

2020 HOLIDAY PLANNER *for* MUSIC, DINING AND PROGRAMS



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Colonial Williamsburg





2020

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2020

Calendar of Events



November 26

DINING

- Williamsburg Inn Thanksgiving Day Meal
11:00AM, 2:00PM
- Williamsburg Lodge Thanksgiving Day Feast
11:00AM to 4:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide *10:15AM, 11:30AM*
- Outside the Box: 150 Years of Cigar Box Instruments and Music *5:00PM*

PROGRAMS

- Stories of the Past, People of the Present
2:00PM

November 27

MUSIC & DANCE

- Coffee Cantata *10:15AM, 11:30AM*
- A Scottish Harvest Celebration *5:00PM*

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide *10:00AM, 2:00PM*
- Light in the Darkness *2:00PM*
- A Christmas Night at the Art Museums
7:00PM, 7:20PM, 7:40PM, 8:20PM, 8:40PM, 9:00PM

November 28

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide *10:15AM, 11:30AM*
- Christmas Ceilidh *5:00PM*

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide *10:00AM, 2:00PM*
- Dressing for Christmastide with Mrs. Rind
2:00PM

November 29

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide *10:00AM, 2:00PM*
- Midwinter Stories *10:15AM, 11:30AM*
- Same Space, Different Place *2:00PM*
- Who Will Bring My Presents? *5:00PM*

November 30

MUSIC & DANCE

- Music for St. Andrew's Day *5:00PM*

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide *10:00AM, 2:00PM*
- Midwinter Stories *10:15AM, 11:30AM*
- The Art-Full Tree *12:30PM, 3:30PM*
- Christmas and the Constitution *2:00PM*

December 01

MUSIC & DANCE

- Winter in the Valley *2:00PM*
- A Fiddle for Your Pocket *5:00PM*

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide *10:00AM, 2:00PM*
- Midwinter Stories *10:15AM, 11:30AM*
- The Art-Full Tree *12:30PM, 3:30PM*
- Wreath Decorating Workshop *3:00PM, 6:00PM*

December 02

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide *10:15AM, 11:30AM*

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour
10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide *10:00AM, 2:00PM*
- The Art-Full Tree *12:30PM, 3:30PM*
- A New Kind of Christmas *2:00PM*
- Wreath Decorating Workshop *3:00PM, 6:00PM*
- Remembering Christmas: Enslaved and Free *5:00PM*

December 03

DINING

- Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea *2:00PM*

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide *10:15AM, 11:30AM*
- A Season Full of Holidays *5:00PM*

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide *10:00AM, 2:00PM*
- The Art-Full Tree *12:30PM, 3:30PM*
- Stories of the Past, People of the Present
2:00PM

December 04

DINING

- Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea 2:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Coffee Cantata 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Old Dominion and Caledonia 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Light in the Darkness 2:00PM
- A Christmas Night at the Art Museums 7:00PM, 7:20PM, 7:40PM, 8:20PM, 8:40PM, 9:00PM

December 05

DINING

- Chowning's Grand Illumination Holiday Feast 2:00PM, 4:00PM, 6:00PM
- Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea 2:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- Christmas Ceilidh 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Decorated Wreath Sales 10:00AM to 4:00PM
- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Dressing for Christmastide with Mrs. Rind 2:00PM
- Grand Illumination 5:30PM* **SOLD OUT**

December 06

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Same Space, Different Place 2:00PM
- Who Will Bring My Presents? 5:00PM

December 07

MUSIC & DANCE

- A Soldier's Song for Christmas 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Christmas and the Constitution 2:00PM

December 08

MUSIC & DANCE

- Winter in the Valley 2:00PM
- A Fiddle for Your Pocket 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Holiday Decoration Workshop 3:00PM, 6:00PM

December 09

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide 10:15AM, 11:30AM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- A New Kind of Christmas 2:00PM
- Decorating the Private Homes 5:00PM

December 10

DINING

- Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea 2:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- Harp and Dulcimer Yuletide Joy 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Stories of the Past, People of the Present 2:00PM
- Holiday Decoration Workshop 3:00PM, 6:00PM

