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HOLIDAY HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR: COLONIAL PENNSYLVANIA PLANTATION AND NEWTOWN SQUARE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

\$115 MEMBERS/\$125 NON-MEMBERS

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE BERKS HISTORY CENTER'S ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO HISTORIC HOMES ADORNED WITH TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS!

At Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation, the 18th century is brought to life for visitors as they experience how colonial farm families, who composed 90% of the area's population, lived and worked during a critical period in American history. The farmhouse dates to the 1690s (now on the National Register of Historic Places), and the 112-acre property also includes four outbuildings, crop fields and a kitchen garden. Through preservation, education, interpretation and active participation in critically endangered historic skills that made 18th-century life possible, Colonial Pennsylvania Plantation inspires today's audience to appreciate the hard-working families who helped build America. Our visit is timed perfectly to include an immersive experience into the colonial Christmas season, its simplicity adding only to the beauty because life then was so much more difficult.

The Isaac Newton Restaurant, located in the heart of Newtown will prepare a delicious lunch for us that includes a choice of Pastrami Reuben, Cheeseburger or Quiche (cheese, onions and peppers) with a Caesar Salad.

Named so because in 1691 William Penn planned an inland "new town," Newtown Square Historical Society celebrates the early Welsh-Quaker settlers who were drawn to Pennsylvania in the very late-17th and early-18th centuries by relatively cheap land, Penn's promise of religious tolerance, and the prospect of new beginnings; Newtown remained relatively a farming community from that time until after WWII, when it began to grow into a suburban bedroom community outside Philadelphia, 15 miles due east. The 1742 Square Tavern recreates an experience in what had been at one time the center of Newtown life 280 years ago. It is in the 1828 Paper Mill House and Museum, though, where we will experience Christmas joys of old while learning about the paper making process and the history of the area.

The bus departs the Shillington Shopping Center parking lot BEHIND the PA Driver's License Center at 8 AM (please be there no later than 7:45 AM) and returns at approximately 5 PM. Elite Coach is our transportation provider. The price does not include the bus driver's tip. If you have any additional questions, or would like to reserve a seat, please contact Vicky Heffner, Education Curator, at 610.375.4375 (BHC), 610.413.5543 (cell) or education@berkshistory.org.

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Detach and send with check payable to the Berks History Center, Attn: Vicky Heffner, 940 Centre Avenue, Reading, PA 19601

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

Lunch Choice: Pastrami Reuben _____ Cheeseburger _____ Quiche _____