

The Natchez Garden Club

2024
CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE
TOUR OF
HISTORIC HOMES



November 15 - December 31
Natchez, Mississippi



Welcome

to the 3rd

Natchez Garden Club Christmas Pilgrimage Tour of Historic Homes 2024

*F*or Christmas, we are showcasing six exceptional Historic Homes from the late 1700s to the early and mid 1800s. Some are large and grand and some are smaller and exquisite. All will be beautifully decorated for Christmas and the Holiday Season. These houses are worthy, interesting and have great stories to tell. This is a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit, so enjoy!!

-Chris Bartha, NGC President



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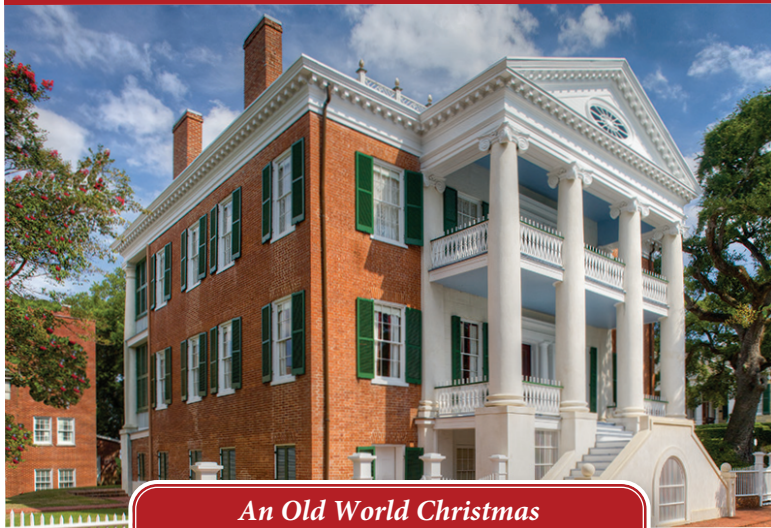
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page 9, at Christmas.*

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Choctaw Hall



c. 1836



*An Old World Christmas
including a 16 foot Decorated Tree*

Choctaw Hall, once the epitome of ruined finery and decayed elegance, is a collection loved and cherished by generations of the Cupit family.

A Mississippi landmark, the noted architect James Hardie, a Scottish immigrant and his three brothers constructed the mansion, finishing in 1836. The home features a transitional style from Federal to Greek Revival with a renowned late-Federal staircase. Furnished in William IV, early American Empire with a collection of outstanding Jacob Petit French porcelain and family silver. Said to be one of the most opulent and must-see homes in the entire South.

- Elegant Fruit Topiaries and Pomander Balls
- Rotating Swiss mechanical tabletop purchased at the 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis

Owners: David P Garner & Lee Glover
310 North Wall Street, Natchez, MS 39120
601.807.0196 | choctawhall.com

CHRISTMAS TOUR DATES All houses closed Dec. 25

TIMES: Nov. 22–Dec. 28 / Fridays & Saturdays / 11 AM & 3 PM / \$25

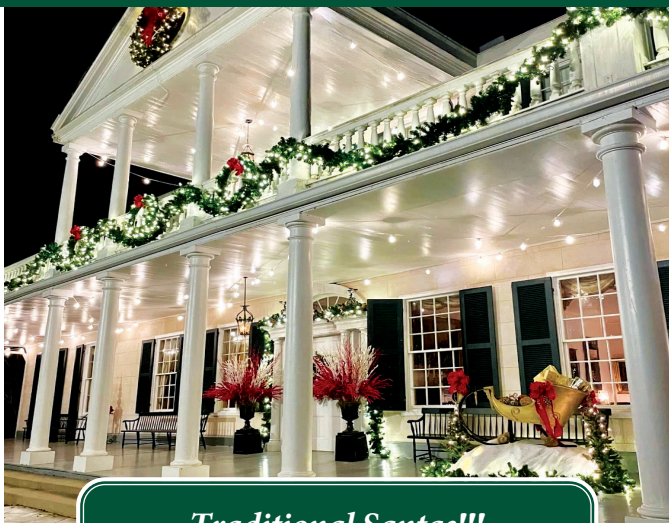
Nov. 21, Dec. 5, 12, 19 & 26 / Thursdays / 2 PM / \$25

SPECIAL EVENT: Old World Christmas Candlelight Tour

Fridays, Dec. 13 & 20 / 5:30-7 PM / \$50, see page 11

Bed & Breakfast

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Traditional Santas!!!

