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Holiday Traditions at Bush-Holley House Marionette Show, Free Tours, House Decorated for the Holidays

COS COB, CT, November 30, 2017 -- The Greenwich Historical Society invites the community to two wonderful family events in December as it celebrates 60 years of being a museum. Events take place at the Greenwich Historical Society, 39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, 203.869.6899, greenwichhistory.org.

Bush-Holley House Decorated for the Holidays

Thursday, December 7, 2017

The circa 1730 National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House will be festively decorated on December 7 with historically accurate holiday décor including garlands, wrapped packages, and a Christmas tree. Visitors taking house tours starting December 7 will see the decorations and learn about the history of Christmas celebrations in the house. The decorations will be on display through the end of December. Access to the house is by docent-led tour only, Wednesday-Sunday at 1, 2, and 3pm. Kids are always free!

Holiday Marionette Show and Craft Workshop: "Nick of Time" Saturday, December 9, 2017

Performances at 1:00 and 3:00 pm Vanderbilt Education Center Members \$10; nonmembers \$15

No Strings Marionette Company presents a fun-filled dinosaur-space adventure with two shows on December 9. Astronaut Nick Eastman and his hoverbot Glitch are on a special mission to explore a mysterious dark object approaching Earth when they are attacked by an "alien," sucked into a time warp, and find themselves in Earth's Dinosaur Age. Nick is snatched as a pterodactyl snack and escapes only to be warped into a bizarre

future. Can our hero survive to return and save his home planet? Find out during this heart-pounding puppetry tour de force. After the performance, children will have the opportunity to see the puppets up close, interact with the performers, and craft their own marionettes in a special workshop.

Bush-Holley House by Candlelight

Sunday, December 17, 5:00 to 7:00 pm Free admission No reservations required

Only once a year, costumed interpreters lead "candlelight" tours through Bush-Holley House during a fun and festive free evening event that features an opportunity to meet Santa Claus. In addition to a family-friendly walk through Bush-Holley House, there will be live music, hot chocolate, seasonal treats, winter-themed crafts for kids, and a special appearance by Santa from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Tours are about 30 minutes long and focus on Christmas traditions as celebrated by the Bush family in the early nation period and later by the Holley family, who were residents in the early 1900s during the Cos Cob art colony era. Tours begin at the Vanderbilt Education Center and take place every 15 minutes.



National Historic Landmark Bush-Holley House will be decorated for the holidays December 7-31. Don't miss a chance to see this local treasure gussied up with garlands, a tree, and other historically accurate holiday décor. House tours are Wed.-Sun. at 1, 2, and 3pm. Kids are always free!



There will be two performances of the space-dinosaur marionette show Nick of Time on December 9. Following the performances, kids can make their own marionettes.



Santa will visit with children at the Greenwich Historical Society's free community holiday open house "Bush-Holley House by Candlelight" on December 17. All are invited for free tours of Bush-Holley House decorated for the holidays, live music, holiday crafts for kids, and refreshments.

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