December 11

DINING

- Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea 2:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Coffee Cantata 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- Music for a Back Porch Virginia Holiday 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Light in the Darkness 2:00PM
- A Christmas Night at the Art Museums 7:00PM, 7:20PM, 7:40PM, 8:20PM, 8:40PM, 9:00PM

December 12

DINING

- Chowning's Grand Illumination Holiday Feast 2:00PM, 4:00PM, 6:00PM
- Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea 2:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- Christmas Ceilidh 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Decorated Wreath Sales 10:00AM to 4:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Dressing for Christmastide with Mrs. Rind 2:00PM
- Grand Illumination 5:30PM* **SOLD OUT**

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December 13

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Same Space, Different Place 2:00PM
- Who Will Bring My Presents? 5:00PM

December 14

MUSIC & DANCE

- The Land We Left Behind 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Christmas and the Constitution 2:00PM

December 15

MUSIC & DANCE

- Winter in the Valley 2:00PM
- Fiddling Away the Holidays 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM

December 16

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide 10:15AM, 11:30AM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- A New Kind of Christmas 2:00PM
- Remembering Christmas: Enslaved and Free 5:00PM

December 17

DINING

- Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea 2:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- Harp and Dulcimer Yuletide Joy 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Decorated Wreath Sales 12:00PM to 4:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Stories of the Past, People of the Present 2:00PM
- Community Christmas Tree Lighting 5:00PM
- Lighting of the Cressets 6:00PM

December 18

DINING

- Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea 2:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Coffee Cantata 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- Music for a Back Porch Virginia Holiday 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Light in the Darkness 2:00PM
- Illumination of the Capitol 5:30PM
- Lighting of the Cressets 6:00PM
- A Christmas Night at the Art Museums 7:00PM, 7:20PM, 7:40PM, 8:20PM, 8:40PM, 9:00PM



December 19

DINING

- Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea 2:00PM
- Chowning's Grand Illumination Holiday Feast 2:00PM, 4:00PM, 6:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- Christmas Ceilidh 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Decorated Wreath Sales 10:00AM - 4:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Dressing for Christmastide with Mrs. Rind 2:00PM
- Grand Illumination 5:30PM* **SOLD OUT**
- Illumination of the Trades 5:30PM
- Lighting of the Cressets 6:00PM

December 20

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Same Space, Different Place 2:00PM
- Who Will Bring My Presents? 5:00PM
- Caroling at the Courthouse 6:00PM
- Lighting of the Cressets 6:00PM

December 21

DINING

- Taste Studio Annual Pie Sale 11:00AM to 4:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Christmas Classics: Readings, Poetry and Music 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Christmas and the Constitution 2:00PM
- Illumination of the Taverns 5:30PM
- Lighting of the Cressets 6:00PM

December 22

DINING

- Taste Studio Annual Pie Sale 11:00AM - 4:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Winter in the Valley 2:00PM
- Fiddling Away the Holidays 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Illumination of Palace Green 5:30PM
- Lighting of the Cressets 6:00PM
- A Christmas Night at the Art Museums 7:00PM, 7:20PM, 7:40PM, 8:20PM, 8:40PM, 9:00PM

December 23

DINING

- Taste Studio Annual Pie Sale 11:00AM - 4:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide 10:15AM, 11:30AM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- A New Kind of Christmas 2:00PM
- Remembering Christmas: Enslaved and Free 5:00PM
- Illumination of Market Square 5:30PM
- Lighting of the Cressets 6:00PM

December 24

DINING

- Taste Studio Annual Pie Sale 11:00AM to 4:00PM
- Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea 2:00PM

