

## Derby Historical Society event marks end of Christmas season



By Patricia Villers

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ANSONIA - The Derby Historical Society's annual "Twelfth Night" party last week at the Gen. David Humphreys House offered visitors a glimpse at how people celebrated in a simpler time.

The historical society is headquartered in the circa 1698 house at 37 Elm St., Humphreys' birthplace.

Humphreys was a Revolutionary War hero who served as aide-de-camp to Gen. George Washington and later became ambassador to Spain and Portugal.

He brought Merino sheep from Spain back to America and started a successful woolen mill in Humphreysville, in what is now Seymour.

Daniel Bosques, Derby Historical Society Executive Director, was pleased with the turnout.

He said, "We received \$500 in donations and welcomed more than 150 guests."

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Several costumed docents gave visitors tours of the house and demonstrated open hearth cooking.

Party goers sipped mulled cider and sampled some colonial cooking throughout the afternoon.

Members of the 6th Connecticut Regiment thrilled the crowd when they demonstrated military precision as they fired volleys in the backyard of the house.

The historical society continued its tradition of concluding the celebration with a dramatic reading of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."



A docent gives a tour to visitors who attended the "Twelfth Night" at the David Humphrey's House.  
- Allegra Villers





## Save the Date!

### Kindergarten Registration & Family Fun Fair

will take place on  
**Saturday, March 28, 2020**  
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Ansonia School Readiness Office  
(Behind Ansonia Middle School)  
More details will be coming soon!

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