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# NEWS

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### ***Orange County Parks Department Hosts Annual Holiday Opening at Hill-Hold Museum***

**GOSHEN** – Orange County Executive Edward A. Diana and Commissioner Richard L. Rose of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation are pleased to announce that Hill-Hold Museum will host its annual holiday opening on the weekends of December 10 and 11 and December 17 and 18. Saturday hours are 3 to 7 p.m.; Sunday hours are noon to 4 p.m.

Holiday visitors to Hill-Hold, the 1769 homestead of Thomas Bull, one of Orange County's founding fathers, will instantly be taken in by the festive decorations adorning the home and grounds. This year's decorating theme is "Grandma's Cameo" and cameo decorations will be featured throughout the historic house. A raffle for a beautiful cameo is being held for those looking to add the classic piece of jewelry to their own family collection.

"Visitors to Hill-Hold during the month of December can't help but get in the spirit of the holiday season," said County Executive Edward A. Diana. "The museum staff and Friends of Hill-Hold volunteers do an outstanding job decking this County treasure out in her seasonal finery each year."

The entrance hall will greet visitors with the smell of fresh evergreens, the dining room will showcase an afternoon tea party, and the holiday tree will grace the parlor with a collection of antique ornaments and vast array of old-fashioned toys. As was the early American Christmas tradition, a small tabletop tree will be displayed in the Hill Hold West bedroom. In the East bedroom, volunteers will be busily creating crafts in the workroom.

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Doing their best to recreate the look and feel of Christmas from an earlier time, children will be in the kitchen stringing popcorn for the tree, holly will be delicately placed along the mantle over the fireplace and behind every picture, and the hearth and bake oven fires will be burning brightly as volunteers bake traditional holiday treats. Visitors may even be able to help with mixing dough or flipping corncakes and be rewarded with a tasty sample for their assistance.

Hill-Hold's one-room Goose Town School will offer an opportunity for children to make ornaments to take home and display to remember their visit to Hill-Hold. Mulled cider, cookies, and story time will be offered in the old basement kitchen. To complete the visit to Hill Hold, jolly old St. Nick, on his antique sled, will be greeting visitors and posing for pictures with children of all ages in the barn.

Admission is \$2 per child and \$3 per adult. For more information about Hill-Hold Museum, please contact Susan A. Tucker at (845) 615-3833, or by email at [stucker@orangecountygov.com](mailto:stucker@orangecountygov.com) or visit [www.hillholdandbrickhouse.org](http://www.hillholdandbrickhouse.org). Special events are co-sponsored by the Friends of Hill-Hold and Brick House and the Orange County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Hill-Hold Museum is located on Route 416 between Goshen and Montgomery.

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*Festively decorated fireplace at Orange County's Hill-Hold Museum.*



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*Christmas tree and antique dolls and toys adorn Hill-Hold's living room.*

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