

FALL/EARLY WINTER 2015 Programming

Special Events & Programs

Hill-Stead for the Holidays hours

November 27th - January 3rd, regular tour

You'll feel like an invited guest! Immerse yourself in the Pope family's holiday celebrations and view decorations inspired by early 20th century traditions. Free with membership or admission.

Holiday Boutique 4:00pm

December 5th - 6th, Saturday & Sunday, 10:00am-

Find unique holiday gifts while supporting local artists and artisans. More than 25 selected vendors present fine art, hand-made clothing, jewelry, home goods, gourmet food, pet items, and more. Free!

A Children's Holiday Tour 11:00am

December 5th, Saturday,

A special holiday tour just for children will be offered during Hill-Stead Museum's Holiday Boutique. Shop for unique and hand-made gifts while your children (or grandchildren) tour the historic house with museum guides. Email Kate Ebner at ebnerk@hillstead.org or call 860.677.4787 x 142 to reserve a place. Open to children ages 6 - 12 years. Free with a Family/Grandparent membership or children's museum admission.

Hill-Stead's Holiday Party 9:00pm

December 10th, Thursday, 6:00-

Hill-Stead's members, donors, and their guests are invited to toast the holidays at Hill-Stead and enjoy its seasonal splendor! View decorated period rooms, enjoy festive music, and chat with costumed interpreters. Hearty hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served in the historic Makeshift Theater, decorated with holiday finery fit for the occasion. **For members, donors, and their guests.** Tickets will be available online in early November.

Children's Education Station 4:00pm

ON-GOING, Tuesdays-Sundays, 10:00am-

Hill-Stead is the perfect destination for kid-sized leaf-peepers and nature lovers. Celebrate the season with new *Education Station* activities: sketch a tree, grab a clip-board and art supplies, or make a "tree-cookie" necklace with wood and yarn. Or, use the ever-popular poetry prompts, coloring supplies and ready-to-roam backpacks (complete with binoculars, bug finders, and much more)! Free with admission or membership.

First Sunday Gallery Talks *plus* Activities for Kids (free with membership or admission)

Theodate's Boys: Gordon, Donald and Paul 1:00-1:45

November 1st, Sunday,

One of Theodate's adolescent dreams (or "air castles" as she called them) was to raise an orphaned child. As it turned out she took in three boys, two of whom lived to adulthood. Learn about Theodate's Boys and a little known facet of her life—her role as "mom."

Kids Activity: What Does Your Family Look Like? Sunday, 1:00-1:45

November 1st,

What does your family look like? We will learn more about Hill-Stead families as we look at old photographs. Then we will take new photographs of each other and celebrate our families. Children will make frames and take home their photo. RSVP required; meet in the Carriage Porch at 1pm.

Meet the Family
4:00pm

December 6th, Sunday, 12:00-

Travel back in time to Christmas 1908. Tour guides dressed in vintage attire portray family members and friends while re-enacting a holiday season at Hill-Stead. Free with membership or museum admission.