

Experience the beauty, joy, and magic of the holidays as the women of Tryon Palace welcome you into their home for “Christmas Belles: A Candlelight Christmas Celebration.”

As you walk through the Governor’s Palace and historic homes you will meet a century of New Bern’s women who carried the evolving traditions of English and American culture through the colonial period, into a blossoming nation, and through the Civil War.

Meet the brave women who were comfortable with themselves and with power, who took aspects of their own future into their hands, and who supported each other and future generations through difficult times.



We would like to thank these generous sponsors for making our holiday celebrations possible.



Armstrong Grocery

Schedule of Events

PALACE TOURS HAVE TIMED TICKETING. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU BE IN LINE AT THE TIME INDICATED ON YOUR TICKET. BE SURE TO PLAN EXTRA TIME TO VISIT ALL ACTIVITIES ON THE PALACE GROUNDS AND INSIDE THE COMMISSION HOUSE, AS WELL AS TOURS OF THE DIXON AND STANLY HOUSES.

ONGOING THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

- ✳ Tours of the Governor’s Palace, Kitchen Office, Stanly House, and Dixon House
- ✳ Talk with Santa Claus at the Commission House
- ✳ Visit the encampment to meet soldiers from the local militia
- ✳ Enjoy tasty baked goods, hot beverages, beer, and wine at The Plucked Peacock Tavern
- ✳ Listen to several musical performances on the Palace grounds

SCHEDULED PERFORMANCES

- 4:15 p.m. Fife & Drum Corps Parade Begins—Front Gate
- 4:30 p.m. Fife & Drum Corps—Courtyard
- 5:00 p.m. Pickled Brothers Circus—Tent
- 5:30 p.m. Rodney the Younger (12/14)—Tent
Gravity Check (12/21) - Tent
- 6:00 p.m. Pickled Brothers Circus—Tent
Jonkonnu—Front Gate
Dixon House Closed during Performance
- 6:30 p.m. Rodney the Younger (12/14)—Tent
Gravity Check (12/21) - Tent
- 7:00 p.m. Fife & Drum Corps— Courtyard
Pickled Brothers Circus— Tent
- 7:30 p.m. Rodney the Younger (12/14)— Tent
Gravity Check (12/21) - Tent
- 8:00 p.m. Pickled Brothers Circus— Tent
Jonkonnu—Front Gate
Dixon House Closed during Performance
- 8:30 p.m. Rodney the Younger (12/14)— Tent
Gravity Check (12/21) - Tent
- 9:15 p.m. Fife & Drum Corps— Courtyard
LAST TOUR FOR STANLY, DIXON, AND COMMISSION HOUSES, AND LAST CALL AT PLUCKED PEACOCK TAVERN
SOUTH LAWN OPEN FOR FIREWORKS.
- Approximately 9:30 p.m. Fireworks on the South Lawn sponsored by HYUNDAI of New Bern

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A. GOVERNOR'S PALACE - 1770

The grand opening of the Palace lets the guests see the interior of the new governor's mansion and come face to face with the indomitable lady of the house, Her Excellency, Mrs. Margaret Tryon. Meet the woman who was as unique as she was influential. Experience decorations inspired by the Far East as you tour Mrs. Tryon's home. Please make your way to the front of the Palace at the time indicated on your ticket to begin your tour.

KITCHEN OFFICE

Pick up the latest gossip as you visit the Kitchen Office, where the servants are having a party of their own.

SMITH'S CIDER HOUSE

Exit the Kitchen Office to enjoy hot cider and gingersnaps at Smith's Cider House, named for longtime Candlelight greeter Greg Smith.

B. STABLE HORSES

Say hello to the horses near the stables for a quick, festive photo opportunity.

C. MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy musical entertainment throughout the evening from the Fife & Drum Corps and the classical holiday compositions of Thursday Morn'.

D. ENTERTAINMENT TENT

The Pickled Brothers Circus will amaze you with fire eating, sword swallowing, and other feats of endurance (12/14 & 12/21). Stop by and watch Rodney the Younger (12/14) and Gravity Check (12/21) as they mystify audiences with their conjuring magic and juggling tricks! Performances throughout the night.

