



HOLIDAYS OF YORE



Join us in Olde Towne Portsmouth for a step back in time to celebrate this Holiday Season!

- First stop: **The Hill House Museum**, a historic home in Portsmouth, built circa 1825, furnished entirely with Hill family belongings from the 19th and 20th centuries. On this docent-led tour, we will also learn about family traditions for the Holidays.
- Second stop: **Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center** to see the automatons given to the city by the Portsmouth Coleman Plant Nursery when they closed doors in 2003. Many of us enjoyed visiting that Nursery to buy holiday decorations and have the intricate toys in full action amaze the child in us. There will be over 100 on display at the Art Center.
- Third and Final Stop: Walk half a block to the **Bier Garden** for delicious old world German cuisine. Separate checks. Our anticipated arrival time is 4:30 p.m. This will put us before their usual dinner crowd and get us out of there after rush hour for the drive home. **We will be in time, though, to see Downtown Portsmouth decorated for the Holidays!**

DATE: Thursday, December 14, 2023

TIMING AND PARKING:

- 2:10 p.m. arrival for 2:30 p.m. tour at the Hill House Museum, 221 North Street, Portsmouth, VA. Parking lot exclusively for the Museum is accessible on the left side of the building.
- Approximately 3:30 p.m. we will leave the Hill House and drive a few short blocks to the Middle Street Garage, 441 Middle St. for \$1.25 per hour (pay as leave unless exit gate is open). We will then walk 2 short blocks to the Portsmouth Arts & Cultural Center, corner of High and Court Streets, and afterwards to dinner.

PRICE: \$12 pp. covers entry fees and donations for both museums and ILR administrative fee. Dinner at Bier Garden will be separate checks.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: Friday, December 1, 2023 - No refunds after deadline date. If you would like to participate but do not feel comfortable driving through the Downtown tunnel, contact Susan Clarke to discuss carpool options. # 757-395-9394.