



Natural and
Cultural Resources



Special Events for 2016-2017

December 3 | Holiday Tunes with Julie Harris and the Myers Park Consort: During this family program, the Myers Park Consort, led by harpist and singer Julie Harris, will play a variety of historical and modern holiday tunes. The Consort will feature a number of historical instruments, including the dulcimer and the bouzouki. The Consort will also provide historical context centering on the music and instruments they feature. **Hours:** 10:00 am-12:30pm **Admission:** Free.

December 10 | Storytime with Dr. MacDonald—Holiday Edition: Dr. Martha MacDonald will share holiday stories and tales to children and families. Dr. MacDonald's stories will range from folk tales, historical stories, and a diverse array of holiday stories. This story time will be interactive, and will include songs and character role play. **Hours:** 10:30 am-1:30pm **Admission:** Free.

December 17 | Holiday Crafts: Join us to make a variety of holiday crafts. Crafts will range from historical in nature to fun, unique holiday creations! **Hours:** 10:30 am-12:30pm **Admission:** Free.

January 7 | Lecture—The Vanishing Holiday: Twelfth Night – Origins & American Traditions: Ron Vinson, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Heritage Center in Montreat, NC, will discuss the origin and prominence of Twelfth Night from its medieval continental origins through Shakespeare's 1602 play, to observances in Colonial Carolinas. Once the annual peak of parties, gift-giving and weddings, Twelfth Night was gradually absorbed and squeezed out during the 19th century. This presentation will also include illustrations, and an opportunity to hear medieval carols and colonial tunes about the celebration of Twelfth Night. **Hours:** 11:00 am-12:00pm. **Admission:** Free.

For more information on these programs, or about the site, please feel free to call the President James K. Polk State Historic Site at (704)889-7145. You can also visit us on the web at www.polk.nchistoricsites.org or www.jameskpolk.net.