E. MILITARY ENCAMPMENT

Experience camp life for Revolutionary War soldiers with members of the 1st North Carolina Regiment of the Continental Line and British 82nd Regiment of Foot.

F. JONKONNU

Gather on Pollock Street, in front of the Palace gates,
for a very special performance by our Jonkonnu Troupe.
Rain location in the Waystation Auditorium.

ALL GARDENS WILL BE
CLOSED DURING CANDLELIGHT

G. DIXON HOUSE - 1870

Meet Martha Houghton, the lady of the house, and her cousin, Hannah Oliver as you tour the Dixon House. Examine the power of family and friendship, and the role they play in helping women persevere through difficult times.

H. THE PLUCKED PEACOCK TAVERN

Grab a seat and enjoy delicious baked goods, hot beverages, beer, and wine available for purchase in a festive holiday setting.

I. FOOD TRUCKS

Satisfy your food cravings with a visit to the food trucks just steps away from the Palace gates.

J. HOLIDAY CRAFT AND GARDEN SHOP

Visit the Craft and Garden Shop for souvenirs to remember your visit to Candlelight.

K. STANLY HOUSE - 1815

Join the Stanlys as they celebrate Twelfth Night and the engagement of a dear family friend, Ann Shepard, who takes command of her fate.

LEAVEWAYSTATION

All ticketing, including Will Call and general information.
Restrooms also available.

M. COMMISSION HOUSE

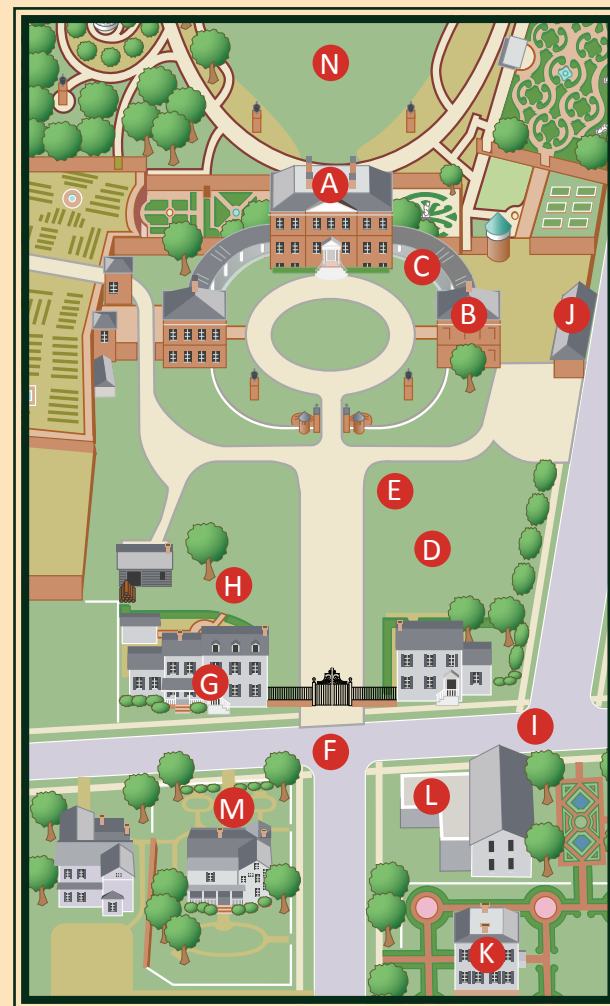
Enjoy a visit with Santa, listen to Christmas music,
and write a Holiday card to New Bern's first responders!

N. FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Sponsored by Hyundai of New Bern, join us on the South Lawn behind the Palace for a spectacular fireworks display that will start at approximately 9:30 p.m.

To ensure a more historically accurate experience and fully immerse you in the joy, mystery, and magic of Candlelight, **we request NO photography, external camera lighting, or videography within the historic buildings except the Commission House.**

Tripods, lights, and drones are NOT allowed on Tryon Palace grounds at any time.



Please do not bring tobacco products, vapes, food, gum, or drink of any kind into the historic buildings.
Please do not touch artifacts in historic buildings or historic interpreters.

Thank you for celebrating
this holiday with us!

