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Celebrate the Holidays with History

The Newport Historical Society Hosts Holiday Programs

Newport, RI – (November 2009) – The Newport Historical Society is pleased to offer several holiday programs this winter season—two annual favorites and a new event in conjunction with the White Horse Tavern.

The "Holiday Lantern Tour" opens local seasonal traditions. Celebrate the authentic history of winter holidays on a lantern-lit stroll through Colonial Newport's streets, and visit the 1697 Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House. The one hour tour is held on Fridays at 5pm starting November 13th running through December 18th and costs \$12 per person, \$10 for NHS members. Tour departs from the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 127 Thames Street. Reservations suggested. 401-841-8770

Meet a historical interpreter portraying 18th century Newport teenager Polly Wanton who will discuss winter life during the American Revolution on a tour of the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House. Then enjoy the ambiance and history of the 1673 White Horse Tavern with a tour and refreshments. Hear rarely-told stories, sip hot cider and sample a light snack by candlelight in front of an open fire as colonial visitors once did. Join us on Saturday November 28th and Saturday December 19th at 2pm. Admission is \$25 per person, \$20 for NHS members (with membership card) which includes property tours, refreshments, tax and tip. Reservations required. 401-841-8770.

Experience the festive atmosphere at Newport Historical Society's Annual Holiday Open House, a Christmas in Newport event. Visit the Colony House on Washington Square and enjoy seasonal music by South County Chamber Singers. Tour the 1739 Colony House and, weather permitting, visit the first floor of the 1697 Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House with costumed guides. Event begins at 5pm and is open to the public. Donations welcome. For additional details call 401-841-8770.

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Polly Wanton at the
Wanton-Lyman-
Hazard House



About the Newport Historical Society

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit www.newporthistorical.org.

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