



Historic Yorktown Holiday Open House weekend Nov. 13-15

November 4, 2009

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The spirit of the holidays will be present throughout historic Yorktown the weekend of Nov. 13, 14, and 15 at the Yorktown Holiday Open House.

Shops along Main and Ballard Streets and Riverwalk Landing will extend their hours on this special weekend to allow visitors to leisurely peruse items for sale. Select stores will be holding giveaways, offering special discounts, tempting shoppers with delicious appetizers, and entertaining with artist demonstrations. Throughout this special Open House weekend, enjoy the festive decorations while listening to strolling entertainment. Santa Claus will even pay a visit, so make your list, check it twice, and bring it to Yorktown Nov. 13-15.

Store hours for this Yorktown Holiday Open House weekend are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday (hours may vary by business).

In addition to the participating businesses listed below, join us for two additional special events: Yorktown Market Days will take place Saturday, Nov. 14, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., featuring local produce, fresh meat and seafood, baked goods, specialty cut flowers, handmade soaps, quality art, and live musical entertainment provided by Runaway String Band. Don't miss cooking demonstrations by Chef Cynthia Schuette of Riverwalk Restaurant featuring Pumpkin Cheese Cake with Candied Almonds. Following Market Days, visit the Watermen's Museum for the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off Competition from noon to 3 p.m. For only \$5, sample each competitor's chili and cast your vote for the best.

Entertainment will take place during the Yorktown Market Days event and several participating businesses will host entertainment. Additionally, strolling entertainment for the weekend will include Heavenly Harmonies, featuring a festive selection of holiday favorites and classic Christmas tunes (1 to 3 p.m.).

Business	<u>Ben and Jerry's/Green Mountain Coffee</u>
Location	332 Water Street
Schedule	Give away: One free cake certificate each day Buy a large cone, get a waffle cone free Buy one latte, get one free

Business	<u>Studio Foray</u>
Location	323 Water Street
Schedule	<u>"MAKE and TAKE"</u> Dazzling Swarovski crystal and sterling Silver snowflake bracelet. (Walk-ins welcome. No class registration required). fee

Nov. 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Snowflake Pendant Class, By Carol Evans of c.evansdesigns. (Class registration and supplies required prior to class. Call (757) 969-1094 for details.)

Nov. 14, TRUNK SHOW featuring stoneware beads by Martha Hayes of Summer Hayes Pottery. Stone ware pottery, on display at Gallery at York Hall.

Free Stocking Stuffer with a \$10 purchase, and light refreshments daily

Business

Viccellio Goldsmith

Location 325 Water Street

Schedule Extended hours and light refreshments daily

Business

Yorktown Onion

Location 319 Water Street

Activity In-house specials and door prizes daily

Business

Island Café

Location

508 Water Street

Activity

Free coffee with any purchase

Business

Duke of York Hotel

Location

508 Water Street, Yorktown, VA 23690

Activity

Special nightly rate of \$89, includes breakfast for two (call (757) 898-3232

for details)

Business

Gallery at York Hall

Location

301 Main Street

Activity

Saturday, Nov. 14: Dried flower framing and card making demonstration by local artist Ray Doolan (1 to 4 p.m.)

Sunday, Nov. 15: Local Author John Phillips book signing “George Washington Rules of Civility” (1 to 4 p.m.)

Listening music by “A Taste of Love” with Bart and Jan (1 to 4:30 p.m.)

Light refreshments and extended hours daily

Business

Yorktown Republic

Location

321 Water Street

Activity

“Purse Party!” featuring the Miche Handbag – design your newest look for the season. Other designer purses include Spartina, Big Buddha, Nicole Lee and hand woven purses by artist Carrol Kay.

Featuring jewelry designs by Dan Grantham, owner.

Extended hours and special sales on our trendy designs and women’s clothing

Enjoy refreshments and taste gourmet food fancy’s, great for holiday gift giving!

Business

Yorktown Shoppe

Location

402 Main Street

Activity

Local artist Susan Thornton will demo and personalize hand painted ornaments and canvasses. Items for purchase and custom orders available. Fri., 3 to 6 p.m., Sat., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m., and Sun., 1 to 3 p.m.

- Business Location Activity **Museum on Main**
408 Main Street
LAST OPPORTUNITY to view 17th and 18th century family possessions recovered from the Taylor Farms/ Charles Parish site in Tabb. Visitors will be entered to win a free Medallion commemorating the Washington/Rochambeau Revolutionary Route of 1781. Hours Friday 1:30 to 6 p.m.; Sat. 1:30 to 4 p.m.; Sunday 1:30 to 4 p.m.
- Business Location Activity **Black Dog Gallery**
114 Ballard Street
Holiday nibbles and extended hours
- Business Location Activity **Period Designs**
401 Main Street
Student string group performing cadence, classical, Celtic and Christmas tunes
- Business Location Activity **Carrot Tree**
411 Main Street
Complimentary holiday treats, mulled cider and coffee, Sat/Sun 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
Friday and Saturday: Three course dinner special for \$20.10 (includes soup or salad, entrée and dessert)
- Business Location Activity **Kinks and Quirks Contemporary Handcrafts**
327 Water Street
Refreshments, extended hours, and gift with purchases over \$25
- Business Location Activity **Nancy Thomas Gallery**
145 Ballard Street
Holiday Open House features new products Nancy is introducing this year, including 3 new Santa figurines and ceramic canisters designed after the cakes in her popular paintings. There will be a preview of a brand new undertaking, Nancy Thomas fabric, new ornaments, hand-painted table centerpieces, her very popular 3-foot Santa's, jewelry, over-the-door art, and a new Christmas tree base screen. There will be a fabulous new series of 5 paintings called "The High Life."

Gallery will be decorated in wonderful style, with art, accessories, and antiques.

Lunch under the tent on Saturday and Sunday. fee
Open from 10 – 5 on Friday and Saturday and Noon to 5 on Sunday.
- Business Location Activity **Riverwalk Restaurant**
323 Water Street
Free hot cider under the tent – receive a coupon for free pumpkin cheese cake with dinner entrée

Friday, Nov. 13 – Holiday Prelude Wine Dinner – serving 5 courses featuring the wines of Bordeaux, \$69.95 (call (757) 875-1522 for reservations)

Strolling Santa and Elves throughout Yorktown (Sat. and Sun. 2 to 6 p.m.)

Parking Visitors may park in any public parking area throughout historic Yorktown. Handicapped parking is located on the lower level of the Riverwalk Landing parking terrace, York Hall, National Park Service Visitor Center, and in limited quantities at all other public parking areas. The free Yorktown trolley is handicapped accessible and will run on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

General Info For directions to Yorktown and additional information, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/tourism

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