



*'Tis* the  
SEASON!

COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG HOLIDAY SYMPOSIUM

*November 10 — 11, 2010*

Join us for demonstrations and illustrated lectures by Colonial Williamsburg's holiday professionals and special guests as we explore traditional and new ways to decorate and entertain for the holidays. Williamsburg Lodge Executive Chef Rhys Lewis and sommelier Charles Birr will share their skills and expertise and give you a new appreciation for the simple pleasures of wine and cheese. A reception showcasing featured wines and cheeses follows their demonstration.

No Colonial Williamsburg holiday program would be complete without holiday decoration demonstrations by our skilled landscape and visual merchandising teams. Christmas wreaths, candle adaptors, and apple fans are included as well as Thanksgiving and Christmas table decorating ideas. Learn how to create an Advent wreath, gingerbread house, and simple festive centerpieces!

Begin your holiday season in Colonial Williamsburg's Historic Area. Enjoy a stroll through history, get an early start on holiday shopping, and be inspired by our holiday decorating and entertaining ideas!

# The Program

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

- 8 a.m. Program registration and coffee.  
DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum,  
326 West Francis Street, Williamsburg, Virginia.
- 9 a.m. *Decoration or Dinner? Holiday Traditions with Pumpkins and Cranberries.* Mary Miley Theobald, historian and writer, Richmond, Virginia.
- A Tale of Two Tables: Tabletop Tips and Trends.* Carol Gibbs, senior visual merchandiser, and Owen Sharman, visual merchandising manager, Colonial Williamsburg, will share both formal and casual approaches to tablescaping your Thanksgiving feast. Whether you prefer your grandmother's best bone china or those interesting odds and ends you've collected over the years, you'll come away with a fresh approach to old favorites, a few new tricks, and plenty of ideas to try at home.
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee break.
- 11 a.m. *Fresh from the Garden: Bountiful Centerpieces for Thanksgiving.* Discover how the autumn harvest provides a bounty of fruits, berries, nuts, and even vegetables to make attractive and colorful centerpieces. Susan Dippre, manager of Colonial Williamsburg's Floral Services, will use materials easily found in your garden or grocery as she demonstrates how to make centerpieces that will surely be a topic of conversation during your Thanksgiving celebration.
- Noon Lunch on your own.
- 2 p.m. *The Season of Advent.* Don Haynie, Buffalo Springs Farm, Raphine, Virginia. Using the herbs associated with Advent, we will weave history and customs in creating an Advent wreath for your home or church.
- 3 p.m. Afternoon refreshments.
- 3:30 p.m. *Making a Gingerbread House.* Colonial Williamsburg pastry chef Rodney Diehl will artfully decorate a gingerbread house to delight holiday guests. Samples and recipes will be provided.
- Dinner on your own.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

- 8 a.m. Program registration and coffee.  
DeWitt Wallace Decorative Arts Museum,  
326 West Francis Street, Williamsburg, Virginia.
- 9 a.m. *Decking the Halls: The Evolution of Holiday Decoration at Historic Sites.* Amanda Rosner, assistant curator, historic interiors, Colonial Williamsburg.
- Home for the Holidays.* Where else should your personal style show best than in your own home? This is especially true when entertaining during the holiday season. Whether you're planning an intimate dinner party or open house for a crowd, we'll show you simple ways to ensure your table or buffet will dazzle your guests, and we'll explore ways to play up your personal style while doing it. Owen Sharman and Carol Gibbs.
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee break.