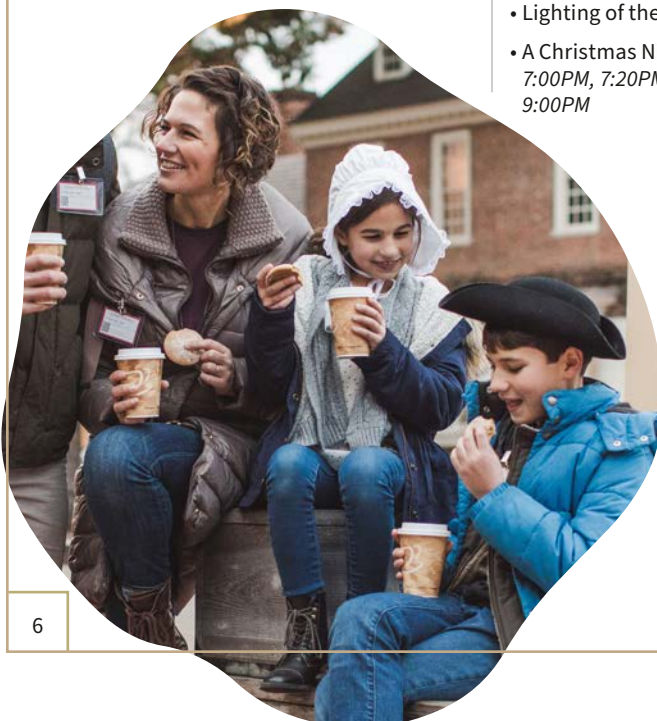
MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- Profound Joy 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Night Before Christmas 10:00AM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM, 2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Stories of the Past, People of the Present 2:00PM
- Firing of the Christmas Guns 5:00PM
- Caroling at the Courthouse 6:00PM
- Lighting of the Cressets 6:00PM

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December 25

DINING

- Williamsburg Inn Christmas Day Meal
11:00AM, 2:00PM
- Lodge Christmas Day Meal 11:00AM, 2:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Super Happy Fishmastide 11:30AM
- Perambulations of a Rat 2:30PM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour
11:00AM, 2:00PM
- Light in the Darkness 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 2:00PM

December 26

DINING

- Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea 2:00PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Perambulations of a Rat 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- Christmas Ceilidh 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Christmas Decorations Walking Tour
10:00AM, 2:00PM
- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM,
2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Dressing for Christmastide with Mrs. Rind
2:00PM

December 27

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM,
2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Same Space, Different Place 2:00PM
- Who Will Bring My Presents? 5:00PM

December 28

MUSIC & DANCE

- Christmas Classics: Readings, Poetry and
Music 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM,
2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Christmas and the Constitution 2:00PM

December 29

MUSIC & DANCE

- Winter in the Valley 2:00PM
- Fiddling Away the Holidays 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM,
2:00PM
- Midwinter Stories 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- A Christmas Night at the Art Museums
7:00PM, 7:20PM, 7:40PM, 8:20PM, 8:40PM,
9:00PM

December 30

MUSIC & DANCE

- Perambulations of a Rat 10:15AM, 11:30AM

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM,
2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- A New Kind of Christmas 2:00PM
- Remembering Christmas: Enslaved and
Free 5:00PM

December 31

DINING

- Williamsburg Inn New Year's Eve Dinner
3:00PM, 3:15PM, 3:30PM, 3:45PM, 6:30PM,
6:45PM, 7:00PM, 7:15PM

MUSIC & DANCE

- Perambulations of a Rat 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- A Season Full of Holidays 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM,
2:00PM
- The Art-Full Tree 12:30PM, 3:30PM
- Stories of the Past, People of the Present
2:00PM

January 01

MUSIC & DANCE

- Coffee Cantata 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- My Heart is in the Highlands 5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM,
2:00PM
- Light in the Darkness 2:00PM

January 02

MUSIC & DANCE

- Perambulations of a Rat 10:15AM, 11:30AM
- Music for a Back Porch Virginia Holiday
5:00PM

PROGRAMS

- Talk of the Town: Christmastide 10:00AM,
2:00PM
- Dressing for Christmastide with Mrs. Rind
2:00PM

January 03

PROGRAMS

- Same Space, Different Place 2:00PM

DINING

Taste Studio Annual Pie Sale

Monday, Nov. 23 through Wednesday, Nov. 25 and Monday, Dec 21 through Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 11:00AM - 4:00PM | Taste Studio

Come to the annual pie sale and choose from our famous pies like pumpkin, apple-cranberry, pecan and rum cream.

