics and decisive battles, and historic facts.

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### **History of American Period Furniture**

Discuss the development of Early American furniture and the great periods covering Jacobean through Federal and the methods of hand crafting and finishing. Learn to discern antiques from reproductions and theories on restoration and how to maintain your furniture.

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### **American Folk Humor**

Tall tales, big lies, fish stories, and country humor. Classics like "Pissing in the snow," "Pa ain't gonna like it," and the "Great woodchuck stomp." This colorful adult humor lecture will lighten your mood and bring a good laugh to the crowd.

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### **Derivations of Common Expressions**

The derivation of old time words and phrases, told in short humorous stories. How did the most common words and phrases evolve in our language. For example, the story of the dollar and the countless slang terms to describe money. Where did "kick the bucket" and "OK" originate, and "why don't we know beans?"

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# *Artisans Educational Services*

*Specializing In Historic*

*\* Speaking*

*\* Impressions*

*\* Demonstrations*



*Presented by:*

*Stanley D. Saperstein - Master Craftsman*

*Avid Historian & Re-enactor*

## Historic Impressions

Engage a character from history!  
Great for schools and historic groups from experts to elementary school students.

### Timothy Murphy, Hero of the Revolution



A famous, but still little known, Revolutionary War rifleman. Frontiersman Tim Murphy carried a double barrel flintlock rifle, and tells his tales of eight years of war. These unbelievable exploits are true legends.

### Meet 1st Sergeant Wyman White, USSS

In this one-hour play, the audience hears Wyman, a feature character in the Sharpshooters book, tell his experiences through the war. Followed by a question and answer period, this play includes a complete sharpshooter uniform and equipment display.



### Craftsman Eli Carver



A middle class Colonial woodworker, portrays his life as a tradesman. This play challenges the intellectually oriented individual to understand the life of a colonial tradesman and the development of the economies of the period.

This well developed character interacts discussing issues of trade and markets of the time.

## Historic Demonstrations

Demonstrations involve a variety of props, reproduction, and original artifacts used for their original purpose to provide insight into the lives of historic soldiers, craftsmen, and civilians. Touch and feel, and learn in a hands on fashion.

### Woodcarving



Stanley's apprenticeship offered him a unique opportunity to study 18th Century woodcarving, now with thirty years experience he is a master craftsman. Woodcarving demonstrations include interactive discussions on tools, wood, techniques, patterns, and methods. Watch as Stanley creates a carving from a simple drawing on the surface of the wood.

### Whittling



A common past time sitting on the porch or around the campfire, whittling produced some of America's great folk art. Create wood spirits, gnomes, Santas, and creatures from scraps of wood while being entertained by stories of the past.

Learn the basics of pocket knives, choosing a soft carving wood, patterns, and designs and freedom of creative expression that can travel with you anywhere.



### Walking Stick Carving



Discover the history of a folk art of every generation, walking sticks were hand carved by colonists, soldiers, and civilians alike and were a fashion statement in themselves. A gentleman was rarely seen without his cane in town, and a staff gave protection from snakes on the trail.

See some of Stanley's personal collection, and participate in finding and carving your own stick. Create a brag staff heirloom by carving your legacy into a unique personal staff.

### Walking Stick Demonstration at Howell Farm



### Black Powder Cannon, Rifles, & Pistols



See the how flint locks and percussion rifles and pistols look and feel, and watch a dry fire demonstration. A full sized 1790 howitzer and working trench mortar finally the demonstration with a big bang and lots of smoke. Please note that site permits are required for operation of firearms and artillery pieces and permission from school administration required for demonstrations on school grounds.