

# Historic Dennisville Christmas House Tours slated on Dec. 15

DENNISVILLE — The 29th Historic Dennisville Christmas House Tour is scheduled for 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15.

A minimum of eight beautifully decorated 18th- and 19th-century historic homes, as well as several public buildings and two churches, will be open to the public. Start your holiday season with a festive glimpse of history in Dennisville at Christmastime.

Sponsored by the Dennisville Historic Home Owners Association, the tour cost \$15 per person. Tickets are sold at the Dennisville Post Office, 24 Hall Ave. in Dennisville, the day of the tour beginning at 3:30 p.m. Advance ticket sales are available online at dhhoa.org.

Dennis Township Middle School Student Government members will serve as greeters to distribute programs and get tourgoers started on their way. Houses open at 4 p.m. The Post Office will be open for stamp

sales as well.

Refreshments and comfort stations will be available at the Dennisville United Methodist Church Social Hall, the Dennis Volunteer Fire Station and the Dennis Township Old School House Museum.

The Middletones Carolers (Middle Township High School a cappella vocal quartet) will perform through the village in period costume.

Alice Belanger McGuigan's illustrated "Historic Dennisville: A Walking Tour" will be available for sale at the ticket center.

Dennis Volunteer Fire Company will be open with new and antique equipment on display. Light refreshments will also be available there.

For further information, visit dhhoa.org or contact Jack Connolly at (609) 861-1338 or dennisvillechristmashousetour@verizon.net.

The Dennis Township School House Museum will

open at 3:30 p.m. Tourgoers may want to take a quick look and make arrangements to return for a more in-depth visit at a later date.

This year's featured house is The Jonathan and Sarah James House.

The house was built about 1860 in a vernacular interpretation of the Greek Revival style. The main portion of this two-story frame house is three bays wide and two bays deep with a center entrance. The side-gabled roof has overhanging eaves and a boxed cornice with returns in the gable ends. The eaves are decorated with circa 1890 flat jigsaw-cut trim in a teardrop shape. The front door has a surround of reeded pilasters that support a cornice with a dentiled pediment. Of special interest to visitors is the side sunroom with its many multipaned windows. The house has survived the foreclosure process and its new owners are giving it plenty of well-deserved attention.



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