

# Christmas 1865 Tour of the Vance House Museum Planned



Vance House Museum

derful just to have Johnny come marching home?

You can explore these questions during a Christmas 1865 Tour of the Vance House Museum Sunday, Dec. 14 from 1-7 p.m. The tour will be offered to the public on a donation basis. In each room, an interpreter will discuss the story of the Christmas season immediately following four years of terrible war and the hardships faced by local citizens.

The house will be decorated in a style befitting the 1865 time period and men and women will be in period costumes. Refreshments will be provided.

The Vance House Museum is under restoration and the donations will go to the repairs needed to open the house on a weekly basis in 2004. Governor Zebulon B. Vance of North Carolina and his wife and four boys, all under the age of 10, lived in the home for

about six months after the fall of Raleigh in April, 1865. The museum is located at 501 West Sharpe Street next to the Grace Park

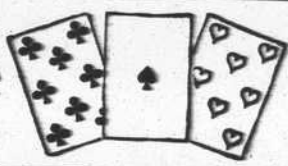
Recreation Center.

Contact Harry Watt at 704-876-0376 for additional information.

What was Christmas like immediately after the Civil War for the soldiers coming home and their

families? Was it a dismal time? Was there much to celebrate in a war-ravaged south? Was it won-

## About Bridge



**THE STATESVILLE DUPLICATE BRIDGE Club** treated its players with a pizza dinner and bridge on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Winners for the evening were as follows:

First, Sally Black and Richard Vestal; second, Norris and Dorene Drum; third, Raymond Moose and Peggy Axley; fourth, Katherine and Richard Kasek; fifth, Carl and Nancy Wilson; sixth, Mary Lou Kiley and Roberts; and seventh, Andrew and Terry Zawisza.

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North-South winners were: First, Elsie Shook and Naren Patel; second, Kathy Haan and Katie Harris; third, Judy Becker and Joann Taormina; and fourth, Laurine Snouse and Frances Bruce.

East-West winners were: First, Terry and Andrew Zawisza; second, David Kogut and Gary Robinson; third, Dorene and Norris Drum; fourth, Katherine and Richard Kasek; and fifth, Michael McConochie and John Milholland.

Dec. 16 will be the club Christmas dinner and bridge. New players are always welcomed.

The Statesville Club is part of the American Contract Bridge League and plays regularly at the Kings Grant Community Center. Contact Carl Wilson for game information and partnerships, 704-799-6611.

The Statesville Duplicate Bridge Club winners on Tuesday, Nov. 18, were: first, Katherine and Richard Kasek; second, Norris and Dorene Drum; third, Dr. David Kogut and Dr. Gary Robinson; fourth, Carl Wilson and Jack Curtis; and fifth, Joann Taormina and Nina Holcomb.

The Statesville Duplicate Bridge Club held its Club Championship on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Kings

## Meeting is Rescheduled

The public meeting to discuss the Statesville High School facilities plan is rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 5, 7 p.m., in the SHS cafeteria. The recently scheduled meeting had been cancelled due to inclement weather.

If needed, the snow date for this meeting will be Monday, Jan. 26, at the same time and place.

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