Congress Hall opens annual holiday Winter Wonderland

CONGRESS HALL — Congress Hall, the Fifth Avenue mansion on Cape May’s North Cape, will open its doors for the season on Saturday, Dec. 3, with a festive walking tour of Cape May’s historic district, sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities. Every year since 1974, a large selection of Victorian rooms, homes, churches and historic sites in Congress Hall’s ballroom is decorated with the warmth and hospitality of the season during these popular, well-attended walking tours.

Enjoy Brunch with Santa at a variety of festive candle-lit rooms. A special holiday tradition, Brunch with Santa is scheduled for 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, and the first 200 adults will receive a $20 gift card for every $100 gift card purchased from now until Nov 30th.

The Saturday, Dec. 3, Congress Hall Walking Tour is limited; it is strongly recommended that tickets be purchased online by Nov 30th. (800) 275-4278. Any remaining tickets may be purchased at the Rosemont Tea Room at the Historic Congress Hall at the first 200 adults will receive a $20 gift card for every $100 gift card purchased from now until Nov 30th.

The second Christmas Candlelight House Tour is Sunday, Dec. 11, and the hallmark event of the weekend is the Cape May-Lewes Ferry presents “A Ferry Merry Christmas.”

Lower Township, Christmas Eve events

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