

2013 THEMES

Cedar Grove – “Simple Gifts”

Delight in the naturalistic holiday designs at newly-restored Cedar Grove, an early American home occupied through five generations. They will also have the opportunity to make a vintage ornament to take home. Cedar Grove is open Thursday – Sunday, through December 29 and Monday – Wednesday, December 30 – January 1.

Lemon Hill – “Holiday Entertaining”

Step into Henry Pratt’s parlor and see how Philadelphians entertained during the holidays. Enjoy a special display featuring rarely-seen pieces from Lemon Hill’s collection and fantastic views of Center City Philadelphia through the Oval Room’s floor-to-ceiling windows.

Mount Pleasant – “Visions of Twelfth Night”

Holiday merry-making in colonial homes often featured a Twelfth Night celebration. Enjoy these visions and craft your own signature holiday card to take home at Mount Pleasant. Mount Pleasant is open to visitors Thursday – Sunday, through December 29, and Monday – Wednesday, December 30 – January 1.

Laurel Hill Mansion – “Angels at Laurel Hill”

Take in angel decorations from the Community Garden Club at Wayne incorporated into the sights and sounds of your visit. During your visit enjoy music on the historic pianoforte and partake in complimentary tea and purchase gingerbread men, women and angels baked by students from the Culinary Arts Institute of Montgomery Community College.

Strawberry Mansion – “Home for the Holidays”

For the first time in five years, Strawberry Mansion will be open for the Holiday Tours. Decorations will highlight the beautifully restored rooms, and will welcome friends and guests “home” to Strawberry Mansion. Don’t miss the newly installed mural in the Banquet Room. Purchase fresh greens and gifts at the 6th annual Greens Sale on Strawberry Mansion’s grounds throughout the Holiday Tours.

Woodford Mansion – “Wassailing at Woodford”

Celebrate the holidays from the British perspective with one of Philadelphia’s most prominent Loyalist socialites from the American Revolution! Meet Rebecca Franks, daughter of Woodford’s former owner and a darling of the British occupiers, who will greet visitors and share holiday stories from 11 am to 2 pm, December 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15. Woodford is open Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm, year-round.