Chowning's Grand Illumination Holiday Feast

Saturday, Dec. 5, 12, and 19 | 2:00PM, 4:00PM, 6:00PM | Chownings | **Adults \$55**

Come enjoy Chownings' Holiday Feast in the garden of Chowning's Tavern. Families will be seated at their own picnic tables with social distancing to others. Prepaid tickets and reservations required.



Williamsburg Inn Christmas Day Meal

Friday, Dec. 25 at 11:00AM, 2:00PM | Williamsburg Inn | **Adults \$131.99, Youth (3-10) \$65.99, Children (2 and under) \$36.56**

Enjoy a beautiful festive Christmas Day at The Williamsburg Inn's Grand Regency Room. Reservations required.



Williamsburg Inn Holiday Tea

Thursday, Dec. 3, 10, 17 and 24; Friday, Dec 4, 11, and 18; Saturday, Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26 | Williamsburg Inn | **Adults \$59.95, Youth (3-10) \$30.95, Children (2 and under), \$18.95**

Celebrate the season with a festive holiday tea in the elegance of the Williamsburg Inn. Sample the Inn's special holiday blend and enjoy cookies and pastries. Reservations required.



Williamsburg Lodge Christmas Day Meal

Friday, Dec. 25 at 11:00AM, 2:00PM | Williamsburg Lodge | **Adults \$65.95, Youth (3-10) \$36.95, Children (2 and under) free**

Gather the family to enjoy a sumptuous family-style Christmas day meal at the Williamsburg Lodge. Reservations required.



Williamsburg Inn Thanksgiving Day Meal

Thursday, Nov. 26 at 11:00AM, 2:00PM | Williamsburg Inn | **Adults \$131.99, Youth (3-10) \$65.99, Children (2 and under) \$36.56**

Celebrate the day of giving at the Williamsburg Inn Regency Room. Reservations required.



Williamsburg Lodge Thanksgiving Day Feast

Thursday, Nov. 26 at 11:00AM to 4:00PM Williamsburg Lodge | **Adults \$71.95, Youth (3-10) \$38.95, Children (2 and under) free**

Gather your family for Thanksgiving family-style at the Williamsburg Lodge. Reservations required.



Williamsburg Inn New Year's Eve Dinner

Thursday, Dec. 31 at 3:00PM, 3:15PM, 3:30PM, 3:45PM, 6:30PM, 6:45PM, 7:00PM & 7:15PM | Williamsburg Inn | **Adults \$131.99,**

Come enjoy the perfect four-course meal with wine pairings at the iconic Williamsburg Inn for New Year's Eve. Prepaid reservations required.



KEY



Handicapped-accessible



Separate ticket required



Museum ticket required



Family program

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MUSIC & DANCE

A Fiddle for Your Pocket

Tuesday, Dec. 1 & 8 at 5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

Join fiddler John Turner for a musical exploration of pochettes, 18th-century portable pocket violins, featuring popular period holiday tunes.



A Scottish Harvest Celebration

Friday, Nov. 27 at 5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

NEW! Explore the highlands of Scotland with Master Scottish Fiddler David Gardner, during this musical journey celebrating Lammas, a harvest festival, and the first reaping of the corn.



A Season Full of Holidays

Thursday, Dec. 3 & 31 at 5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

Timothy Seaman and Thomas Abernethy celebrate the many holidays from Thanksgiving to Epiphany with delightful and moving musical selections on hammered dulcimers, psalteries, Celtic harp and more.



A Soldier's Song for Christmas

Monday, Dec. 7 at 5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

NEW! Join Kelly Kennedy and John Turner as they blend words from soldiers far from home during the holidays, with music of the period.



Christmas Ceilidh

Saturday, Nov. 28 Dec. 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

NEW! David Gardner, Gabe Stone, and Dacotah Hartman present a holiday performance with Scottish dancing, fiddles, bagpipes, and more. Fun for the whole family.



Christmas Classics: Readings, Poetry and Music

Monday, Dec. 21 & 28 at 5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

NEW! John Turner and Kelly Kennedy bring to life excerpts from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and other holiday classics, paired with music from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.



