



## NEWS RELEASE

**Contact:** Greg Langel  
Media and Marketing Manager  
412-371-0600 ext. 524  
GLangel@TheFrickPittsburgh.org

For Immediate Release

### THE FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER PRESENTS

## HOLIDAYS AT THE FRICK A GILDED AGE CHRISTMAS

*Holiday programs for all ages offered  
November 19, 2010 – January 2, 2011*

**Holidays at the Frick: November 19, 2010–January 2, 2011**

**Regular site hours:** 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday

**Extended hours:** 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. on December 8, 10, 15, 17, and 22

**Tour Clayton at your own pace on November 26, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.**

PITTSBURGH, PA, November 10, 2010—The Frick Art & Historical Center in Pittsburgh's historic East End has a special charm during the holidays. Visitors to the Frick this holiday season will experience the warmth, celebration and the trimmings of a traditional Gilded Age Christmas. The smell of fresh pine and the sight of glittering artifacts on display at Clayton make the Frick the perfect place to connect with traditions of Christmas past.

Visitors to the Frick during the holidays may also enjoy distinctive holiday dining and shopping experiences—the Museum Shop offers unusual gift options, and The Café at the Frick serves delectable holiday fare, with extended hours on December 8, 10, 15, 17, and 22, when The Café serves from a special menu from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Seating times for dinners start at 5:00 p.m. with the last seating at 7:30 p. m. A special four-course Craft Beer Dinner will be offered at The Café at the Frick on November 18 (details follow).

—more—

## **A GILDED AGE CHRISTMAS**

### **HOLIDAY TOURS OF CLAYTON, THE FRICK FAMILY HOME**

This holiday season at Clayton, visitors will find, warmth, celebration and the trimmings of a traditional Gilded Age Christmas. On tours of the turn-of-the-20<sup>th</sup>-century home, visitors will find touches of cheer around every corner—a garland of fresh pine here, a display of toys there. As always, a large tree will be decorated on the enclosed porch, where archival photos show the Fricks placed their Christmas tree.

The parlor will welcome visitors with a kettledrum tea, which was a late-afternoon informal gathering for men and women. An array of cups and saucers, coffee and tea pots will represent this popular 19<sup>th</sup>-century entertainment.

The scene of many holiday dinners in the past, the dining room will be resplendent in red and gold, crystal and silver. Ornate dishes made by the English company, Copeland, will be part of the dessert setting for that most traditional of holiday desserts, the Christmas pudding. Christmas puddings were sweet and flavorful, full of currants, raisins, cinnamon, and cloves, and served with a rich sauce. Pudding recipes and holiday menus from period cookbooks and ladies' magazines will provide examples of foods that may have been served at a 19<sup>th</sup>-century holiday meal.

Then as now, Christmas dinner was one of the most carefully planned meals of the year, and domestic servants were responsible for making sure the event met expectations. The installation in Clayton's kitchen will evoke the preparation of sweets, as well as representing a quick afternoon tea for servants busy with holiday preparations.

The breakfast room is typically the scene for a children's party, and this year is no exception. The table will be set for a "Christmas Snowball Dinner for Children," as suggested in a 1903 issue of *The Delineator*, a popular household magazine of the time. A glass globe "snowball" hides presents for each child, which are connected to ribbons that rest by each plate, waiting to be discovered.

Upstairs, one of Adelaide Frick's gorgeous evening gowns and some children's winter clothing will be on display, along with a number of toys, cut-outs, games, and puzzles. Period photographs, copies of holiday shopping lists in Mrs. Frick's handwriting and receipts for toys purchased for the Frick children will enrich the tour with authentic information about holidays at Clayton.

As an added surprise this year, music from a new roll of orchestrion music, *Christmas Festival*, will end your tour with the sounds of the season.

## **HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS, ADULTS AND FAMILIES**

### **Holiday Hours and Tours**

November 19, 2010 –January 2, 2011

Clayton and the site are open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Docent-led holiday tours are available with the last tour beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please see additional date information below:

### **November 19, 2010–January 2, 2011**

Docent-led holiday tours of Clayton are available with the last tour beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please see additional date information below.

### **November 26, 2010**

Clayton and the site are open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. This is a special tour-at-your-own-pace day, with the last admission to Clayton at 4:30 p.m.

### **December 8, 10, 15, 17, and 22, 2010**

The site is open from 10:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. The Café is open until 9:00 p.m., with the last seating at 7:30. Clayton is open until 8:00 p.m., with the last tour at 7:00 p.m.

