



no. 13

Merchant's House Museum

Newsletter

Fall/Winter 1995



THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
MERCHANT'S HOUSE MUSEUM
REQUESTS THE PLEASURE OF
YOUR COMPANY AT A
19TH CENTURY HOLIDAY PARTY
ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
FROM
SIX UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK

MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS

MEMBERS FREE
NON-MEMBERS \$25.00

The Merchant's House Museum is New York City's only family home preserved intact from the 19th century and Greenwich Village's only historic house museum. A rowhouse built in 1832, it is among the finest surviving examples of late-Federal and Greek Revival architecture of the period. Home to prosperous merchant Seabury Tredwell and family from 1835 to 1933, the landmark house, which has been a museum open to the public since 1936, reflects in its original textiles, furniture, and decorative arts the lifestyle of a typical New York City upper-middle-class family of the last century.

*Hours: Sunday through Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. Group tours by appointment.
Admission: Free for members, \$3 for the public.*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Merrikay S. Hall, Esq./Chair, Helen Michalis Bonebrake, Joan Bull, Spencer Davidson, Timothy C. Forbes,
Howard D. Monroe, Jr., Kate Burns Ottavino, Carolyn Roberto (Emeritus), Elizabeth L. Schafer, Lynne Stair, Karen Treadwell
STAFF: Margaret Halsey Gardiner/Executive Director, Mimi Sherman/Curator

*Merchant's House Museum is the bi-annual newsletter of the museum. Inquiries may be sent to the Merchant's House Museum,
29 East Fourth Street, New York, NY 10003. Telephone: (212) 777-1089. © Copyright December 1989 Old Merchant's House.*

Museum Calendar

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 5 and 6, 6 to 8 p.m.

Candlelight Tours. Tour the house resplendent with decorations and aglow with candlelight. A magical introduction to the holiday season for adults and children. Refreshments. Admission is \$6, members \$3. Reservations are not required.

Sunday, December 10, at 3 p.m.

A Christmas Carol. Another in our series of annual holiday events is Charles Dickens's classic story, read by actor Gregory St. John in the parlor by the decorated tree. Children will want to bring their parents and grandparents to this continuance of a 19th century tradition.

Monday, December 11, at 8 p.m.

"I Am An Artist, Mr. Price." New York actress Joanne Hamlin performs this one-woman play about the life and work of 19th century painter Lilly Martin Spencer.

Wednesday, December 13, 6 to 8 p.m.

Holiday Party. Continuing a grand and colorful tradition in the Greenwich Village community, the Merchant's House Museum is alive with music, refreshments and holiday spirit. Tour the Museum and enjoy "the best

19th-century holiday party in town," as *The New York Times* has raved. \$25 admission. Members free.

Sunday, December 17, at 1:30 and 3 p.m.

Holiday Readings. Take a seat near the tree for the fourth annual dramatic reading by curator Mimi Sherman of Clement Clark Moore's 19th century classic, *A Visit from Saint Nicholas*, and other poems. Parents are encouraged to introduce their children to the holiday traditions of Old New York with a tour of the house, decorated in 19th-century splendor. Refreshments. Admission \$6, members and children \$3.

Thursday, December 21, at 8 p.m.

A Child's Christmas in Wales. This play written by Dylan Thomas is performed by Dudley Stone and friends.

Wednesday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m.

A Hispanic Christmas Celebration. The Americas Vocal Ensemble, directed by Nelly Yuksic, in a colorful program of Spanish and Latin American Villancicos and Aguinaldos from the Renaissance to the present.

Monday, January 1, 1 to 4 p.m.

19th-Century New Year's Day Reception. In 19th-century New York City, it was the custom to make calls and exchange gifts on January 1st. Our celebration of New Year's Day continues the tradition of "visiting family and friends." Tours and refreshments. Admission is \$6, members \$3. Reservations are not required.

Admission is \$10, \$7 for members, unless otherwise noted. Reservations are required, unless otherwise noted.

Best routes to the Merchant's House Museum

By Subway: IRT: Lexington Avenue local #6 to Astor Place. Walk South on Lafayette Street to 4th Street and walk 1/2 block East. BMT: Local R or N to 8th Street. Walk South on Broadway to East 4th Street and walk 1 1/2 blocks East. IND: D or F to Broadway/ Lafayette. Walk North on Lafayette for 3 blocks, then East 1/2 block.

By Bus: Bus #M5 to Broadway and 4th Street. Walk East 1 1/2 blocks; Lexington-Third Avenue Bus #M102 to East 4th Street, walk West 1/2 block; Bus #M1 to Broadway and 8th Street, walk South on Broadway to East 4th Street and 1 1/2 blocks East.

Step into the Past and Be a Part of Our Future

Become a member and help preserve one of America's finest historic houses and its collections. Membership contributions play a vital role in the life of this remarkable museum.

- ☐ **GOOD NEIGHBOR** Individual--\$50, Family--\$75
Free admission during visiting hours. Invitation to the Holiday Party.
Bi-annual newsletter. Calendar of Events.
- ☐ **PROTECTOR** \$125 ☐ **PRINCELY SUPPORTER** \$500
- ☐ **CULTURAL HERO** \$250 ☐ **TRUE FRIEND** \$1,000 and above

For those who can consider a leadership contribution of \$1,000 or more, the Merchant's House Museum offers a special FRIENDS program. FRIENDS will be invited throughout the year to receptions and other events for them and their guests only. FRIENDS contributing at the higher levels enjoy additional benefits. For more information, please call Margaret Halsey Gardiner, Executive Director, (212) 777-1089.

I/We would like to join the Merchant's House Museum in the category above. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$_____.

I/We cannot join the Merchant's House Museum at this time, but wish to make a tax-deductible gift of \$_____.

Name(s) Acknowledgement listings will appear as written above.*

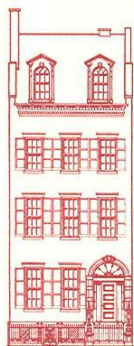
Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone: Day _____ Evening _____

Please make your check payable to the Merchant's House Museum and send it with this form to the Merchant's House Museum, 29 East Fourth Street, New York NY 10003. Contributions are deductible to the extent provided by law. For further information, call Margaret Halsey Gardiner, Executive Director, at (212) 777-1089.

* ☐ If you prefer not to be listed, please check here.



Merchant's House Museum
29 East Fourth Street
New York, NY 10003

NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
NEW YORK, N.Y.
PERMIT NO. 2828