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WINTER WONDERLAND: THE COLEMAN NURSERY COLLECTION RETURNS AND SNOW WILL BE FALLING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON IN OLDE TOWNE PORTSMOUTH

Old-fashioned holiday traditions keep generations of families coming back every year!

Following a two-year absence, Winter Wonderland: The Coleman Nursery Collection returns to the Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center this holiday season. The galleries will soon be brimming with twinkling lights and animated yuletide displays that have drawn generations of visitors from across the region to join in the holiday traditions that began at the Coleman

Nursery in Portsmouth. The exhibit offers a visual treat of animated scenes, busy elves and enchanted forest with woodland animals. Visit some of your favorites, Sleeping Santa, the candy factory, toy shop, and bakery. On weekends, visit with Olde Towne Santa in the Victorian chalet, and enjoy seasonal activities of holiday crafts, music and more. All of the excitement begins opening weekend November 26- 28 and continues on weekends through December 31st.

On Friday, November 26th museum members receive an additional 25% discount on all non-consignment purchases at the Museums' Gift Shops with membership card and proper I.D.

The hours of operation for the holidays are: Wednesday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Friday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The museums are closed Mondays and Tuesdays with the exception of December 27th and 28th when hours are 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Portsmouth Museums are closed December 25th.

General admission is \$3 for all ages, museum members are free. Portsmouth citizens, with identification or a utility bill in their name receive free admission on Sunday, December 19th.

All visitors must reserve tickets online in advance at www.PortsmouthArtCenter.com .

Are you ready to catch some falling snow? The popular holiday 'must do', Snow Wonders, also returns at the Children's Museum of Virginia on Friday, November 26th at 5:30 p.m. (in the Middle Street Mall). Snow Wonders will delight visitors every Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m. through December 18th.

How about a vintage holiday 'to do'? If you missed the photo display, **Shipyard**

Seasons Greetings a few years ago at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum, you can see it beginning November 26th through December 31st.

View a display of images from the 1940s, '50s, and '60s showing how Norfolk Naval Shipyard celebrated the holidays in mid-20th century style. Office parties, huge Christmas trees, and holiday decorations made their appearance even in the midst of wartime and against the industrial backdrop of the shipyard.

The Museum is open Wednesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, Noon - 4:00 p.m. Admission by donation; Suggested donation \$2.00.

For your holiday shopping, the Museum Shops and the Portsmouth Welcome Center will offer a range of special holiday ornaments and gifts. Olde Towne businesses will also be decked out in holiday trim, and will be extending their business hours for your holiday shopping needs.

Visit Olde Towne Portsmouth and add the Portsmouth Museums to your holiday traditions.

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