Holidays Through History Open House
Saturday, December 6, 2014, 4pm – 8pm

November 18, 2014 - Washington, D.C. -- Four museum neighbors will open their doors to celebrate the season with a special Holidays through History Open House on Saturday, December 6, from four o’clock until eight o’clock in the evening. Make your merry way among four historic houses featuring period installations and modern twists on Christmas, from the Federal period to the 1960s to now. Dumbarton House, Anderson House, Woodrow Wilson House, and Tudor Place all offer a festive evening out, with vintage décor, seasonal treats, and special live performances of holiday music at every site.

At Anderson House, a grand Beaux-Arts mansion completed in 1905, visitors will learn about Gilded Age Christmas traditions at the turn of the 20th century through the eyes of Ambassador Larz and Isabel Anderson, one of the era’s most distinguished couples. Visitors are invited to stroll through the festively decorated house, where each room will present a different theme—including decorations, gift giving, entertaining and charity. Enjoy a Gilded Age holiday with carolers, and light refreshments inspired by early 20th century traditions.

Anderson House is located at 2118 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest.

At Dumbarton House, step back into the early days of the nation’s capital in the 1804 mansion comes alive with Federal-style Christmas decorations of greenery, an elaborate dining table where Joseph Nourse, first register of the U.S. Treasury, and his wife Maria entertained guests, live classical music, period crafts and light refreshments, including wassail, a traditional hot cider.

Dumbarton House is located at 2715 Q Street, Northwest.
**Tudor Place Historic House and Garden**, an elegant neoclassical house dating to 1816, blends tradition and 21st-century flair. Through six generations, the Peter family celebrated their heritage here while also embracing contemporary art and fashion. In 2014, the museum imagines how they might have decorated for a contemporary Christmas, blending heirloom spaces and collections with modern style, in the installation *Red, Green & Gold, the New and the Old: Tudor Place Sparkles*. Visitors are invited to stroll through the mansion while listening to enchanting holiday music. Or draw inspiration from the installation for holiday cards you create in a drop-in workshop with Artist-in-Residence Peter Waddell.

Tudor Place is located at 1644 31st Street, Northwest.

**The President Woodrow Wilson House**, the final home of our twenty-eighth President is furnished as it was in Wilson’s time, a living textbook of modern American life in the 1920s. A splendid ten-foot tree, adorned with electric lights, will fill the solarium and radiate through the Palladian window at the top of the foyer stairs. Guests will have the opportunity to explore the main museum rooms, decorated in the style of the 1920s, visit the craft table to make their own ornaments and appreciate the warm atmosphere created by live music and seasonal treats.

Woodrow Wilson House is located at 2340 S Street, Northwest.

All four mansions are within walking distance of each other. Complimentary shuttle bus transportation among the sites will also be provided for all ticketed guests from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ADMISSION: Entry to all four sites is $16 in advance and $20 at the door; children aged 17 and younger are ten dollars ($10) each. Admission to one museum only (adults or children) is $10. *Admission for the museums’ members is complimentary.*

Tickets may be purchased at [https://www.tudorplace.org/shop/holidays-through-history-open-house-2014](https://www.tudorplace.org/shop/holidays-through-history-open-house-2014)

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