NOT READY FOR CHRISTMAS TO END?
CELEBRATE A TRADITIONAL TWELFTH NIGHT AT CHARLOTTE'S OLDEST HOME

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Dec. 21, 2018 – Cap off your holiday season at the historic Alexander House with a free traditional Twelfth Night celebration on Saturday, Jan. 5, from 6-8:30 p.m.

Visitors will experience a Colonial-themed party for Twelfth Night, the traditional last night of the Christmas season. Guests can stop by the home's historic barn for a warm cup of hard or non-alcoholic cider from Red Clay Ciderworks and a slice of Twelfth Night cake. The person who gets the special slice of cake is crowned King or Queen of Twelfth Night.

Guests also are invited to tour Charlotte's oldest home, the 1774 home built by Patriot Hezekiah Alexander, also known as the Rock House.

"Twelfth Night was the biggest party of the holiday season in the Colonial Backcountry," said Adria Focht, president and CEO of The Charlotte Museum of History. "What better way to celebrate Charlotte's 250th birthday than at the city's oldest home? We invite Charlotte to come get 2019 started off with a bang!"

Local musicians will play Colonial music while visitors stay warm by the bonfire or try out dancing a reel. Our costumed interpreters will teach the steps to some of these famous traditional dances, including the Virginia Reel, taught by special guest Alex Brooks, from the Gaston County Museum.

The barn will become Captain James Jack's Tavern for the night, complete with a tavern keeper and town crier giving news of the day to visitors, just as they would have in Charlotte 250 years ago. Costumed interpreters will help ring in the New Year with historic rifle firings throughout the evening.

How to Go

Traditional Twelfth Night is free and open to the public. Register at charlottemuseum.org under the Events tab.

About The Charlotte Museum of History

The Charlotte Museum of History engages a broad audience in the history of the Charlotte region through the stories of its people, places and events to promote dialogue and historical perspective. The museum is the steward of the Hezekiah Alexander House (ca. 1774) and home site, a site listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the oldest home in Mecklenburg County. To learn more, visit charlottemuseum.org and follow the museum on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

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