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The Holidays End Traditionally January 6 with Twelfth Night at Francis Land House

Celebrate the traditional end of the holiday season at the 26th annual Twelfth Night at the Francis Land House on Friday, January 6, 2012. Join the Land family and their guests for a mid-18th-century evening that will include a vignette by costumed interpreters, period dancing led by the Williamsburg Heritage Dance Ensemble, music by the Itinerant Band, a traditional Twelfth Night cake, and hot cider to toast the New Year. Tickets are on sale in advance for \$7.50 per person; \$5.00 for members. Tickets are timed for visitors to begin their Twelfth Night experience at 20-minute intervals starting at 6:00 p.m. The final group begins at 9:00 p.m.

Twelfth Night coincides with the Christian celebration of the Epiphany. The traditional English Twelfth Night festivities were the culmination of the 12 days between Christmas and January 6. The customs came to America with the English settlers and Twelfth Night was observed with great exuberance by many colonial Virginians. The program at the Francis Land House provides visitors with a glimpse of the traditional Virginia Twelfth Night.

The Land family settled in what is now Virginia Beach by the 1650s and the Francis Land House was built circa 1805 by the sixth generation on the property. The Land House is located at 3131 Virginia Beach Boulevard. It is open six days per week as a historic house museum. Please call 757-385-5100 for holiday hours, Twelfth Night ticket availability and additional information.

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