Coffee Cantata

Friday, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18, Jan. 1 at 10:15AM, 11:30AM | Play House Stage

NEW! Mrs. Charlton's daughter Lizzy is wildly in love...with coffee! Join us for this comedic ballad opera, based on Johann Sebastian Bach's Coffee Cantata from the 1730s.



Fiddling Away the Holidays

Tuesday, Dec. 15, 22 & Dec. 29 at 5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

Master fiddler John Turner returns for this Colonial Williamsburg Christmas tradition of reveling in the lighter side of the holiday season.



Harp and Dulcimer Yuletide Joy

Thursday, Dec. 10 & 17 at 5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

NEW! Join Ann Robinson and Timothy Seaman as they journey through seasonal favorites, distinctive new compositions, and rare melodic gems old and new on hammered and mountain dulcimers, lyre, and more.



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Music for a Back Porch Virginia Holiday



Friday, Dec. 11 & 18; Saturday, Jan. 2; at
5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium |
\$10 per person

In old Virginia, families and friends gathered just to talk, sing, dance, and have a good time. Join musical historians Carson Hudson and Arden Clark for an old-time holiday get-together.



Music for St. Andrew's Day



Monday, Nov. 30; at 5:00PM | Hennage
Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

NEW! Celebrate Scotland's patron saint with John Turner and Kelly Kennedy. Join them for tunes, stories and traditions concerning what has become a month long celebration.



My Heart is in the Highlands



Friday, Jan. 1 at 5:00PM | Hennage
Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

NEW! Enjoy poetry and the music associated with Robert Burns as Master Scottish Fiddler David Gardner takes you on a musical journey through the hills of Scotland.



Outside the Box: 150 Years of Cigar Box Instruments and Music



Thursday, Nov. 26 at 5:00PM | Hennage
Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

Homemade instruments have been played in America since the earliest days of our country. But it was the lowly wooden cigar box that became part of a folk music

tradition, beginning before the Civil War, continuing through the Depression, and having a revival today. Join musical historian Carson Hudson as he explains and performs "cigar box music"!



Perambulations of a Rat



Friday, Dec. 25 at 2:30PM, Saturday Dec. 26 & Jan. 2, Wednesday, Dec. 30 and Thursday Dec. 31; at 10:15AM, 11:30AM | Play House Stage

NEW! The magic and music of Fishmastide continues as we follow Pandora Chowning and Wimberly Crumb on their return to Williamsburg. Celebrate the season with the Jug Broke Theatre Company.

Profound Joy



Thursday, Dec. 24 at 5:00PM | Hennage
Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

Timothy Seaman celebrates the wonder of winter, Christmas and Hanukkah on extended-range hammered dulcimer, with songs full of joy, hope and peace.



Super Happy Fishmastide



Thursday, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, & 24; Friday, Dec. 25 (11:30AM showing only); Saturday, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, & 19; Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23 at 10:15AM, 11:30AM | Play House Stage

Come celebrate Fishmastide with the Jug Broke Theatre Company, as the performers sing songs of the magical beast who was said to save good souls lost at sea and return them home to their families in Virginia on Christmas Day.

The Land We Left Behind



Monday, Dec. 14 at 5:00PM | Hennage
Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

NEW! Join Kelly Kennedy as she shares stories of those who left their homeland for America and their Christmas traditions from around the world. Enjoy these remembrances of Christmas's in the Old World through poetry, readings, story, and music.



The Old Dominion and Caledonia



Friday, Dec. 4 at 5:00PM | Hennage
Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

NEW! Travel back to the 18th century with Master Fiddler David Gardner as he uncovers the Scottish influences in the popular music of Virginia from Colonial times to the present day.



Winter in the Valley



Tuesday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 2:00PM |
Hennage Auditorium | **\$5 per person**

Join the Waterman family for delightful Christmas songs and family stories from the 18th century as we welcome you into our music-making home during our favorite season!



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PROGRAMS

A Christmas Night at the Art Museums

Friday, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18; Tuesday, Dec. 22 & 29 at 7:00PM, 7:20PM, 7:40PM, 8:20PM, 8:40PM, 9:00PM | Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg | **Adult \$25, Youth \$18**

NEW! Celebrate beloved traditions, stories, and music of the Christmas season during an intimate guided walking tour through the galleries of the Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg.



