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Historic Petersburg Foundation, Inc.
7 East Old Street in the PAAL Building
Petersburg, Virginia 23803

Historic Petersburg Christmas Tour



Saturday and Sunday

December 12th & 13th

2 pm—6 pm

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Blandford Church - 111 Rochelle Lane



Blandford Church was built on the highest point in Petersburg. It was completed in 1737 and served as an Anglican house of

worship until after the Revolutionary War when it became an Episcopal church. Abandoned in 1806, the church was known as a beautiful "romantic ruin" through the mid -19th century and it was used as a hospital after the "Battle of the Crater" in 1864. By 1901, the Ladies Memorial Association of Petersburg restored the church and created a Confederate Memorial Chapel honoring soldiers from every southern state. The Studios of Louis Comfort Tiffany of New York designed and created 15 stained glass windows which were installed from 1904 to 1912. Today, Blandford Church is a City of Petersburg museum.

The McIlwaine House—425 Cockade Alley



This Federal style frame house was built around 1794 by Erasmus Gill. It takes its name from Archibald Graham McIlwaine, a Petersburg industrialist and financier, who made it his residence from 1831-78. The McIlwaine family lived in the house until it was relocated to its present site in 1971 after being saved from demolition. The interior

was made entirely of wood by highly skilled craftsmen, with no plaster ornamentation used in the design. The current owner has replaced or repaired damaged woodwork to replicate the missing original elements. The house is on the National Register of Historic Places, is a Virginia Historic Landmark and is owned by Mr. Alexander C. (Sandy) Graham, Jr. **Note: the McIlwaine House will close at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday for a private party.**

Centre Hill Museum—1 Centre Hill Avenue



Built in 1823 by Robert Bolling, IV, a Revolutionary War veteran and prominent citizen of Petersburg, Centre Hill remained a residence until 1936. Presidents Abraham Lincoln and William H. Taft visited Centre Hill while they were in office. Centre Hill is a City of Petersburg museum.

ModVinTique—20 W. Old Street

Please join us as we celebrate our first Christmas in Old Towne Petersburg. We are excited to bring you a large assortment of festive door wreaths and tabletop silk floral arrangements, beautiful



gold metallic stems and ornaments that are sure to brighten your home. We have a huge assortment of beautiful wraps, shawls, handcrafted one of kind scarves and high fashion jewelry to suit every person on your Christmas list!

Petersburg Area Art League—7 E. Old Street

PAAL was established in 1932 and has occupied this location since the early 1970s. The structure was built in the early 19th century and survived the siege of Petersburg.



The Petersburg Area Art League will feature its 35th Annual Trees of Christmas this year, displaying a variety of trees decorated by individuals, businesses and organizations.

Penniston's Alley Antiques—102 W. Old Street *The Blue Willow Tea Room—104 W. Old Street*



Come enjoy the sights and smells of an old fashion Christmas. Available at Ye Olde Christmas Shoppe will be hand painted, mouth-blown, heirloom Christmas ornaments by Inge-Glas of Germany. Also available are Byers' Choice, made in America Carolers, Christmas jams, Harney & Son's Holiday teas and Downton Abbey Christmas teas. In addition we are offering 25% off all jewelry and our selection of wines.

420 Grove Avenue—the John Baird, Jr. House



Stephen and Peggy Eisenhart purchased the John Baird, Jr., house, HPF's former headquarters on June 11, 2015. They have finished refurbishing the exterior and are awaiting advice on replacing the roof. Work is underway on the main floor, such as redoing the floors. Stephen's 6 time great grandfather came to the U.S. in 1751 from Germany and was a blacksmith in Pennsylvania. He fought in the Revolutionary War. The basement of the Baird House is now filled with these antique copper, brass and tin working tools, which Stephen uses in his business today. Come visit the workshop and see some of his original creations.

534 Grove Avenue



Devereux J. Manly, a wheelwright, purchased the lot in 1791. The home was built circa 1793. He lived here until his death in 1797. It stayed in his estate until purchased by Barnet Crostich in 1827.

It has a full English basement as the original kitchen. This area of Grove Avenue was home to many middle class shopkeepers and families such as the Manly family. Grove Avenue was laid out as the first street in Petersburg. Completely renovated by owner, Dr. Lena Whitt in 1989 with detail to the historic aspect of the 17th and early 18th century construction of this home.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church—228 Halifax St.



Organized in 1867, St. Stephen's has the distinction of being the oldest Black congregation of the Episcopal Church in the Commonwealth of Virginia. In 1912, the present building was erected on Halifax Street. St. Stephen's was instrumental in the founding of the Bishop Payne Divinity School for Negro students.

116 Liberty Street



Diane Curling and Ting Yi Oei purchased this property from HPF in April 2014 and have been working hard ever since. After hiring an architect, their initial focus was on the exterior with priming and painting the front and both sides of the house and

repairing and painting the roof. The original balcony railings made their way back home; were painted and installed according to the original brickwork under the front windows. All new utilities have been installed as well as all new plumbing. It has been a very long time since the Broadnax House has received such TLC and quite a lot has been accomplished to date. Come tour this active "work in progress".

122 Marshall Street



Ralph and Angie Baldwin purchased this home in 2003 and nicknamed it "Laissez les bons temp rouler"— Let the good times roll. The front part of the house was built in 1830; the porch was added in 1859 and has wrought iron from Petersburg. The

back half of the house was added in 1910 and was used for the Petersburg School of Music. The Baldwins look forward to sharing their home with you.

318-320 E. Washington Street

This Federal style property was built by Robert Buckner Bolling in 1844 and appears to have been the first building constructed in this section of Washington Street. The house was originally a single family dwelling, centrally planned, one room deep. In 1902, the house was sold and subsequently divided into a double house. This work in progress is the future headquarters of the Historic Petersburg Foundation, Inc.



Chamber of Commerce—325 E. Washington Street

Oak Street AME Zion Church—25 W. Wythe St.



The Petersburg Chamber of Commerce is a private, non-profit, voluntary organization supported by its business investors. The Chamber unites businesses in the Petersburg area working together to improve the economic environment and maintain a high quality of life in our community. Membership in the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce is an investment in business.

Oak Street African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church is the oldest Black Methodist Church in Virginia. It grew out of Union Street Methodist Church due to religious persecution. In 1842 they moved to the current site. In 1865 Oak Street was the setting for the organization of the VA Conference of the AME Zion Church; becoming a part of the organization that was established in 1796 and given the title Mother Church of the Virginia Conference. In 2005 history was made when the Presiding Bishop of the Virginia Conference assigned the first female as Pastor of Oak Street, the Rev. Dr. Rebecca Branch-Griffin, native of Petersburg.

