

# The Museum Gift Shop

## General Information for Schools

Our museum gift shop enjoys working with you and your students. If for some reason you decide in advance of your trip to forego a visit to the store, please inform the education services coordinator (603/856-0604). Museum staffing for the day of your visit is based upon our expectation that your students will stop in at our museum store.

### How We Work with School Groups

- **No gallery time is lost.** School groups visiting the shop are scheduled into the store as part of the museum visit. We allot approximately fifteen minutes for each group of ten to fifteen students. No gallery time is gained by not visiting the gift shop, nor is time in the gallery lost by shopping — providing we receive help from adults in your group as indicated below.
- **Merchandise is clearly labeled.** Merchandise of particular interest to children is located centrally and labeled fully. Students are directed to this area as they enter the shop.
- **Access to purchases is controlled by adults in your group.** At the cash register, each student's purchases are placed in an individual bag with the student's first name on it. These bags are placed in a large shopping bag to be carried by an adult until the end of the tour.



### How Adults in Your Group Should Help

- Stay with students while they are in the store.
- Help students tally their purchases before getting in line at the cash register so that they do not attempt to buy more than they can afford. Also, help students with money-handling chores. (Shopping at the gift shop can provide a great teaching moment!)
- Help usher students who have made their purchases (or who are not shopping) to the front lobby to wait for the rest of the group.

### Don't Forget!

- The Museum Store is an excellent resource for teachers.
- Call them at 603/856-0625.
- Visit them on our Web site at <http://www.nhhistory.org>.