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YULETIDE CELEBRATIONS RETURN TO STORROWTON IN DECEMBER

Eastern States Exposition will present Yuletide at Storrowton Village Museum in West Springfield, Mass., from December 4-11, 2021. The winter festival brings the community together to celebrate the season with traditional Yuletide activities, entertainment and shopping in the historic Village.

Decorated through the generosity of area garden clubs, florists and designers, the Village buildings will be bursting with innovative and original ideas to turn your home into a holiday wonderland. Walk through the buildings to find beautiful wreaths, swags, garlands, fresh evergreens and all natural materials around every corner.

YULETIDE WEEKEND - December 4 & 5

Yuletide Weekend takes place December 4 and 5 from 10am to 4pm. The following activities and entertainment will be featured throughout the Village during Yuletide Weekend:

Saturday Schedule - December 4

10am-4pm – Family craft area in the Potter Mansion; Quill Pen Writing – Letters to Santa in the Eddy Law Office; Open Hearth Cooking Demonstrations in Gilbert Farmhouse; Make your own Shooting Star Ornament in the Potter Mansion; Blacksmithing Demonstrations in the Clark Blacksmith Shop; Gift Shop featuring Yankee Candles, and Christmas Shop.

10am-12pm – Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Potter Mansion

11am-1pm – Ice Carving with Mike Rondeau of Ice Creations

11am-2pm – Horse Drawn Carriage rides with Clay Hill Farm. Tickets available in advance and include cocoa and a cookie.

11:30am -12:30pm – “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens with first person presenter Rick Corbo in the Union Meetinghouse

1-3pm – Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Potter Mansion

1-3pm – Firefly Fields Mobile Farm on the Village Green

Sunday Schedule - December 5

10am-4pm – Family craft area in the Potter Mansion; Quill Pen Writing – Letters to Santa in the Eddy Law Office; Open Hearth Cooking Demonstrations in Gilbert Farmhouse; Make your own

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Shooting Star Ornament in the Potter Mansion; Blacksmithing Demonstrations in the Clark Blacksmith Shop; Gift Shop featuring Yankee Candles, and Christmas Shop.

10am-12pm – Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus in Potter Mansion

11am-12pm – Music of the Season violin and vocal performance with Ann-Marie Messbauer in the Union Meetinghouse

11am-2pm – Horse Drawn Carriage rides with Clay Hill Farm. Tickets available in advance and include cocoa and a cookie.

1-2pm – Stan Svec – Traditional Fiddle Music & Storytelling in the Union Meetinghouse

1-3pm – Visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Potter Mansion

1-3pm – Firefly Fields Mobile Farm on the Village Green

YULETIDE OPEN HOUSE TOURS - December 7 - 11

Create your own Yuletide experience and explore the museum's decorated buildings with a costumed guide during Yuletide Open House Tours, 10am to 4pm. Tours will be available at the top of the hour starting at 10am with the last tour departing from the Museum Gift Shop at 3pm. Tour admission is \$8 per person and free for children 6 and under. Browse for holiday presents in the Museum Gift Shop and Christmas Shop, then visit Storrowton Tavern to enjoy a hearty New England-inspired meal, Dec. 8-11. For groups of 10 or more, please contact the museum office to reserve a tour.

LANTERN LIGHT EVENING - December 8

Bundle up and bring your friends and family to the Yuletide Lantern Light Evening, 6 to 8pm. Listen to the musical storytelling of Stan Svec in the Union Meeting House and stop by Potter Mansion for self-serve cocoa and tea, and to decorate your own holiday treat. The Museum Gift Shop and Christmas Shop will be open before the event, so come early for shopping at both Storrowton Village and the Eastern States Farmers Market. Admission is \$12, children 6 and under are free. Horse Drawn Carriage rides with Clay Hill Farm take place from 5:15 to 8:15pm. Tickets available in advance and include cocoa and a cookie.

EASTERN STATES FARMERS MARKET – Open during all Yuletide events except Dec. 7.

Enjoy wine or wine slushies and cheese plates as you shop for a variety of natural fiber products, sweaters and shawls, gourmet foods, kitchen wares, and exquisitely crafted cheese boards of wood, marble and stone. There are fresh cheeses, local specialties and organic beverages. Follow signs to the Farmers Market, adjacent to the Mallary Complex and rotunda.

2021 YULETIDE DECORATORS

This year, participating clubs and florists include:

- The Westfield Woman's Club and garden clubs from Agawam, East Longmeadow, Springfield, and West Springfield
- Independent designers, Merry Mite Gardens, Natalie A. Richards, Dennis Picard, and Jessica K. Fontaine

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- Pathfinder Regional Technical High School Horticulture Department
- Storrowton Village Museum Garden Club

Parking is free for all Storrowton events. Activities will take place weather permitting. For more information, call the Village at 413-205-5051 or visit StorrowtonVillage.com.

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Storrowton Village Museum, an educational arm of Eastern States Exposition (a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization) and located on its grounds in West Springfield, Mass., presents hands-on school programs and guided tours of its historic buildings throughout the year as well as seasonal 19th century-themed events. It is the site of Storrowton Tavern/Carriage House.

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