### **November 25, December 24 and 25, 2010, and January 1, 2011**

The entire site is closed.

*Clayton tours fill quickly during the holidays and advance reservations are strongly recommended. The public is encouraged to call 412-371-0600 for information and reservations.*

### ***Special Tour of Clayton: A Gilded Age Christmas***

#### **November 19, 2010–January 2, 2011**

Christmas is always a special time at the Frick and particularly at Clayton, where holiday decorations and artifacts on display evoke the traditions and celebrations of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Live poinsettias will grace the hearths, fresh greens will lend the scent of pine to the air and a freshly-cut, decorated tree will be placed on the enclosed porch. In the dining room, visitors will see the table set with fine china, gilded glassware and silver for an elaborate holiday dinner. The kitchen will evoke domestic staff at work with a display of a holiday meal in preparation, complete with candy-making and festive Christmas touches. As in the past, the breakfast room will be decorated for a whimsical children's party inspired by images from period magazines. Visitors will also see personal gifts the Frick family gave one another, and archival holiday and winter photographs will enhance the story of Christmas at Clayton. Members free; General admission \$12; Seniors and students \$10. Children 16 and under \$6. Reservations are strongly recommended. Call 412-371-0600.

***Bus Trip: (Historic) Homes for the Holiday***

**Tuesday, November 30**

9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Lexington Education Center, Clayton

This season, give yourself the gift of a day touring two masterfully restored historic homes dressed for the holidays—The Frick Art & Historical Center’s Clayton and Akron, Ohio’s Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. Begin the day with coffee and discussion with Clayton Curator Amanda Gillen for a behind-the-scenes look into how she prepares for the season—then see it all take shape on a holiday tour Clayton. Next, board a luxury bus to Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens. Upon arrival, enjoy a gourmet boxed lunch, followed by a special guided tour of the stunning manor home. The return trip will bring you back to the Frick by 5:30 p.m., inspired and refreshed for the holiday season. \$65 members; \$75 non-members and guests. Boxed lunch at Stan Hywet included. Advance registration and pre-payment required.

***A Cool Yule: Family Fun Day***

**Saturday, December 4**

12:30–4:00 p.m.

Get the family together and head to the Frick for an afternoon of free, creative holiday fun. Design your own beaded ornament and stained glass panel. Complete three great projects, all perfect for gift giving! Interactive family tours, scavenger hunts and stops at art-making stations round out the day as you move from art to cars to greenhouse. Free program.

***Special bonus!*** Add a Clayton family tour to your experience! Family tours are free for children on this date only and are offered at 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, and 3:15. Recommended for kids ages 6+. Free to all children and to member adults; \$10 non-member adults. Reservations required.

***Holiday Workshop: Victorian Photo Collage***

**Sunday, December 5**

1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

Lexington Education Center, Clayton

Create charming frameable holiday gifts and cards for family and friends using the long-ago popular craft of Victorian photo collage, which integrates photographs of loved ones with fantastical scenes, drawings and images.

Participants are asked to bring with several photographs of themselves, family and friends that we will photocopy for use in the workshop. All other materials will be provided and all photos will be returned. \$12 members; \$16 non-members and guests. Advance registration and pre-payment required.

***Holiday Greens Workshop: Fragrant Floral Kissing Ball***

**Friday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. or**

**Saturday, December 11, 1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.**

Lexington Education Center, Clayton

The tradition of the evergreen kissing ball goes back to the Middle Ages when villagers wound together twine and evergreen branches into a loose ball shape to hang from the ceiling along passageways in houses and castles. Blessings and good luck were thought to come to all who passed under the ball. The Victorians revived the custom in a different form, using an apple or potato as a base, inserting evergreens, holly or herbs and hanging the ball from a pretty ribbon, creating a festive and sweet-smelling spot to steal a kiss. In this workshop, learn to make today's version of a kissing ball. With aromatic holiday greens, herbs, fresh flowers and ribbon streamers, create this holiday decoration to welcome your guests. Class size is limited, so register early, specifying preferred date. Also specify white, red or burgundy flowers. \$40 members; \$50 non-members and guests. Advance registration and pre-payment required.

***Gingerbread Stories: A Holiday Adventure for Preschoolers***

**Saturday, December 11 or Wednesday, December 22**

10:00–11:30 a.m.