A New Kind of Christmas

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 2:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$5 per person**

NEW! Join Roger, an enslaved man from the Randolph property, on his journey through loss, laughter, and reflection in search of the meaning of this season.



Caroling at the Courthouse

Sunday, Dec. 20; Thursday, Dec. 24 at 6:00PM | Courthouse

Join in the holiday spirit at the Courthouse to sing songs of the season.



Christmas and the Constitution

Monday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 2:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$5 per person**

Join Alexander Hamilton and James Madison in the throes of writing the Federalist Papers to support the constitution over a hectic holiday season, as they balance public and personal duty.



Christmas Decorations Walking Tour

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23; Thursday, Dec. 24; Friday, Dec. 11 & 18; (Friday, Dec. 25 at 11:00AM, 2:00PM) Saturday, Dec. 5, 12, 19 & 26; Sunday, Dec. 6; Monday, Dec. 7, 14 & 21 at 10:00AM, 2:00PM | Geddy Yard | **\$10 per person**

Enjoy a one-hour walking tour for a closer look at the Colonial Williamsburg decorations and a discussion of holiday traditions, past and present.



Community Christmas Tree Lighting

Thursday, Dec. 17 at 5:00PM | Market Square

Make this annual community event part of your Christmas tradition. Gather for a special reading of “The Night Before Christmas” and learn about the first Christmas tree in the United States. Join in singing classic Christmas carols and watch as the large evergreen tree on Market Square is lighted. Cosponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg and Colonial Williamsburg.



Decorated Wreath Sales

Saturday, Dec. 5, 12 & 19 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM and Thursday, Dec. 17 from Noon to 4:00PM | Palace Green South End

Guests can purchase a beautifully decorated wreath in the Colonial Williamsburg style. Fresh greenery and popular dried materials will also be available.

Decorating the Private Homes

Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium

Join us for our 28th annual fun-filled celebration of the decorating efforts of the employees who live in Colonial Williamsburg’s restored private residences.



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Separate ticket required

Museum ticket required

Family program

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Dressing for Christmastide with Mrs. Rind

Saturday, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 & Jan. 2 at 2:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$5 per person**

NEW! Follow Clementina Rind, a businesswoman, government official, and mother, through her day to see what she wears and the reasons why she does.



Firing of the Christmas Guns

Thursday, Dec. 24 at 5:00PM | Market Square

During the 18th century, guns were customarily fired in salute to the Christmas season and as an expression of joy and celebration. Join us on Duke of Gloucester street for a re-creation of this event.



Grand Illumination*

Saturday, Dec. 5, 12 & 19; 5:30PM | Palace Green | **Free reserved ticket required**

Yuletide entertainment will include the dramatic presentation of an original holiday story, traditional music of the season, and a joyful appearance by Father Christmas, culminating in a Grand Illumination fireworks display. Please visit our website for detailed information. **THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT**



*These plans are, of course, contingent upon the governmental restrictions on public gatherings in place at the time. More information will be provided closer to the date of the event. Please note that free reservations are required to view the fireworks and to enter the Palace Green area. If you do not have reservations, you will be unable to view the fireworks from any other location in the Historic Area. Capacities are very limited.

Holiday Decoration Workshop

Tuesday, Dec. 8; Thursday, Dec. 10 at 3:00PM, 6:00PM | Offsite | **\$45 per person**

A rare opportunity to learn tips from the Colonial Williamsburg landscape design team to make holiday decorations in the Williamsburg style. Participants will learn how to create a beautiful arrangement in a mug with a colonial flare. These small centerpieces make a big impact for the holidays in your home or as a hostess gift.



Illumination of Market Square

Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 5:30PM | Magazine

Enjoy a traditional 18th-century seasonal celebration featuring the illumination of Market Square and the surrounding buildings with candles and cressets.



Illumination of Palace Green

Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 5:30PM | Palace Green

Join Colonial Williamsburg for a narrated illumination of the houses, shops, and public buildings on Palace Green with candles and cressets.



