

Jamestown Rediscovery

HISTORIC JAMESTOWNE

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“At Christmas be mery”: A Special Evening at Historic Jamestowne presented Saturday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



JAMESTOWN, Va. (December 2, 2021) – The Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation is delighted to once again present, *“At Christmas be mery”: A Special Evening at Historic Jamestowne* this holiday season. This costumed-interpretor program offers unique insights into 17th-century Christmas traditions in the English colony. There will be two sessions on Saturday December 11 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$24.95 each and must be purchased in advance. Don’t miss this special opportunity to see the beauty of Jamestown Island aglow with firelight!

Sir Francis Wyatt, Virginia’s newly arrived Governor in December of 1621, invites guests to an early-Virginia Christmas celebration complete with a seasonal bonfire, caroling, and firing of the Christmas guns! After a brief introduction to what the Jamestown settlers expected during their Christmastide, the Captain of the Guard will escort the “new arrivals” along a cresset-lit path to the 1618 Church. Governor Wyatt will then offer a welcome before inviting everyone to herald in the season by singing traditional carols together. Finish the evening by a bonfire with remembrances of “Yule times” past and the firing of the Christmas guns!

Tickets are limited. Visit <https://historicjamestowne.org/shop/programs/events/2021-christmas-ticket/> to reserve your spot! Gates at Historic Jamestowne open at 5:15pm. This program will be held rain or shine, so we recommend dressing comfortably for the weather conditions. No refunds can be given unless the event is cancelled by the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation.

Historic Jamestowne (HJ) preserves the original site of the first permanent English settlement in America and is jointly administered by Jamestown Rediscovery and the National Park Service. Entrance tickets are available at the HJ Visitor Center from 9:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and the grounds remain open until dusk. General admission is \$20.00 per adult (which includes both Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield for seven consecutive days). Children 15 & under are free. National Park Passes and Preservation Virginia Memberships are accepted; however a \$5 per person fee may apply. Entrance tickets and passes include admission to the archaeological site, the Memorial Church, the Voorhees Archaearium Archaeological Museum, as well as scheduled daily walking tours and public programs. For opening hours of the Dale House Café and information about special events, please visit www.historicjamestowne.org or call (757) 856-1250.