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### **YULETIDE CELEBRATIONS RETURN TO STORROWTON IN DECEMBER**

Eastern States Exposition's Storrowton Village Museum will present Yuletide at Storrowton, Dec. 1 & 2, 11am to 4pm, in West Springfield, Mass. This free winter festival brings the community together to celebrate the season with traditional Yuletide activities, entertainment, and shopping in the historic Village.

Decorated through the generosity of area garden clubs, florists and designers, the Village buildings will be bursting with innovative and original ideas to turn your home into a holiday wonderland. Walk through the buildings to find beautiful wreaths, swags, garlands, fresh evergreens and all natural materials around every corner. The event will also be a stop on the annual West Springfield Boys & Girls Club Holiday Tour of Homes, Dec. 1.

Participating clubs and florists include: the Agawam, East Longmeadow, Wilbraham, Springfield and West Springfield Garden Clubs; the Garden Club of the Westfield Woman's Club; Beverly Germain of Springfield's Bev's Beauties; Flowers by Webster; Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School Horticulture Department, Storrowton Village Museum Garden Club and the Eastern States Exposition Landscape department. Storrowton Village Volunteers will serve as costumed guides for the event.

A pop-up Holiday Sweet Shop will offer hot beverages and home baked treats, provided by Storrowton volunteers and staff. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the educational programs at Storrowton Village Museum. Yuletide Weekend will feature demonstrations of 19th century blacksmithing, hearth cooking, and letterpress. Local printer John Barrett, owner and proprietor of Letterpress Things in Chicopee, will show visitors one of the oldest printing styles, as well as the equipment, tools and supplies needed for the trade. The following activities and entertainment will also be featured throughout the Village:

#### **SATURDAY**

11am – Village Opens. Wrapping paper making in the Potter Mansion (free, open until closing); Candle dipping in the Greenwich Barn (\$2, open until closing); Letterpress Printing, Broom Making and Tin Smithing Demos in the Greenwich Barn (open until closing)

11am - 1pm - Santa in the Greenwich Barn

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11:30am - 12:15pm - Readings of "A Visit from Saint Nicholas" and "A Christmas Carol," plus a reading and signing of "The Big E Book," with author Ashley Kelleher

12pm - Ice Sculpting demonstration with Mike Rondeau on the Village Green

1-1:45pm – Gail White – Stories of Native Americans in Winter in the Meeting House

2-4pm – Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Greenwich Barn

3-3:45pm Ann-Marie Messbauer – Fiddle Music of the Season in the Meeting House

4pm – Village Closes

## **SUNDAY**

11am – Village Opens - Wrapping paper making in the Potter Mansion (free, open until closing); Candle dipping in the Greenwich Barn (\$2, open until closing); Letterpress Printing, Broom Making and Tin Smithing Demos in the Greenwich Barn (open until closing)

11am - 1pm - Santa in the Greenwich Barn

11:45am – 12:45pm – Caroling throughout the Village with the Connecticut Yuletide Carolers, begins at the Meeting House

1-1:45pm – Stan Svec – Traditional Fiddle Music & Storytelling

2-4pm – Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Greenwich Barn

4pm – Village Closes

## **YULETIDE HOUSE TOURS & LANTERN LIGHT EVENING**

Visit Storowton during Yuletide week, Tues., Dec. 4 – Sat., Dec. 8, 11am to 3pm. Stop by Storowton Tavern for lunch then take a tour of the museum's decorated buildings. Tour admission is \$7 per person, children 6 and under are free.

Bundle up and bring your friends and family to the Yuletide Lantern Light Evening on Wed., Dec. 5 from 6 to 8pm. Shop in our Village & Christmas Shop, listen to the music of Stan Svec in the Meeting House and stop by Potter Mansion for self-serve Cocoa Cafe and to decorate your own holiday cupcake. Admission is \$8 in advance/\$10 day of event, children 2 and under are free.

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## THE SHOPS AT STORROWTON

Fill all your holiday gift-giving needs at The Shops at Storrowton. The Gift Shop, in the Phillips House, featuring unique gifts, jewelry, scarves and more, will be open during all Yuletide events and activities. Regular shop hours are: Mon. – Fri., 9am to 5pm and Sat., 11am to 4pm (open Saturdays only through Dec. 8).

Head over to Potter Mansion to check out the Christmas Shop's variety of holiday gifts, decorations and collectible ornaments. Christmas Shop hours are November 23 from 11-2pm, November 30 from 11-2pm, December 1 & 2 from 11-4pm, December 5 from 6-8pm, and December 7 & 8 from 11-2pm. The Christmas Shop will also be open for any visitors coming for tours between 12/4-12/8.

Parking is free for all Storrowton events. Activities will take place weather permitting. For more information, call the Village at 413-205-5051 or visit [StorrowtonVillage.com](http://StorrowtonVillage.com).

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*Storrowton Village Museum, an educational arm of Eastern States Exposition (a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization) and located on its grounds in West Springfield, Mass., presents hands-on school programs and guided tours of its historic buildings throughout the year as well as seasonal 19th century-themed events. It is the site of Storrowton Tavern/Carriage House.*

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