- 11 a.m. *Decorating for a Williamsburg Christmas.*  
This informative and informal demonstration by our talented Colonial Williamsburg landscape staff will surely inspire you to decorate in the Williamsburg style. Learn how to “liven” up your holiday decorations by using fresh materials that are available during the season. This program will focus on decorating wreaths and adorning candlesticks to brighten any home for the holidays.
- Noon Lunch on your own.
- 2 p.m. *Creating the Traditional Apple Fan: A Colonial Williamsburg Favorite.* One of the most enduring Williamsburg decorations is the apple fan, a wooden form shaped like an open fan that is traditionally adorned with apples. In this lively demonstration by Colonial Williamsburg landscape staff, you will learn how to create this iconic decoration to hang at your home and be the talk of the town.
- 3 p.m. Afternoon refreshments.
- 3:30 p.m. *Holiday Entertaining Ideas from Colonial Williamsburg: Classic Wine and Cheese Pairings.* Williamsburg Lodge Executive Chef Rhys Lewis and sommelier Charles Birr will share their skills and expertise and give you a new appreciation for the simple pleasures of wine and cheese. This entertaining duo will host a reception showcasing featured wines and cheeses following their demonstration.

## Lodging, Dining, and Spa



The following special rates are available at the Colonial Williamsburg Hotels for conference registrants. Hotel rates are for single or double occupancy, per night. (Rates do not include applicable taxes.)

### LODGING OPPORTUNITIES

#### WILLIAMSBURG LODGE

Colonial Williamsburg’s most recently restored and expanded hotel is known for its southern charm and hospitality.  
 Superior \$169  Deluxe \$189

#### WILLIAMSBURG WOODLANDS HOTEL & SUITES

Located adjacent to the Colonial Williamsburg Visitor Center, this moderately priced hotel includes a daily continental breakfast and an array of recreational amenities.  
 Superior Room \$99  Suite \$129

### DINING

Distinctive dining options are offered throughout the Colonial Williamsburg’s restaurants and the historic dining taverns. Dining reservations can be made by calling 1-800-261-9530, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. (ET).

### SPA SERVICES

The Spa of Colonial Williamsburg provides a full menu of services. A team of experts has collaborated to create a spa that exudes southern charm, harmonizes with its historical surroundings, reflects its colonial heritage, and honors traditions of wellness and relaxation throughout American culture.

Specials for conference attendees:

- Apothecary Spa Pedicure \$75  
(select herbs and oils to create your own pedicure scrub)
- \$20 off Spa Signature Century Services
- Lavender-Lemongrass Massage and Scrub  
\$99 for 60 minutes and \$159 for 90 minutes

Experience the wonders of our spa for yourself by calling 1-800-688-6479.

# Registration Information

## FOUR EASY WAYS TO REGISTER AND MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS

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### REGISTRATION

Preregistration and payment in full are required. Payment can be made by check or charged to American Express, Discover, Visa, or MasterCard. Registration for both days includes six breaks, reception with tasting, presentations proposed in this program, and a Colonial Williamsburg admission pass valid for the duration of the conference.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

If notice of cancellation is received in writing before October 29, 2010, Colonial Williamsburg will refund your registration fees, less a \$50.00 administrative fee. Refunds will not be made after October 29. Travel and/or trip interruption insurance is recommended. Check with your travel agent for details.

### HOW TO REACH WILLIAMSBURG

Williamsburg is easily accessible by plane, train, and car. Located in eastern Virginia, Williamsburg is about 240 km (150 miles) south of Washington, D.C., and midway between Richmond and Norfolk. The Williamsburg area can be reached via many major airlines, with more than 200 flights arriving daily, to three airports just 25 to 45 minutes away: Newport News-Williamsburg (PHF), Richmond (RIC), and Norfolk (ORF). Each airport has rental car and limousine services. Amtrak also serves Williamsburg with trains daily to and from the northeast corridor.

# Registration Form

## HOLIDAY SYMPOSIUM

*One person per form; duplicate as necessary or use a second sheet of paper for additional registrants*

Mr./Dr./Mrs./Ms./Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print full name)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, state, zip/postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### I WOULD LIKE MY NAME BADGE TO READ:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City, state \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION FEE AND PAYMENT

Both days (\$175 per person)  Wednesday only (\$100 per person)  Thursday only (\$100 per person)

Total of enclosed check \_\_\_\_\_  
(Payable to "The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation")

Total credit card charge \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one: Discover MasterCard Visa American Express

Credit card number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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