



## *Christmas at The Ruins!*

*Saturday, December 2, 2017 10am-4pm*  
*1257 Barnwell Dr., Sumter, SC*

Once again Colonel and Mrs. Rett Summerville invite you to begin your holiday festivities with **Christmas at The Ruins**. Built circa 1784 by a Revolutionary War hero, the original house was a modest, two-story building about 40'x45'. It went through several owners & modifications before it was purchased and expanded by the wealthy young Robert & Videau Marion Singleton DeVeaux in 1838. The outside still looks as it did then. The house will be decorated inside and out in the style of the 1800s using natural local greenery.

Inside, there will be a tour of the main floor with Docents on hand to answer questions, tell stories, and point out original furnishings. Many of the docents will be in historic dress. As you pass through the Library, please wish Mrs. Amelia DeSaussure Barnwell Harper a very Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Mrs. Harper and her family protected The Ruins from 1838 until the responsibility was assumed by Colonel Summerville.

Outside, there will be lots to do. Stroll around the first time ever Ruins' Art Fair and see select artists offering their work. Visit the small museum, take a hayride, sip hot chocolate, explore the numerous exhibits, stop and watch the cannon firing and hear about weapons in the 1700s, learn about the amazing history of Stateburg, and see a visual display of historic homes, both lost and preserved. Be sure to have a cookie and spiced hot cider while you wander, and perhaps try some 1700s style punch if you dare (non-alcoholic).

There is no admission charge for the event, but contributions to the various restoration and preservation projects will be gratefully received.



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