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Newport Historical Society Announces 2010 Holiday Programs

Holiday Lantern Tour Returns and Keeping Warm in the Colonial Period to Debut

Newport, RI – (August 2010) – The Newport Historical Society is pleased to announce the 2010 Holiday program lineup. The popular Holiday Lantern Tour will return on Friday evenings and a special program about winter life in the 18th century, *Keeping Warm in the Colonial Period*, features the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House and a historic interpreter portraying one of its 18th century residents.

On the Holiday Lantern tour, celebrate the authentic history of winter holiday traditions. On this history walking tour, enjoy a lantern-lit stroll through Newport's streets, hear stories detailing the diverse ways that colonial residents celebrated—or didn't celebrate—the holiday season and visit the Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House's first floor. The 5pm tour begins on Friday November 12th and runs through Friday December 17th. Additional tours may be added. The tour costs \$12 per person, \$10 for NHS members, \$5 for children ages 12 and under, and departs from the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 127 Thames Street, Newport, RI. Reservations are strongly encouraged as space is limited. 401-841-8770

During *Keeping Warm in the Colonial Period*, visit the c.1697 Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House with a guide wearing colonial costume. Hear about the house's unique history and learn how 18th century residents made their way through the winter. At the tour's conclusion, meet a historical interpreter portraying 18th century resident, the newlywed Polly Wanton Lyman, who will discuss winter life and raising a young family in 1782. This program will be offered on Saturday November 27th, Saturday December 4th and Saturday December 11th at 11:30am and will last approximately one hour. Admission is \$15 per person, \$10 for NHS members. Departs from the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 127 Thames Street, Newport, RI. Reservations required. 401-841-8770.

At the Society's December 1st annual open house, from 5pm -6pm at the 1739 Colony House on Washington Square, view the exhibit *Handwritten History: Correspondence of Great Americans*. The exhibit features large-scale reproductions of 11 letters and documents from the NHS collections, all by or about famous individuals or events in American history. Authors include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams as well as documents signed by Abraham Lincoln, James Monroe and John Quincy Adams. This is the last opportunity for the community to view *Handwritten History*. Admission is free. Donations are welcome.

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About the Newport Historical Society

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit www.newporthistory.org.

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