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TWELFTH NIGHT AT HISTORIC KENMORE

January 6-8, 2023

Performance Times: 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:45, 7:30 p.m.

1201 Washington Avenue

Fredericksburg, Va. - Experience the candlelight, music, and decorations of a colonial Christmas ... and the uncertainty of Revolution.

In *Twelfth Night at Kenmore*, it is early January 1776 and the first Christmas that Fielding and Betty Washington Lewis celebrate in their newly built home. In the 18th century, December 25 was just the start of Christmas, a twelve-day celebration that ended on Twelfth Night. This final night was the most festive of the holiday season, if not of the entire year! Twelfth Night 1776 is not the usual joyous atmosphere, however. The Revolutionary War brings fear, doubt, and frustration to the Lewis family, their friends, and Kenmore's enslaved community.

Guests will view dramatic scenes by costumed actors in the first-floor rooms of Kenmore with special musical performances by Colonial Faire. After the performance, there will be a festive eighteenth-century cooking demonstration in the kitchen dependency building. Heather Baldus and Mara Kaktins will show and discuss cooking techniques, holiday treats, and share about the lives of enslaved cooks at Kenmore.

TICKETS

Advance ticket purchase strongly encouraged.

\$20.00 – adults

\$10.00 – students (ages 6-17)

Free – children (ages 5 & under)

(Online processing fee applies.)

About The George Washington Foundation

Historic Kenmore and George Washington's Ferry Farm are owned and operated by The George Washington Foundation, whose mission is to enhance the public understanding and appreciation of the lives, values, and legacies of George Washington, Fielding and Betty Washington Lewis, and their families.

One hundred years ago, an intrepid group of Fredericksburg-area women saved Kenmore from development. That group and their successors remained at the helm of the Foundation for 77 years. Today, Kenmore and Ferry Farm are living history museums, showcasing the significant impact of the Washington and Lewis families' lives and legacies on the United States and its history.

The George Washington Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, headquartered in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The Foundation relies on support from generous donors and volunteers for its ongoing programs.