Step into the enchanting world of Linden this Christmas season. On this Natchez tour, you'll be welcomed by twinkling lights and festive decorations, leading to elegantly preserved rooms filled with nostalgic charm. Marvel at antique furnishings, holiday accents, and a beautifully adorned Christmas tree.

Soak up the rich history of Linden all the way through the sixth-generation owner, while learning of the unique architectural features, Federal-style furnishings, and famous doorway of this treasured home that inspired the front door of Tara in the movie *Gone with the Wind*.

- Get into the spirit of Christmas with a myriad of eclectic Santas, old and new, adorning each room
- Enjoy a magical Christmas at Linden being whisked away to the North Pole where the traditions of yesteryear merge seamlessly with modern-day indulgence

Owners: Marjorie Feltus Hawkins & David Hawkins
1 Conner Circle, Natchez, MS 39120
769.355.2127 | lindenbandb.com

CHRISTMAS TOUR DATES All houses closed Dec. 25

TIMES: A Santas Tradition
Nov. 29-30, Dec. 4-24 & Dec. 26-28 / Wednesdays-Saturdays
9:30 & 11 AM / \$25 / Ages 13+

SPECIAL EVENT: Naughty but Nice Cocktail Hour with Santas, see page 11
Sundays, December 1, 8, 15 & 22 / 5 PM / \$40 / Adults, ages 13+

Bed & Breakfast

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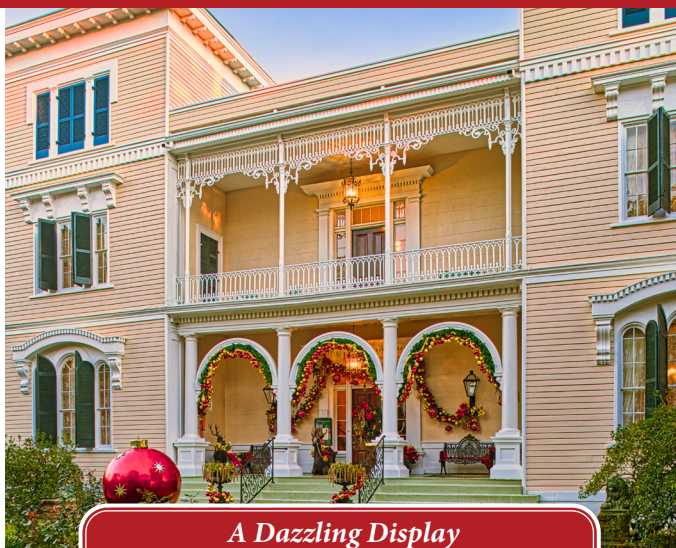
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The Towers

c. 1798 . 1826 . 1858



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A Dazzling Display of Rhinestones

Nestled on seven lush acres, The Towers is considered one of the grandest and most elegant historic homes in Mississippi. Surrounded by immense live oaks planted before the Civil War, the Italianate mansion accommodates exceptional antique furnishings, superb draperies and fabric wall coverings, and extraordinary collections rarely seen outside of museums.

- Thousands of pieces of Vintage Costume Jewelry in Whimsical Holiday Vignettes on Display
- Several Celebrity Pieces - Betty White, Naomi Judd, *Gone With the Wind*
- Awarded Top Ten Unique Christmas Display by USAtoday.com

Owners: James & Ginger Hyland

801 Myrtle Avenue, Natchez, MS 39120

601.446.6890 | thetowersofnatchez.com



CHRISTMAS TOUR DATES All houses closed Dec. 25

TIMES: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays / 2 PM

Fridays & Saturdays / 11 AM & 2 PM

Sundays / 11 AM

(2 PM tour closed Nov. 19, 20, & Dec. 5)

