

**CELEBRATE A HISTORIC HOLIDAY AT CHARLOTTE'S OLDEST HOME,
THE HEZEKIAH ALEXANDER HOUSE**

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Dec. 6, 2017 – Looking for something new to do with family and friends this holiday season? Join The Charlotte Museum of History for *Historic Holidays at the Hezekiah House*, taking place daily at Charlotte's oldest home through Jan. 6.

"We're starting a new tradition at The Charlotte Museum of History this year, offering daily holiday tours of the historic Hezekiah Alexander Home Site," says Adria Focht, president & CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History. "Visitors will experience the holiday traditions and wintertime activities of Charlotte's original residents from 250 years ago, including European settlers, African enslaved people and the Catawba and Cherokee nations."

Special Holiday Tours Daily and Crafts Every Saturday

Now through Saturday, Jan. 6, the museum will offer the special holiday tours, plus an all-new shopping experience in the museum shop featuring locally-made goods including pottery, soaps and lotions, as well as books about Charlotte history that make great gifts.

Families are invited to join us on Saturdays from noon-3 p.m. for holiday-themed crafts celebrating the history and culture of Charlotte, including making ornaments, yule logs, found-object masks, dreidels and gingerbread houses.

Experience Colonial Life on Saturday, Dec. 16

One special Saturday afternoon – Saturday, Dec. 16, from noon-4 p.m. – the museum will feature live music, colonial games, kids crafts, beer from Bold Missy Brewery and demonstrations of 18th century skills, including candle making and butter making. The Piedmont Fiber Guild will provide special weaving and spinning demonstrations. Kids can learn to dress the part by trying on colonial-era clothes, and Hezekiah Alexander himself will be on hand to share stories of his life and times.



Traditional Twelfth Night Celebration on Saturday, Jan. 6

The museum will cap off the holiday season with its annual *Traditional Twelfth Night* celebration on Saturday night, Jan. 6, from 5-7:30 p.m. Visitors will experience the history of Twelfth Night, the traditional last night of the Christmas season, and take a candlelight tour of the Hezekiah Alexander House. The home's historic barn will be transformed into Captain James Jack's Tavern, where visitors can enjoy warm cider, Twelfth Night cake and hard cider for adults looking for some extra holiday cheer.

The evening includes costumed interpreters, live music, carol singing around the bonfire, toasting fruit trees to ensure a good New Year and playing games the way Charlotte's colonial settlers did, plus crowning a King or Queen of Twelfth Night.

How to Go

Historic Holidays at the Hezekiah House takes place every Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. through Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018. All events are at The Charlotte Museum of History at 3500 Shamrock Drive. Daytime holiday events are included in the normal admission price – \$10 for adults, \$7 for children and free for museum members.

Traditional Twelfth Night on Saturday, Jan. 6 is free and open to the public.

Register for daily events and the *Traditional Twelfth Night* celebration at charlottemuseum.org under the Events tab.

About The Charlotte Museum of History

The Charlotte Museum of History engages a broad audience in the history of the Charlotte region through the stories of its people, places and events to promote dialogue and historical perspective. The museum is the steward of the Hezekiah Alexander House (ca. 1774) and home site, a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. To learn more, visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on Facebook and Twitter (@CLThistory).

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