

CANDLELIGHT TOUR

Christmas Candlelight Tour set for Dec. 13-14

14 homes are scheduled to be featured this year

BY STAFF REPORTS

This year, 14 homes will be featured in the 38th annual Christmas Candlelight Tour.

Edenton Historical Commission hosts the tour, set for 4-8 p.m. Dec. 13-14.

Order tickets by phone or purchase at the Penelope Barker House, 505 S. Broad St., Edenton, 252-482-7800. Tickets are \$30 per person in advance, \$35 on the days of the tour. For groups of 10 or more, the cost is \$25 per person in advance. Tickets are available online at ehnc.org/events/christmas.

This year's homes are:

■ **505 S. Broad St.:** This 18th century home was built and enlarged, circa 1761-1782. Noted attorney and representative for the colony to the British Parliament, Thomas Baker, and his wife, Penelope, political activist of "Edenton Tea Party" fame, were the owners. Now the home of the Edenton Historical Commission, the home serves as the town's Welcome Center. Special, free transportation will be available at the house during the tours.

■ **219 W. Eden St.:** This 20th century home, circa 1925, is appointed to its period with fixtures and decor with a 1920's feel, including Calvin Coolidge in the entryway! Mr. and Mrs. Brian Towers moved to Edenton a year ago and are eager to share their home with visitors.

■ **202 W. Eden St.:** Christmas in this 20th century, gable-front home (mid-1920s) with its front garden is as comfortable, and famous, for welcome trick-or-treaters as it is for welcoming Saint Nick. Throughout the childhood of the owners' children, creche and nutcracker collections were lovingly acquired.

■ **212 W. Eden St.:** A 19th century (circa 1893) Queen Anne home with stylish Victorian decoration provides a first-time tour experience with its new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Marshall. While Victorian in period, the house lends itself to the owner's collec-



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Gary Stanley, owner of 205 W. Eden St., Edenton, sprays greenery to keep it alive Sunday as he decorates his home for the Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes. The tour will be held Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13-14.

tion of 18th century Southern furniture.

■ **214 W. Eden St.:** This 18th century home was built for sea captain William Borritz in 1787. Now, in 2019, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Sykes are sharing their Christmas with the Tour and with their newest grandchild.

■ **104 Pembroke Circle:** Moving from the 18th century, travel to the 20th century neighborhood of Pembroke Circle. Developed in the 1940s as housing for officers stationed at Edenton's Marine Corps Airbase, many of the houses still exist and are adapted to 21st century living. Such is this home of Mrs. Gretna Tortone.

■ **107 Pembroke Circle:** Built in the 21st century (2009) to replace a Marine officer home, Christmas is always a treat in this house. Dr. and Mrs. Skip Hope and

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108 W. Queen St.



118 W. Queen St.



209 W. Queen St.



107 Pembroke Circle



214 W. Eden St.



219 W. Eden St.



104 Pembroke Circle



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The Garden of Eden Club decorated this Christmas Tree which is displayed at the Barker House.



212 W. Eden St.



208 S. Moseley St.



110 Pembroke Circle



111 Pembroke Circle

Weekend features more than Edenton tour

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Several Edenton locations will host special events this weekend. Some downtown businesses will feature extended hours to accommodate tourists.

Below are some of this weekend's activities.

Dec. 13-14

■ 1-5 p.m., Holiday Re-past: The Penelope Barker House, 505 S. Broad St., will feature homemade egg-nog and savory treats.

■ 1-5 p.m., Wassail Bowl: The Cupola house will feature 18th-century style Christmas decor, music and wassail and other treats.

■ 1-5 p.m., Groaning Board: The Iredell House, on East Church Street, will feature traditional Christmas decor, music and holiday dessert on tables so heavily laden with goodies, you can almost hear the board groan. Sponsored by Historic Edenton State Historic Site.

■ 1-5 p.m., Confection Perfection: Join the Chowan Arts Council as it hosts treats, sweets and artistic creations.

■ Extended hours: Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library will have extended hours during the tour to provide restrooms for the public and a place to warm

up. The library plans to be open until 8 p.m., or a little afterward, depending on traffic.

Dec. 13-15

"A Christmas Carol" will be performed at the 1767 Historic Courthouse, 117 E. King St. The performances will be held at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and

3 p.m. Sunday. To purchase tickets, visit www.EpicMusicaltheatre.com or call 252-528-8300.

Friday, Dec. 13

6 p.m., Caroling in the 1767 Courthouse: Join the Albemarle Sounds and other area choirs and sing along to your favorite Christmas carols.