



THE COLLECTION

THE HISTORIC NEW ORLEANS COLLECTION

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*** CALENDAR OF EVENTS * DECEMBER 2012 ***

November 2012 / New Orleans, LA — The Historic New Orleans Collection will offer the following programs during December 2012. For more information on the programs listed here or other offerings at The Collection, visit www.hnoc.org or call (504) 523-4662. General information about The Collection is available near the end of this document.

Special events

Dec. 2

**Book signing for “[Perique: Photographs by Charles Martin](#)” with Charles Martin, Mary Ann Sternberg and John H. Lawrence
Williams Research Center, 410 Chartres St.
Galleries open at 3:30 p.m. Book signing from 4 to 5:30 p.m.
*Free and open to the public***

Perique, prized by connoisseurs as the strongest and most flavorful tobacco, is cultivated only one place on earth: a 30-square-mile tract of land in Louisiana’s St. James Parish. Photographer Charles Martin has documented the tradition of his forebears for eight years, and his work is the focus of an exhibition at the Williams Research Center (see exhibition listing below), as well as a new book from THNOC with essays by Mary Ann Sternberg and John H. Lawrence. *The exhibition catalogue, which retails for \$25, will be available for purchase at the book signing, The Shop at The Collection, local bookstores and major online retailers.*

Dec. 4–30

Holiday Home and Courtyard Tours

**533 Royal St.
Tuesday–Saturday, 10 & 11 a.m., 2 & 3 p.m.
Sunday, 11 a.m., 2 & 3 p.m.
*THNOC will be closed December 25.
Admission is \$5, free for THNOC members.***

The Historic New Orleans Collection is pleased to once again offer Holiday Home Tours of the Williams Residence. The two-story brick townhouse, built in 1889 and restored in the 1940s, was owned by the founders of THNOC, General L. Kemper and Leila Williams. Filled with antiques and other objets d’art collected by the couple in their wide travels, the Williamses lived in the house from 1946 through 1963.

During the holidays, the residence is festively adorned with some of the Williamses’ original decorations, including a beautiful Christmas tree with

vintage ornaments and family photos of the Williamses from 1956 through 1961. In addition, visitors will learn about their unique holiday family traditions.

Dec. 8

Member Appreciation Day: 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Mignon Faget Trunk Show: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

The Shop at The Collection

533 Royal St.

The Historic New Orleans Collection loves its members! To express our gratitude for your support, we are hosting Member Appreciation Day Saturday, December 8. For one day only, THNOC members will save 20 percent on in-store purchases at The Shop at The Collection.

As an added bonus, THNOC members will be able to apply the special discount to merchandise featured in the Mignon Faget trunk show, taking place the same day at the museum shop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

While you're here, THNOC members may also take advantage of other membership privileges, like complimentary admission to the holiday tour of the Williams Residence, a special version of one of THNOC's permanent guided tours. Anyone wishing to register as a THNOC member may do so in advance or on site. Gift memberships are also available this holiday season.

Dec. 27–28

Creole Christmas Tours

9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Williams Residence

533 Royal St.

Admission is \$25 per person, \$20 for Friends of the Cabildo members, and tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.friendsofthecabildo.org> or the day of the event at the 1850 House, 823 St. Ann St.

The Historic New Orleans Collection is pleased to announce its participation in Creole Christmas, presented by Friends of the Cabildo, on December 27–28. The event invites locals and visitors alike to take a festive stroll through the French Quarter to visit six historical houses dressed in traditional Christmas decorations, along with Creole Christmas Stories and seasonal refreshments. The Collection's Williams Residence is new to the event, which also features the 1850 House, Beauregard-Keyes House, Spring Fiesta House and Hermann-Grima & Gallier Houses.

Those who visit The Collection will see the festively decorated residence and courtyard of General and Mrs. L. Kemper Williams, founders of the institution. The elegant town home features a beautiful Christmas tree in the drawing room decorated with some of their original ornaments. The tour includes Christmas family photos of the Williamses from 1956 through 1961 as well as details on their family traditions.

Self-guided tours of all the historical homes begin at the 1850 House at 523 St. Ann St. on Jackson Square and are available all day from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Ticket sales will end at 3 p.m.

Editor's Note:

Contact Anne Robichaux (anner@hnoc.org or (504) 598-7137) for digital images relating to these events and exhibitions.

About The Collection

Founded in 1966, The Historic New Orleans Collection is a museum, research center and publisher dedicated to the study and preservation of the history and culture of New Orleans and the Gulf South region. For more information about The Collection, please visit www.hnoc.org or call (504) 523-4662.

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