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Tryon Palace makes TIME's "Top 10 List to Find the Most Holiday Cheer"

NEW BERN, NC (December 12, 2008) – Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens has been recognized by TIME Magazine as one the "Top 10 Places to Find the Most Holiday Cheer" in the nation. The Top 10 List, which can be found at <http://www.time.com/travel>, is as follows:

1. Leavenworth, Washington
2. Mystic, Connecticut
3. Long Grove, Illinois
4. Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
5. Monterey, California
6. Griffith Park, Los Angeles
- 7. Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, New Bern, NC**
8. Newport, Rhode Island
9. Austin, Texas
10. New York, New York

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"Top 10 Places to Find the Most Holiday Cheer"

7. Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens, New Bern, N.C. By Tiffany Sharples

Tryon Palace, the 18th-century building that once served as the capitol of colonial North Carolina — and has received George Washington as a guest — gets all dressed up for the holidays. From Dec. 1 through the first week in January, the palace is swathed in garlands and old-fashioned wreaths bearing apples and pine cones. Staff members in detailed period costumes round out the effect throughout the Tryon Palace buildings and gardens. The calendar is full of themed events as well, including a children's production of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*, and two evening candlelight tours that culminate in fireworks displays. The historic palace and gardens in New Bern are about 110 miles southeast of Raleigh.

(www.time.com/travel)

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Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, located in New Bern, N.C., is a historic site under the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. The Department of Cultural Resources is a state agency dedicated to the

promotion and protection of North Carolina's arts, history, and culture. For more information, visit www.ncculture.com.

Buildings currently open to the public include the reconstructed Tryon Palace, the 1770 John Wright Stanly House, the ca. 1830 George W. Dixon House, and the 1809 Robert Hay House and the 1770 New Bern Academy as well as 13 period gardens. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets and tour information are available at the visitor center located at the corner of George and Pollock streets. The visitor center and the first floor of Tryon Palace are accessible to visitors with disabilities. For directions and further information about special events, programs or group tours, phone (800) 767-1560 or (252) 514-4900 or check our web site: **www.tryonpalace.org**.

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