Ages 3–5, with an adult

Lexington Education Center, Clayton, Car and Carriage Museum

Preschoolers are invited to a unique morning of storytelling and games as they participate in the interactive adventures of a stowaway gingerbread boy on Christmas Eve. As a final treat, after fun in Clayton and the Car and Carriage Museum, children will decorate gingerbread cookies to take home. \$8 child members; \$10 child non-members. Free to accompanying adults. Advance registration required.

***Holiday Workshop for Families: Build Your Own Gingerbread House***

**Sunday, December 12**

1:00–4:00 p.m.

Ages 6–12, with an adult

Lexington Education Center, Clayton

Sip some hot chocolate and create family memories as you trim a gingerbread “cottage” with cookies, icing and festive confections. A tour of Clayton's holiday finery is included in this special family workshop. \$12 child members; \$16 child non-members. Free to accompanying adults. Advance registration required.

***Coffee & Culture: Resisting the Rational: Giovanni di Paolo's Heaven on Earth***  
**Wednesday, December 15**

10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Lexington Education Center

Sarah Hall, Director of Curatorial Affairs

One painting can open many doors. Giovanni di Paolo's emotional and expressive devotional paintings display both the precious elegance of the Sienese tradition, and the artist's inventive, intense story-telling ability. In this Coffee & Culture, Giovanni di Paolo's masterpiece provides the inspiration for a discussion of the world of the 15th-century Sienese artist, as well as the narrative and symbolism in this particular painting. We'll look at other examples of his work, talk about his interest in expressionism rather than naturalism and see what a few of his contemporaries were doing. \$8 members; \$10 non-members and guests. Advance registration and pre-payment required.

## **THE CAFÉ AT THE FRICK DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

***The Café is open until 9:00 p.m. on select dates in December***

Celebrate the holidays on December 8, 10, 15, 17, and 22 when The Café serves from a special menu from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Seating times for dinners start at 5:00 p.m. with the last seating at 7:30 p. m.

Reservations are required and seating is limited, so please make your reservations early. Reservations can be made by calling 412-371-0600.

***The Café at the Frick Craft Beer Dinner***

**Thursday, November 18**

One seating at 7:00 p.m.

A gourmet, four-course Café tasting menu will be paired with beers from a local microbrewery. Cost: \$65 per person includes taxes and gratuity. Very limited availability. Reservations and pre-payment are required.

## **ABOUT THE FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER**

Located on the Pittsburgh estate of late-19th-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, the Frick Art & Historical Center is the steward of collections left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Frick's daughter, Helen Clay Frick. The permanent collections include fine and decorative arts, cars, carriages, and historic objects (including buildings).

Built by Helen Clay Frick in 1969, The Frick Art Museum displays an exquisite permanent collection of European paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries, and presents outstanding temporary exhibitions from some of the world's finest collections and museums.

Clayton, the Henry Clay Frick family mansion, is one of the most intact Victorian homes in the United States and possesses general significance as an artifact of American social history and a document of American and regional architecture. Restored to its original glory and opened as a house museum in 1990, an astonishing ninety-three percent of Clayton's artifacts are original.

The Frick family's carriages and automobiles provided the inspiration for the development of the Car and Carriage Museum, formerly the Frick's carriage house, and today home to a collection of more than twenty vintage automobiles. A museum of transportation design and history, the Car and Carriage Museum also presents temporary exhibitions throughout the year.

Also included on the Frick's five-acre site of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens are the Frick children's playhouse, designed by renowned architects Alden & Harlow, which currently serves as a Visitor Center and Museum Shop, a large working greenhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), an education center, and The Café at the Frick.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Frick Art & Historical Center is located at 7227 Reynolds Street in Pittsburgh's Point Breeze neighborhood. Free parking is available in the Frick's off-street lot or along adjacent streets. The Frick is open 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday and closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission to the Frick is free, however there are charges for docent-led tours of Clayton and some educational programs. Admission to The Frick Art Museum's permanent collection galleries is always free. Occasionally, voluntary donations are requested to view special exhibitions.

More information about the Frick is available online at *TheFrickPittsburgh.org*, or by calling 412-371-0600 Monday – Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**For additional information or images, please contact Greg Langel, Media and Marketing Manager, at 412-371-0600 ext. 524 or [GLangel@TheFrickPittsburgh.org](mailto:GLangel@TheFrickPittsburgh.org).**

###

*The Frick Art & Historical Center is a museum, historic site and cultural center with a mission to serve the public through preservation, presentation, and interpretation of the fine and decorative arts and historically significant artifacts for all residents of and visitors to Western Pennsylvania*

## **THE CAFÉ AT THE FRICK**

Regular Hours: Tuesday–Sunday

Lunch: 11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Tea Service available daily after 2:30 p.m.

