

## MUSEUM OF EARLY SOUTHERN DECORATIVE ARTS TO CELEBRATE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH MESDA YULETIDE

WINSTON-SALEM, NC – The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) will reveal the warm and hospitable holiday traditions of the early South on Saturday, December 7 with MESDA Yuletide.

The earliest southern settlers knew nothing of Santa Claus and the volume of gifts exchanged today in more modern holiday celebrations. Nor was Christmas Day considered a holiday, free of work and the obligations of commerce. Rather, these early Americans found their holiday delight in welcoming each other into their homes to enjoy traditional festivities, bounteous meals, entertainment, and fellowship during the otherwise dreary and cold months of December and January.

MESDA Yuletide re-creates many of the traditions and atmosphere of the early South. The sounds of music and the scents of savory foods will accompany ticketed visitors through the museum's 24 period rooms and six galleries of antique furniture, paintings, textiles, and ceramics. Tasty displays of 18th and early 19th century feasts will decorate the tables as fresh greenery will decorate the backcountry, low country and Chesapeake rooms.

MESDA is the only museum dedicated to exhibiting and researching the regional decorative arts of the early South. The museum is located in the Horton Museum Center, 924 South Main Street, in Old Salem. MESDA Yuletide tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children or can be purchased as part of Old Salem's All-in-One pass. Final entry is at 4 p.m.

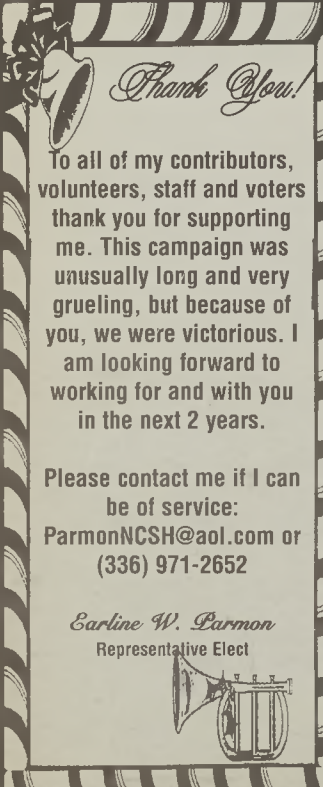
For more information about MESDA Yuletide or the museum, please call (336) 721-7360 or visit the website, [www.oldsalem.org](http://www.oldsalem.org).

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