

2016 Holiday House Tour, Newtown Historic District in Salisbury

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Salisbury's Historic Newtown Neighborhood will hold this year's holiday tour on Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 11 am to 4 pm. The tour, a tradition for more than 30 years, provides a special opportunity to visit the interiors of some of Salisbury's oldest and grandest homes decorated for the holidays.

Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale from 10:30 to 3pm on the day of the tour at Poplar Hill Mansion on Elizabeth St., Salisbury. The Mansion will also celebrate its Yuletide Open House with seasonal decorations, music, and refreshments on December 4. See more at www.newtownhistoricdistrict.org

About Newtown

Newtown was Salisbury's first residential district, developed on farmland of the Poplar Hill plantation in the early 19th century. The fires that consumed Salisbury's commercial district in 1860 and 1886 gave impetus to residential building in Newtown in the late 19th century and continued well into the 20th. Politicians, business owners, and professionals all built homes in Newtown. Their Federal, Colonial Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne, Shingle-style and English Cottage-style houses, many lovingly restored and maintained, are among Newtown's dwellings, along with historic workers' homes, outbuildings, and churches.

About the Houses

Nine homes open for viewing vary in age from the late 18th century to the 20th century inter-war period and all have been renovated or restored; many are furnished with antiques, and some homeowners display antique Christmas decorations as well. The tour houses are all within easy walking distance of one another, but visitors who wish to drive all or part of the tour will find convenient free on-street parking. Also this year is an outdoor interlude in a boxwood garden that includes cider, ginger cookies, and caroling.

About the Neighborhood Association

Proceeds from the tour benefit the activities and programs of the Newtown Neighborhood Association, which acts to preserve, interpret, and promote Salisbury and Newtown as a great place to live, raise a family, or retire.

About the Tour

Newtown is located directly north of Salisbury's downtown; visitors will find varied dining options convenient to Newtown. Not all houses may be accessible to those with disabilities. Please, no children under six or strollers inside houses. There will be no rain date or refunds (cancellation will be announced via the Newtown Historic District Facebook and webpage).

Directions

- **From east or west:** From route 50 (business) heading east, turn left at North Division Street, right on Isabella Street and left on Poplar Hill Avenue—the historic Poplar Hill Mansion, where tickets are available, is straight ahead.
- **From north or south:** From Route 13 (business) heading south, turn right at the light on Isabella, then right at Poplar Hill Avenue. The Mansion is straight ahead.
- **Salisbury is 2 ½ hours from Washington, DC and Philadelphia, 2 hours from Baltimore, and 3 hours from Norfolk.**