One of the many benefits of membership at the Frick Art & Historical Center is the opportunity to make reservations at The Café. Non-members may also call for reservations as available. Call 412-371-0600. All guests are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis.

At this festive time of the year, indulge in culinary works of art, choice wines, attentive service, and The Café's intimate ambiance! The Café's creative and masterful approach to food includes a philosophy of culinary excellence and a dedication to preparing its entire menu from scratch in our kitchen on the historic Frick grounds.

The Café's distinctive menu changes often and includes:

- a choice of fresh seasonal soups
- refreshing gourmet salads
- creative sandwiches
- exciting entrées
- vegetarian dishes
- a Sunday brunch special
- delectable and award-winning desserts
- classic cocktails, martinis, craft beer, and an expanded premium wine list
- tea service offering a wide variety of tea sandwiches, scones and pastries

The Café is open until 9:00 p.m. on selected dates in December.

Celebrate the holidays on December 9, 11, 16, and 18 when The Café serves from a special menu from 11:30 a.m.– 9:00 p.m. Last seating on those dates is at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the holiday dinners listed above, the following special dinners are also planned at The Café. Please call 412-371-0600 now to make your reservations.

### **Craft Beer Dinner**

Thursday, November 19

One seating at 7:00 p.m.

A gourmet, four-course Café tasting menu will be paired with the award-winning beers from Great Lakes Brewery, located in Cleveland, Ohio.

Cost: \$65 per person includes taxes and gratuity. Reservations and pre-payment are required.

### **Wine Dinner**

Thursday, January 14, 2010

One seating at 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy selected wines and a gourmet, four-course menu. Cost: \$90 per person includes taxes and gratuity. Reservations and pre-payment are required.

## **ABOUT THE FRICK ART & HISTORICAL CENTER**

Located on the Pittsburgh estate of late-19th-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, the Frick Art & Historical Center is the steward of collections left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Frick's daughter, Helen Clay Frick. The permanent collections include fine and decorative arts, cars, carriages, and historic objects (including buildings).

Built by Helen Clay Frick in 1969, The Frick Art Museum displays an exquisite permanent collection of European paintings, sculpture, and decorative arts from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries, and presents outstanding temporary exhibitions from some of the world's finest collections and museums.

Clayton, the Henry Clay Frick family mansion, is one of the most intact Victorian homes in the United States and possesses general significance as an artifact of American social history and a document of American and regional architecture. Restored to its original glory and opened as a house museum in 1990, an astonishing ninety-three percent of Clayton's artifacts are original.

The Frick family's carriages and automobiles provided the inspiration for the development of the Car and Carriage Museum, formerly the Frick's carriage house, and today home to a collection of more than twenty vintage automobiles. A museum of transportation design and history, the Car and Carriage Museum also presents temporary exhibitions throughout the year.

Also included on the Frick's five-acre site of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens are the Frick children's playhouse, designed by renowned architects Alden & Harlow, which currently serves as a Visitor Center and Museum Shop, a large working greenhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), an education center, and The Café at the Frick.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Frick Art & Historical Center is located at 7227 Reynolds Street in Pittsburgh's Point Breeze neighborhood. Free parking is available in the Frick's off-street lot or along adjacent streets. The Frick is open 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Tuesday–Sunday and closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission to the Frick is free, however there are charges for docent-led tours of Clayton and some

educational programs. Admission to The Frick Art Museum's permanent collection galleries is always free. Occasionally, voluntary donations are requested to view special exhibitions.

More information about the Frick is available online at *TheFrickPittsburgh.org*, or by calling 412-371-0600 Monday – Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**For additional information or images, please contact Greg Langel, Media and Marketing Manager, at 412-371-0600 ext. 524 or [GLangel@TheFrickPittsburgh.org](mailto:GLangel@TheFrickPittsburgh.org).**

###

*The Frick Art & Historical Center is a museum, historic site and cultural center with a mission to serve the public through preservation, presentation, and interpretation of the fine and decorative arts and historically significant artifacts for all residents of and visitors to Western Pennsylvania*