LENGTH OF TOUR: 1.5 hours \$30 / Adults, ages 8+

Children under 8 years not recommended

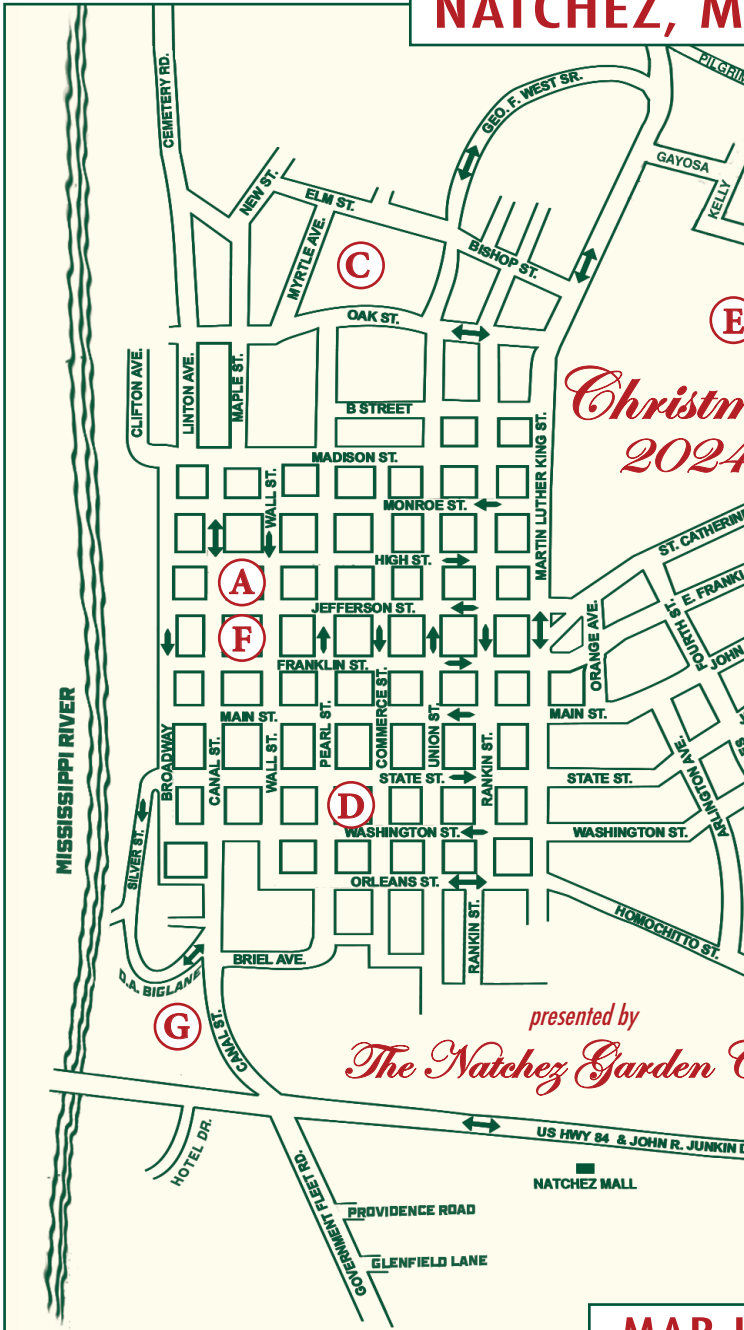
SPECIAL EVENT: Jeweled Candlelight Tour at The Towers, see page 11

