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Naples Historical Society Announces 10 Days of Christmas at Historic Palm Cottage

Naples, Fla. (October 30, 2017) – Naples Historical Society is pleased to announce that it is adding more traditional holiday happenings during its popular Christmas at Palm Cottage. The Society, through the oldest house in Naples, Historic Palm Cottage (built in 1895), will unveil its period-relevant holiday house décor to house museum tour guests starting Tuesday, November 14, 2017 through December 30, 2017. But from December 12th to December 23rd, the Society will showcase its new “Ten Days of Christmas” offering with extended hours of operation at Historic Palm Cottage. During extended hours there will be two special nightly 10-minute historic holiday presentations where the telling of Naples history focuses on cultural norms of holidays’ past. The Ten Days of Christmas celebration will conclude at 8pm with a *Twelve Days of Christmas* sing-a-long on Saturday, December 23rd in The Norris Gardens led by Stay In May performers.

“Visiting the house museum during the holidays has become an annual tradition for so many residents and visitors that it seemed natural to add a little more merriment to the lineup this year,” said John Telischak, Education Manager for the Society.

10 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 12 th 5:45pm & 6:45pm	Enjoy an information-packed 15-minute presentation about Southwest Florida holiday traditions by one of the Society’s knowledgeable Historic Palm Cottage docents.
Wednesday, December 13 th 5:45pm & 6:45pm	Bring the kids or a good friend and join us for a special reading of <i>The Night Before Christmas</i> near the fireplace at Historic Palm Cottage.
Thursday, December 14 th 5:45pm & 6:45pm	Cooks and holiday foodies will delight in hearing a 15-minute discussion on favorite holiday recipes from Christmas pasts.
Friday, December 15 th	Discover how the Victrola played an important role in

5:45pm & 6:45pm	entertainment and holiday celebrations. See one in action!
Saturday, December 16 th 5:45pm & 6:45pm	Join us at an Historic Palm Cottage Christmas tree to discuss the history of tree décor and delight over the ornaments.
Tuesday, December 19 th 5:45pm & 6:45pm	Join us at an Historic Palm Cottage Christmas tree to discuss the history of tree décor and delight over the ornaments.
Wednesday, December 20 th 5:45pm & 6:45pm	Discover how the Victrola played an important role in entertainment and holiday celebrations. See one in action!
Thursday, December 21 st 5:45pm & 6:45pm	Enjoy an information-packed 15-minute presentation about Southwest Florida holiday traditions by one of the Society's knowledgeable Historic Palm Cottage docents.
Friday, December 22 nd 5:45pm & 6:45pm	Bring the kids or a good friend and join us for a special reading of <i>The Night Before Christmas</i> near the fireplace at Historic Palm Cottage.
Saturday, December 23 rd 5:45pm & 6:45pm	Cooks and holiday foodies will delight in hearing a 15-minute discussion on favorite holiday recipes from Christmas pasts.
Saturday, December 23 rd 8pm	Sing-a-long with performers from Stay in May in The Norris Gardens at Historic Palm Cottage. Includes the popular Twelve Days of Christmas and other favorite carols.

Reservations are not required for visitors between 4:00pm to 8:00pm during the Ten Days of Christmas event or from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Saturdays through December 30th. However, reservations are recommended during Christmas at Palm Cottage for full house museum tours provided between noon and 4:00pm on Tuesdays through Fridays, and can be made through the Society's online tour booking system at www.napleshistoricalsociety.org or by calling (239) 261-8164. Entry during Christmas at Palm Cottage is \$13/per guest; Cottage admission for members is free. Entry to The Norris Gardens at Palm Cottage for the December 23rd sing-a-long at 8pm is free to everyone.

The Society's ongoing partnership with Stay in May has proven fortuitous over the last few years, as the high level of professional and quality performances are always impressive and eagerly enjoyed by members and guests of Society-led special events. The December 23rd sing-a-long in The Norris Gardens at Historic Palm Cottage, 8pm, will include members from local choirs.

The special presentation themes for the Ten Days of Christmas event were developed by John Telischak, Naples Historical Society's Education Manager who also oversees the day-to-day

operations of Historic Palm Cottage.

Please note that Naples Historical Society's Historic Palm Cottage will be closed to the public on Thursday, November 23rd (Thanksgiving); Friday, December 1st (private event); and Monday, December 25th and Tuesday, December 25th (Christmas holiday).

Naples Historical Society's Historic Palm Cottage is located one block east of the Naples Pier at 137 12th Avenue South. Enjoy a house museum tour during Christmas at Palm Cottage every Tuesday through Saturday between 12pm-4pm starting November 14th. Admission is \$13 for non-members and free for members. For more information, please call 239.261.8164 or go to www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.