Illumination of the Capitol

Friday, Dec. 18 at 5:30PM | Capitol East Gate

Join Colonial Williamsburg for a narrated illumination of the Capitol and its surrounding buildings with candles and cressets.



Illumination of the Taverns

Monday, Dec. 21 at 5:30PM | Wetherburn's Tavern

Join Colonial Williamsburg for a narrated illumination of the colonial taverns and surrounding buildings with candles and cressets.



Illumination of the Trades

Saturday, Dec. 19 at 5:30PM | Apothecary

Join Colonial Williamsburg for a narrated illumination of the trade sites and surrounding buildings with candles and cressets.



Light in the Darkness

Friday, Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 25 & Jan. 1 at 2:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$5 per person**

NEW! Christmastide has come to Williamsburg and brings with it joy for some, sorrow for others. Listen as Gowan Pamphlet and George Washington discuss the impact the season has on them and their communities, both enslaved and free.



Lighting of the Cressets

Thursday, Dec. 17 through Thursday, Dec. 24 at 6:00PM | Duke of Gloucester Street

NEW! Join us on the historic Duke of Gloucester Street for our newest Holiday tradition the Lighting of the Cressets as we bring our 18th-century streets to life at night with strolling musicians and tidings of good cheer.



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Midwinter Stories

Sunday, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27; Monday, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28; Tuesday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10:15AM, 11:30AM | Play House Stage

Stories are the life's blood and collective memory of a society. Among many Native communities in the Eastern Woodlands, storytelling takes place in the fall and winter, when domestic activities move indoors. Come hear stories and traditions from Native Nations such as the Lakota, Cherokee, Shawnee, and Pamunkey.



Remembering Christmas: Enslaved and Free

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 16, 23 & 30 at 5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$10 per person**

The holidays have a way of bringing back memories of past holiday seasons. Listen in as a free black woman reflects and compares her years as an enslaved and freed woman during the Christmastide. Discover how the Christmastide provided hope during her time as an enslaved woman and explore how the season changed for her after she was set free.



Same Space, Different Place

Sunday, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27 & Jan. 3 at 2:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$5 per person**

NEW! Meet Rachel Whitaker, a recently widowed tavern owner and her enslaved servant, Milly to discover how the Christmastide season is different for these two mothers.



Stories of the Past, People of the Present

Thursday, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 2:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$5 per person**

NEW! Celebrate American Indian culture through traditional stories and discuss with American Indian interpreters about what it's like to tell the histories of their communities.



Talk of the Town: Christmastide

Daily Nov. 27 through Jan. 2, 10:00AM, 2:00PM (Dec. 25, 2:00PM only) | Lumber House Ticket Office | **\$10 per person**

Walk through town with a resident of 18th century Williamsburg as they share reflections on the holiday season.



The Art-Full Tree

Daily Nov. 30 through Dec. 24 and Dec. 26 through Dec. 31, 12:30PM, 3:30PM | Art Museums of Colonial Williamsburg | **\$10 per person**

On a guided holiday tour explore the galleries, gaze at the Art Museums's huge decorated tree, and create your own art-inspired ornament to take home.



The Night Before Christmas

Thursday, Dec. 24 at 10:00AM | Hennage Auditorium | **Adults \$5, Children \$2.50**

Experience the unique spirit of Christmas as people from the past read the classic Christmas story and bring the events to life.



Who Will Bring My Presents?

Sunday, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20 & 27 at 5:00PM | Hennage Auditorium | **\$5 per person**

Meet Grandfather Frost who delivers gifts in Russia, La Befana from Italy and our own Santa Claus. Hear stories from their countries during this show for the entire family.



Wreath Decorating Workshop

Tuesday, Dec. 1; Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 3:00PM, 6:00PM | Offsite | **\$80 per person**

Colonial Williamsburg's landscape design team will demonstrate how to attach an assortment of fresh and dried materials to the fresh wreaths like those they make for display in the Historic Area. Each participant will be supplied with a fresh wreath and all the necessary tools and materials to decorate their own wreath that they can carry home with them.



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