Saturdays, December 7, 14 & 21 / 7 PM / \$50 / Adults only

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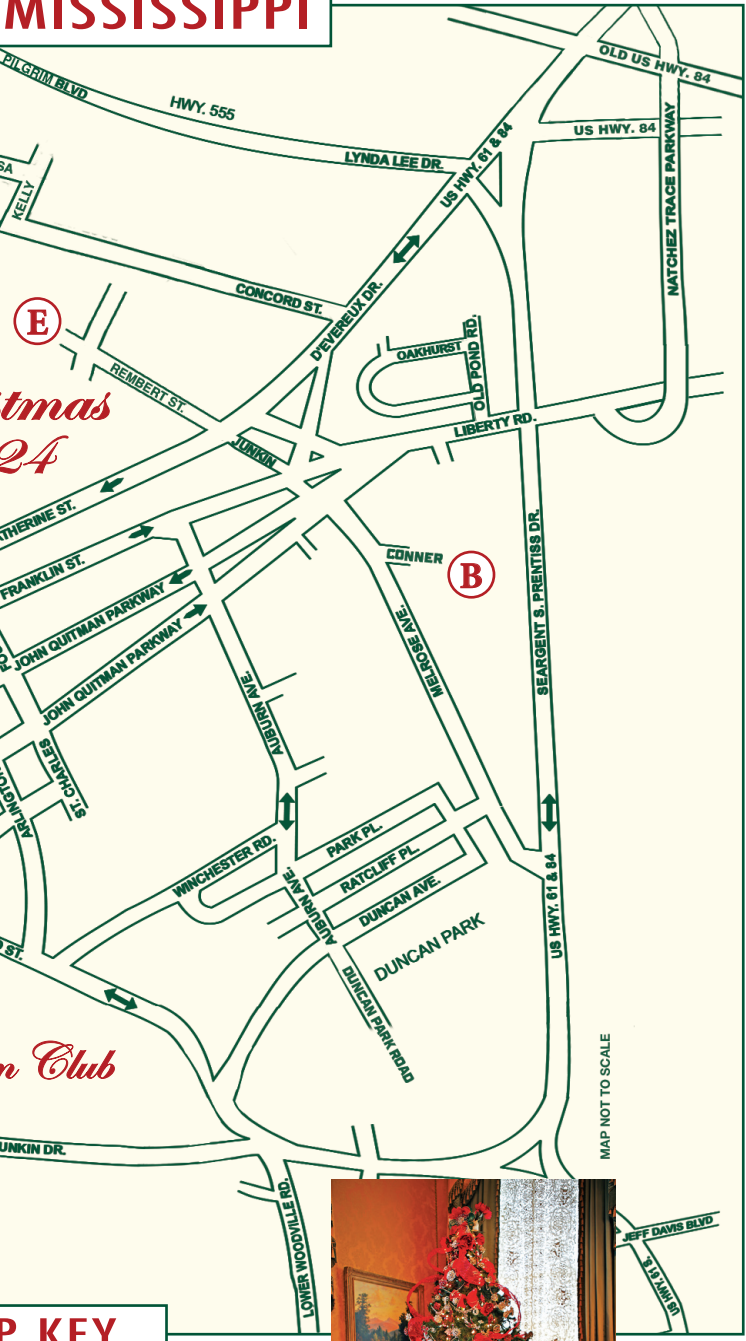
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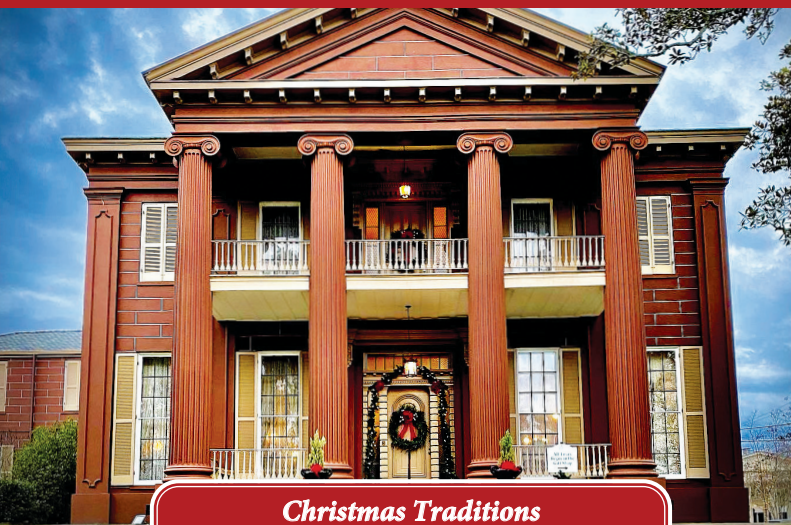




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Magnolia Hall

c. 1858



Christmas Traditions Through the Ages

Magnolia Hall is a stately Greek Revival Mansion with a newly restored “brownstone” façade. Tour the richly furnished 1858 interior bedecked in Christmas finery and enjoy complimentary punch and cookies while learning about the history behind some of today’s most beloved Christmas traditions. The second floor displays period pageantry dresses and uniforms from the pre-Civil war era.

- Last remaining restored Brownstone Mansion in Natchez
- Period decorations and live greenery provided by Natchez Garden Club members
- Costume Corner: See what it was like to wear a hoop skirt, dress like a steamboat captain or don 19th century garb.

Pictures encouraged!

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601.443.9065 | natchezgardenclub.org

CHRISTMAS TOUR DATES Closed Dec. 24 & 25

TIMES: Daily Tours 11 AM, 12, 1 & 2 PM

Tour includes holiday punch, a complimentary ornament, and cookies / \$20

Candlelight Christmas Dinners with House Tour and special Holiday Menu are available for groups of 20 or more / \$45

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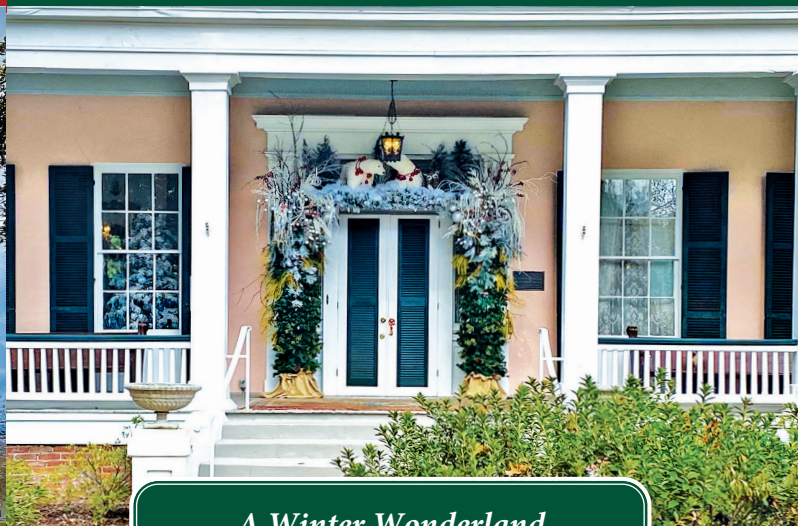


Sunnyside

c. 1850



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A Winter Wonderland

This hidden gem, built in 1850, is situated on ten acres located in beautiful downtown Natchez. After many years of neglect, the home and gardens have been restored and opened to the public. This exquisite home is lavishly appointed with fine furniture, art and one of the largest home libraries.

