

A FREE HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES



Museums
by
Candlelight

Saturday, December 10, 2005
Frederick, Maryland

12:00 noon – 5:00 p.m.
Frederick County locations

2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
City of Frederick locations

Hosted by the Frederick Historic Sites Consortium



Museums by Candlelight offers an afternoon and evening of traditional holiday activities in historic settings throughout the City of Frederick and all over Frederick County. Take a moment to read over this guide to the event's seasonal music, characters from the past, traditional crafts, hearth cooking, and hands-on fun for children of all ages. Twenty-one museums and historic sites of the Frederick Historic Sites Consortium look forward to your visit.

Museums by Candlelight is a gift to the community, made possible by sponsorships from the Frederick News Post, and the hotels of the Plamondon Companies, including the Fairfield Inn, the Courtyard and the Residence Inn. All museum admissions and programs are free of charge. Donations are gratefully accepted at participating museums.

This is a self-guided event. Feel free to visit many locations, or just a few. Plan a route that is convenient and tailored to your own interests, or use one of the suggested itineraries. It is not necessary to visit the museums in any particular order.

Museums by Candlelight is one of the featured events of Children's Weekend in Frederick. To learn more about other Children's Weekend programs, such as Breakfast with Santa, Belsnickling, live performances and Secret Santa shops, call (301) 228-2844 or visit www.celebratefrederick.com.

Museums by Candlelight

CITY OF FREDERICK ITINERARY

2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

- 1 The Children's Museum of Rose Hill Manor Park
- 2 Schifferstadt Architectural Museum
- 3 The Historical Society of Frederick County
- 4 Historic Preservation Training Center
at the Jenkins Cannery
- 5 National Museum of Civil War Medicine
- 6 Maryland Room, C. Burr Artz Central Library
- 7 Steiner House
- 8 Roger Brooke Taney House
- 9 Key Memorial Chapel
- 10 Hessian Barracks
- 11 Prospect Hall Mansion

FREDERICK COUNTY ITINERARY

12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m.

- 12 National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- 13 Catoctin Mountain Park
- 14 Cunningham Falls State Park Visitor Center
and the Catoctin Furnace
- 15 Woodsboro Historical Society
- 16 Middletown Valley Historical Society
- 17 Dahlgren Chapel
- 18 Ostertag Farm
- 19 South Mountain Heritage Society
- 20 George Alfred Townsend Museum
- 21 Brunswick Railroad Museum

CITY OF FREDERICK

1. THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF ROSE HILL MANOR PARK

1611 North Market Street, Frederick

Visit the museum during this seasonal open house and enjoy the naturally decorated manor and a hearth cooking demonstration. Shadow puppetry will offer children hands-on fun.

2. SCHIFFERSTADT ARCHITECTURAL MUSEUM

1110 Rosemont Avenue, Frederick
(at the Route 15 Exit to Rosemont Avenue)

Decorations and refreshments reflecting German Christmas traditions of the American Colonial period will delight both adults and children. Enjoy hearth cooking demonstrations and holiday crafts, led by costumed interpreters. Meet the "Belsnickler," a German folk character who visits at holiday time.

3. THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF FREDERICK COUNTY

24 East Church Street, Frederick

Candles have been a part of holiday customs for thousands of years. The Historical Society of Frederick County invites you to discover some of these traditions at Museums by Candlelight: Holidays by Candlelight. Guides will help you explore the different holidays that are celebrated with candles while you are touring a beautifully decorated 1820s style mansion. Refreshments will be available and children will enjoy making a special holiday craft.

4. HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRAINING CENTER (U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE)

AT THE HISTORIC JENKINS CANNERY
5 Commerce Street, Frederick
(Within a fenced compound about 2 blocks from the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center and near the Governor Schaeffer Office Building, between South Carroll and new East Street Extension, behind the Mudd Puddle Coffee Shop.)

This former warehouse and food processing complex (Jenkins Brothers Cannery) has been transformed over the past eight years by the National Park Service from an abandoned 19th century building on the fringes of the downtown historic district to a vital part of the Historic Preservation Training Center's (HPTC) mission. Within these walls skilled craft persons have completed the preservation and fabrication of architectural components for some of the nation's most historic structures. Tour the facility, and learn about recent improvements to the building including the new roof and restored monitor skylight, and substantial completion of the interior and exterior rehabilitation. HPTC will present our Focus on Windows exhibit, which provides an opportunity for all historic building owners to learn about the benefits of

preservation (not replacement) of historic windows as well as hands-on activities for all our visitors. Examples of preservation work will be on display and light refreshments will be provided.

5. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF CIVIL WAR MEDICINE 48 East Patrick Street, Frederick

This museum will feature Civil War-era camp songs and Christmas carols played on reproduction instruments, plus a presentation of nineteenth century Christmas items and holiday practices with a craft for children.

6. MARYLAND ROOM, C. BURR ARTZ PUBLIC LIBRARY 110 East Patrick Street, Frederick

The Maryland Room, which houses historical and genealogical materials, will host a special exhibit of vintage American and European cookie cutters, as well as a collection of Frederick County cookbooks and Children's Christmas books. At 1:00 pm, Rev. Frederick Weiser, noted author, genealogist, and MD-PA German cultural scholar will present "Pennsylvania German Foodways: Holiday Cookies." He will discuss cookies in holiday tradition, identify a variety of special cookies and vintage cookie cutters from his personal collection. Special musical entertainment will feature a Harp/Flugelhorn concert of carols at 12 noon and the TJ High Madrigal Singers at 2:00 p.m. Local authors will be on hand displaying and signing their latest books. Hours at this location are 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

7. STEINER HOUSE 368 West Patrick Street, Frederick

Children in period dress will help greet visitors and guide tours of the Steiner House, a property of the Frederick Woman's Civic Club. Built by local architect Stephen Steiner in 1807 and enlarged in 1817, this structure features Flemish Bond with brick made on the property. Trains will be set up and running in the front parlor and upstairs rooms. Nineteenth-century toys will be displayed beneath two Christmas trees. The dining room will be set for a splendid holiday meal.

8. ROGER BROOKE TANEY HOUSE 121 South Bentz Street, Frederick

Celebrate the yuletide at the Taney House and learn how the holidays were observed in the early 1800s in Frederick. Enjoy period music in the house and sample refreshments served by a roaring fire in the Slaves' Quarters. Tours of the house will include how people of the Early Republic marked Christmas and New Years and what the season meant to those who were free and slave.

9. KEY MEMORIAL CHAPEL Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 515 South Market Street, Frederick

Mt. Olivet Cemetery's historic chapel was recently christened and refurbished, including preservation of the original Tiffany windows installed by Rudy Brothers of New York in 1911. Contents from the time capsule recovered from the base of the Francis Scott Key monument will be on view, along with headstones of Francis Scott Key and his wife, Mary, and memorabilia from events celebrating the centennial of the Francis Scott Key Monument.

10. HESSIAN BARRACKS

Maryland School for the Deaf,
101 Clarke Place, Frederick

Erected in 1777 for local militia and armaments, the Barracks has since housed Hessian prisoners, a Civil War General Hospital, a cocoonery, Frederick County Fairs, the first Maryland School for the Deaf dormitory and classrooms, and now ... a museum! Hearth cooker, Sally Waltz will demonstrate winter Barracks fare and German holiday customs. Historian Carl Robin will offer information about the German soldiers first associated with the Barracks. Hessian reenactors will enliven the program.

11. PROSPECT HALL MANSION

St. John's Literary Institution,
889 Butterfly Lane, Frederick

Enjoy an old-fashioned holiday in this beautifully restored mansion built in 1803 on the highest elevation in Frederick City. There will be period music, costumed docents, luminaries, civil war artifacts on display, and holiday refreshments. Prospect Hall was the site of General Meade's takeover of the Army of the Potomac immediately before the Battle of Gettysburg.

NORTHERN FREDERICK COUNTY

12. NATIONAL SHRINE OF

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

333 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg

A video and exhibition at the Visitor's Center will introduce you to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first native-born American Saint. Enjoy the splendid beauty of the Basilica where St. Elizabeth is entombed. Docents welcome you to two historic houses that originally served Mother Seton, her students, and her Sisters. Warm cider and cookies are offered; and the Shrine Gift Shop is open. Just off Rt. 15; plenty of parking is available. Open early from 10:00 a.m.

13. CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK

6602 Foxville Road, Thurmont, MD

Catoctin Mountain Park in the winter can be a beautiful sight. We will have our wood stove blazing in the Visitor Center and you can stop in and build a pinecone and peanut butter bird feeder. Tour our exhibit area by flashlight to celebrate Museums by Candlelight, and/or enjoy the Discovery Channel's video: *The Greater Washington DC National Parks, For the People*, shown every hour from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

14. CUNNINGHAM FALLS STATE PARK VISITOR

CENTER AND THE CATOCTIN FURNACE

14039 Catoctin Hollow Road, Thurmont

Start at the Visitor Center (traveling north, turn left off Rt. 15 at the sign for the Manor Area and follow signs to the Visitor Center), where you may view exhibits on the history of the area, make some nature crafts, and visit birds of prey and reptile exhibits at the new Scales and Tales Aviary. If weather permits, tours of the Catoctin Furnace will be offered, departing from the Visitor Center on foot or by van shuttle. Cider and cookies will be served.

15. WOODSBORO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

7 North Main Street, Woodsboro

(in the Woodsboro Bank building)

The Society will offer hourly presentations on some of Woodsboro's little known historical gems. "Jonesy the Railroad Clown" and his partner on Railroad Safety will also be on hand. Youngsters are invited to join a coloring contest.

WESTERN FREDERICK COUNTY

16. MIDDLETOWN VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

305 West Main Street, Middletown

Visit our Society Headquarters and museum in the only visible stone house in the oldest section of Middletown. Authentic hearth cooking will be featured in the summer kitchen. Storyteller Kathleen Rudesill will enchant youngsters from 3:00 until 3:30 p.m.

17. DAHLGREN CHAPEL

Across from South Mountain Inn,

(at Turner's Gap on South Mountain, Alternate Rt. 40)

Built in 1882 as the Roman Catholic chapel of the Dahlgren family, this property now, deconsecrated, belongs to the Central Maryland Heritage League and is a popular wedding location. True stories about the experience of children on South Mountain will entertain visitors. The Chapel will appear in Victorian splendor, as it might have for a Dahlgren family Christmas.

18. OSTERTAG FARM

11847 Easterday Road, Myersville

Experience the grand illumination of this 144 acre working farm, including restored pioneer homes that date from the early 1700s, paths tread by Union soldiers marching to the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, and the restored German-Swiss bank barn. In the barn, three stone fireplaces will be aglow, large scale model trains will run on two levels, and artifacts and construction details will be on view. Hours at this location are 12:00 noon until 7:00 p.m.

SOUTHERN FREDERICK COUNTY

19. SOUTH MOUNTAIN HERITAGE SOCIETY

5 East Main Street, Burkittsville

The Society's headquarters is the former German Reformed Church, which was used as a hospital during the Civil War. Recent restorations have enhanced the simple beauty of the Church's interior and exterior. View historical displays relating to the history of the Burkittsville area and Crampton's Gap. Displays of antique toys and vintage holiday decorations from the collections of SMHS members, live holiday music, a craft for kids, and refreshments are highlights of this event.

20. GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND MUSEUM

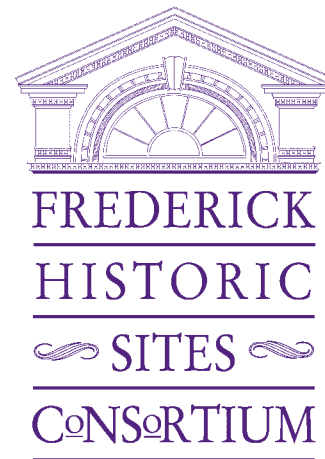
Gathland State Park, 900 Arnoldstown Road, Burkittsville

Luminaries will bathe the War Correspondents Arch in a soft glow and light the way to the museum. Inside, guests will find decorations, fire's warmth, and refreshments. Children may make holiday crafts while adults view exhibits on Townsend, the famed Civil War correspondent and author who built an extensive retreat at this site.

21. BRUNSWICK RAILROAD MUSEUM

40 West Potomac Street, Brunswick

Go back in time to the late Victorian era ... learn about local holiday traditions and taste old-fashioned holiday treats from a railroad boomtown! Visitors of all ages will enjoy the hand's-on room, social history interactive tour, HUGE model railroad layout and ornament making. Continue the fun in the Brunswick downtown area ... visit historic churches (4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.), meet St. Nicholas in his workshop, hear music and caroling, take an old time hayride & more.



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