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Delight in Victorian Decorations and Candlelight Tours for the Holidays

Sully Historic Site will be decked out in its holiday finest from Wednesday, November 30, through Monday, December 26, 2016. Don't miss this chance to see delicate greens adorning the period rooms and a tree decorated in Victorian splendor, based on a description from a young girl who visited Sully in 1885.

View a fun exhibit case – “Nuts about Squirrels” – and learn about squirrels in history and the white squirrel that was a pet to the Lee family at Sully during the late 1790s through the early 1800s.

Find the beauty in holidays past as you tour the main house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day, except Tuesdays. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students, and \$5 for seniors and children. Groups of 15 or more require reservations.

Special candlelight tours during the season will give visitors a true sense of how the house looked without electric lights.

On Saturday, December 10, enjoy a Civil War Candlelight tour. On the grounds, see Civil War re-enactors celebrating the holiday as they cook their dinner and share with visitors what it was like for them during this time. Inside, enjoy period music and costumed dancers. Learn more about the enslaved community when you visit the laundry and kitchen. On Saturday, December 17, take a Victorian Era Candlelight Tour as you enjoy music, a puppet show and a visit from an old-fashioned Santa.

Both nights include cider and homemade cookies. Visitors will also be able to make a holiday decoration reminiscent of the time period to decorate their own holiday tree.

The 45-minute candlelight tours leave every 15 minutes from 4:45 through 7 p.m. The cost is \$10.

Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, Va. For more information, call 703-437-1794 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/>.

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If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least 10 working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354.