- 30+ Decorated Trees—a Winter Wonderland
- The Biltmore of Natchez
- Elegant 1850s Greek-Revival cottage situated on 10 acres near historic downtown Natchez
- National Register of Historic Places

Owner: Colleen Wilkins
102 Rembert Street, Natchez 39120
601.807.1148 | sunnysidenatchez.com

CHRISTMAS TOUR DATES

All houses closed Dec. 25

TOUR: Do You See What I See?

TIMES: Daily / 1:30 PM / \$25

Daily / 5 PM / Candlelight Tour / \$25

Bed & Breakfast

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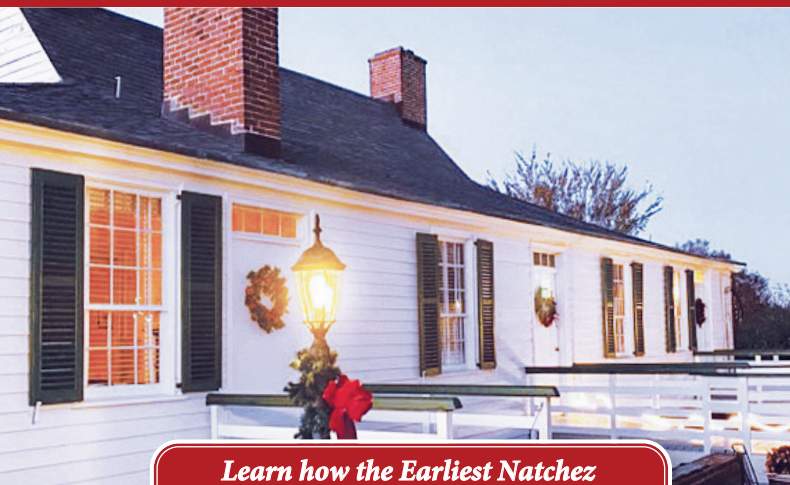
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The House on *Ellicott's Hill* c. 1798 . 1801 . 1830



Learn how the Earliest Natchez Residents celebrated Christmas

This colonial era merchant's house is one of the oldest remaining structures in Natchez. Reminiscent of a lifestyle dating to the Natchez Territory frontier days the house is architecturally unique. The West Indian exterior style structure was built into the side of a hill. The rear elevation of the house displays as a single story, while the front presents an elaborate Canal Street façade of multiple levels. The 1937 Restoration by the Natchez Garden Club was the first preservation project in the state of Mississippi.

- Ring in the holidays with a tour of this Colonial era home
- West Indies architectural flair wedded to sophisticated Federalist influence
- National Historic Landmark

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CHRISTMAS TOUR DATES

Closed Dec. 24 & 25

TIMES: Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays
11 AM, 12, 1 & 2 PM / \$20
Tour includes making your own clove pomander and complimentary wassail.

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Special Events

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Jeweled Christmas Candlelight Tour

Saturdays, December 7, 14 & 21

7 pm / \$50, adults only

A special holiday evening tour featuring champagne and light desserts followed by traditional holiday music.



Choctaw Hall, page 3

Old World Candlelight Tour

Fridays, December 13 & 20 / 5:30 PM / \$50

See a magnificent 16-foot Christmas tree, meticulously crafted fruit topiaries, and a Swiss mechanical tabletop rotating Christmas tree from the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. Punch, wine, and champagne accompanied by light hors d'oeuvres.



Linden, page 4

Naughty but Nice Cocktail Hour with Santas

Sundays, December 1, 8, 15 & 22

5 PM / \$40

Adults, ages 13+

Are you Naughty or Nice??? So, let the wonder of Linden transport you to a bygone era where Christmas traditions and the spirit of Santa Claus fill your heart with warmth and delight. Naughty but Nice cocktails served with Christmas nibbles.



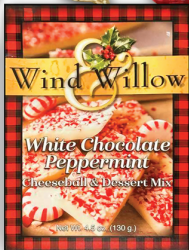
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