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What's Happening This December at Genesee Country Village & Museum? Join us for Yuletide in the Country Tours & Dinners, Holiday Open House, Breakfast and Brunch with St. Nick, and more!

Mumford, NY (November 16, 2026) – December is a special time at Genesee Country Village & Museum, offering visitors a chance to make lasting holiday memories with loved ones. With festive special events, Museum-made gifts , holiday cookie collections, and more, guests are sure to find the perfect addition to their family's holiday fun when they visit the Museum.

Here's a sneak peek of what's happening at GCV&M in December:

Yuletide in the Country Tours & Dinners: December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, & 19

To conclude our 50th Anniversary season, we're bringing back some of your most treasured moments from our **Yuletide in the Country Tours.** You'll walk from churches to homes to shops in the Historic Village, experiencing scenes and vignettes that made you laugh, linger, sing-along, or leave a little misty-eyed. It's the Yuletides you love, brought to life again.

Pair your tour with a festive **Yuletide Dinner** – a sumptuous GCV&M tradition featuring a buffet of savory and sweet holiday dishes!

Find details on tour and dinner times and get your tickets for Yuletide in the Country Tours and Yuletide Dinners on our website: **https://www.gcv.org/yuletide/.** The 2:30 p.m. tour on Sunday, December 13 is ASL-interpreted and mobility-friendly.

Yuletide in the Country is sponsored by Cedar Street Sales & Rentals and Valley Propane & Fuels.

Coffee & Doughnuts Workshop: Saturday, December 5
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Learn to roast your own coffee and fry your own doughnuts the 19th-century way! Using historical techniques and ingredients, guests will get to make and eat their own brunch-time treats in the 1850s Jones Farm kitchen.

Reserve your space on our website: **https://www.gcv.org/item/coffee-doughnuts-workshop/.**

Holiday Afternoon Tea: December 8, 9, 10, 16 & 17
1 – 3 p.m.
Relax in our cozy fireside lounge and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea service, featuring a variety of teas, orange-cranberry scones with jam and cream, finger sandwiches, hearty soups, and gingerbread and chocolate cake. And just in time for the holiday season, these teas will be followed by a delightful presentation from Museum interpreter Sue Price on the origin and history of holiday cookies.

Make your reservations on our website: **https://www.gcv.org/series/tea/.**

Brunch with St. Nick: Sunday, December 13
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
New this year! Celebrate the holiday season alongside family and friends with a tasty brunch and a visit from St. Nick! The brunch buffet features made-to-order omelets, bacon & sweet potato hash, chicken & biscuits, macaroni & cheese, and a variety of vegan and gluten-free alternatives. The Flint Hill Store will also be open, will Village-made goods, homemade fudge, historic crafts and games, and more holiday gift ideas.

Seatings for Brunch with St. Nick will be at 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. Make your reservations on our website: **https://www.gcv.org/item/brunch-with-st-nick/.**

Home for the Holidays Homeschool Day: Wednesday, December 16
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
12:30 – 2 p.m.
We'll be open exclusively for homeschool families to experience guided tours of our festive Historic Village. Participate in hands-on, immersive learning to experience how 19th-century families celebrated winter holidays with gift-giving, storytelling, games, food, music, decorations, and more. Learn how holiday celebrations continue to evolve today and discover traditions celebrated around the world and right here in Rochester!

Find more details and purchase tickets in advance on our website: **https://www.gcv.org/series/homeschool-day/**.

Breakfast with St. Nick: Sunday, December 20
The holiday favorite is back! Enjoy a classic breakfast buffet and a visit from St. Nick

beside our cozy fireplace in the Meeting Center Lounge. Finish your holiday shopping before or after breakfast in the Flint Hill Store.

Seatings for Breakfast with St. Nick will be at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12 p.m. This popular event always sells out, so get your tickets in advance on our website: **https://www.gcv.org/item/breakfast-with-st-nick/.**

Holiday Open House: Sunday, December 20
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Celebrate the season with a magical medley of holiday happenings! The Historic Village will be decorated in its holiday finery amid villagers bustling with preparations and offering greetings to neighbors and friends. Bring your family for a festive exploration of our historic homes that are warmed by fires and alive with holiday lights, candles, and traditional decorations. Experience traditional music and dance and see the celebrations of holidays past.

Save $1 on admission when you purchase tickets online in advance! Find more details and purchase tickets at our website: **https://www.gcv.org/holiday-open-house/.**

Holiday Shopping Through December
Our Flint Hill Store will be open through Wednesday, December 23 for additional gift-giving inspiration and last-minute shopping!

- **Introducing the Whistlestop International Cookie Collection!**
  This year, we're excited to offer 12 different holiday cookies from around the world in a homemade collection that you can take home. From Dutch Speculaas and Italian Cuccidati, to Mexican Reganadas to Polish Kolaches, you'll find cookies that carry the scent of home without ever leaving the table.
  Cookies will be available to purchase in the Flint Hill Store in three sampler box sizes, no pre-order required!
- **Flint Hill Store Holiday Shopping**
  Pick up memorable gifts in the Flint Hill Store, open to the public in December. Browse Village-made items like pottery (including pieces just fired in our salt-glazed kiln), yarn, and candles, along with books, toys, holiday décor, locally made goods, and Museum merchandise. You can also shop the Flint Hill Store online at https://shop.gcv.org/.

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Photo 1: Join us for Yuletide in the Country at Genesee Country Village & Museum!

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Photo 3: Experience the Holiday Open House at Genesee Country Village & Museum!

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GCV&M is the largest living history museum in New York State with the largest collection of historic buildings in the Northeast. The Museum, with its John L. Wehle Gallery, working brewery, vintage base ball park, and Nature Center, is located in Mumford, NY, 20 miles southwest of Rochester and 45 miles east of Buffalo. Visit http://www.gcv.org/ for more information.