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Adam Thoroughgood House Presents Annual Yule Log Lighting

The Adam Thoroughgood House will present the annual "Yule Log Lighting" on Sunday, December 18, 2011 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The earliest English settlers in the Virginia colony celebrated Christmas with the traditions they brought with them. The lighting of the Yule Log began the festivities of the Christmas season which concluded on Twelfth Night, the 6th of January. At 4:15 p.m. the lighting procession will begin and the great Yule Log will be brought forth amidst toasts and merry wishes.

Visitors to the "Yule Log Lighting" will have an opportunity to tour the Adam Thoroughgood House between 3:00 and 4:15 p.m. The Thoroughgood House is one of the oldest surviving colonial houses in Virginia dating to circa 1719, and is a registered National Historic Landmark. It is also a Save America's Treasures property.

Prior to the lighting ceremony, visitors may enjoy refreshments provided by the Friends of the Historic Houses and will have the opportunity to learn the interesting history of the "marsh mallow" while roasting the modern confection over a fire.

The "Yule Log Lighting" program is free and open to the public. The Thoroughgood House is located at 1636 Parish Road in Virginia Beach. Call 385-5100 for information.

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