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OLD YORK CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

With the many festive events at Old York this season, there is no reason for the holiday blues. From a musical concert to our annual Whisky Tasting and Christmas Tea, we have just the thing to put you in the holiday mood!

December 1 – CHRISTMAS TEA

Old York Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas Tea at Jefferds Tavern, on **Saturday, December 1, from 12-4 pm**, to coincide with the Town of York's *Festival of Lights*.

The Tea is a popular family event—the perfect way to kick off the holiday season! Along with a selection of fine organic teas from White Heron Tea and Coffee in Portsmouth, the menu will include an old-fashioned gingerbread cake with whipped cream, and other homemade sweets. Tea is served in historic Jefferds Tavern, an 18th-century style setting, with fireside tables and festive decorations. Built in 1750 in Wells, Maine, just north of York, Jefferds Tavern was originally located on the King's Highway, a stage and mail route between Portsmouth and Portland. In 1941 the building was moved to York and restored to create an idealized version of a true colonial tavern.

The Remick Gallery will be open, featuring *The Best of York* exhibition, and the Bulman Bed Hangings. Admission is included with the purchase of a tea ticket.

Old York is delighted that White Heron Tea and Coffee again will provide organic teas for the event. White Heron is located at 601 Islington Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and online at whiteherontea.com.

Jefferds Tavern, 3 Lindsay Road, York, ME 03909

Tickets: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children between ages 5-14 (free for children aged 0-4). OYHS does not take reservations for this event, but advance tickets are available online. For more information, please contact 207-363-4974, or visit oldyork.org/events.

[ONLINE TICKET LINK: <https://oldyork.givezooks.com/events/christmas-tea-2018>]

December 7 – WHISKY TASTING

Old York Historical Society's popular holiday whisky tasting returns for its seventh year on **Friday, December 7 at 6pm!** Come taste a selection of four whiskies, accompanied by fiddle music by Cathryn Norris, and delicious hearth-cooked nibbles by Chef Bill Irish of the catering firm, *For the Love of Food and Drink*. The menu includes the ever-popular Cullen skink (traditional Scottish smoked haddock chowder), and is designed to complement the whisky selections. Bill has a passion for historic re-enacting and has cooked at events at Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, and Monticello. The tasting takes place in historic Jefferds Tavern, with fireside tables and festive decorations.

Jefferds Tavern, 3 Lindsay Road, York, ME 03909

Tickets: \$45/\$40 members. Reservations required, tickets available for purchase online at oldyork.org/events, or by calling 207-363-4974.

[ONLINE TICKET LINK: <https://oldyork.givezooks.com/events/whisky-tasting-2019>]

December 14 – YULETIDE CONCERT WITH GREAT BAY SAILOR

Great Bay Sailor returns to Old York Historical Society on **Friday, December 14 at 7pm**, with a Yuletide Concert featuring a unique and heartfelt presentation of holiday music. The repertoire includes songs of Brittany and Ireland, carols of the British Restoration, ancient ceremonial marches, “pub carols” and music hall ditties, settings from the Anglican Ceremony of Carols, Christmas music with an Appalachian accent, and lovely tunes and airs—all guaranteed to make the season dance! The Sailors are also story-tellers, relating the narrative, history, and traditions of seasonal music from all over the globe. Great Bay Sailor has been part of the Seacoast folk music scene for many years now, performing annually at the Portsmouth Maritime Folk Festival and Pro-Portsmouth's First Night Celebration, as well as at local pubs, and churches.

Old York Museum Center, 3 Lindsay Road, York, ME 03909

Tickets: \$15 adults, \$8 students (age 7 thru college), free for children under 7
Available at the door or online at oldyork.org/events.

[ONLINE TICKET LINK: <https://oldyork.givezooks.com/events/yuletide-concert-with-great-bay-sailor-2018>]

ABOUT OLD YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Old York is a vital part of the York, Maine, community. The organization maintains 16 buildings and 20 properties including the 17-acre Steedman Woods; has 5 full-time and 25 part-time employees; more than 20,000 artifacts and 50,000 archival materials in the library; and serves thousands of people year-round through tours, educational programs, and special events. For more information please visit the website: oldyork.org.

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