

The BARNUM MUSEUM



Holidays with Mark Twain's Family Presentation at the Barnum Museum on December 8!

(Bridgeport, CT – November 18, 2009) — A special presentation about the Samuel Langhorne Clemens family will be held at The Barnum Museum on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. Better known as the family of hailed American novelist Mark Twain, the Clemens family will be featured as part of a visual presentation by Patti Philippon, Chief Curator at the Mark Twain House & Museum. This special program will talk briefly about the friendship between Samuel Clemens and P.T. Barnum and then take a look at the intricate details of the way the Clemens family celebrated Christmas at Nook Farm in Hartford.

Ms. Philippon will enlighten the audience with Mark Twain's tales of holiday celebrations that took place in the Clemens family home and show images from the museum in Hartford. Visitors will hear engaging quotes from Twain, wonderful tales he told his children while they gathered around the fireplace and delight in his popular wit.

The presentation promises to be a one-day highlight of the *Celebrate the Season* exhibit at The Barnum Museum running from November 27, 2009 – January 10, 2010. The holiday displays this year provide an elegant backdrop reminiscent of the Victorian era, enhancing the normal museum tour experience. Tea, hot chocolate and cookies will be served to warm your holiday spirit!

The Barnum Museum has three floors of absolutely fascinating exhibits that illustrate the extraordinary life of Phineas Taylor Barnum. P. T. Barnum, one-term mayor of Bridgeport and four-term member of the Connecticut General Assembly, was born July 5, 1810 in Bethel and died April 7, 1891 in Bridgeport. The original museum building, owned by the City of Bridgeport is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is handicap accessible.

What: Holidays with the Mark Twain Family at The Barnum Museum

When: December 8, 2009 at 3:00 -4:00 p.m.

Where: The Barnum Museum, 820 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT

Cost: The program is Free with General Museum Admission
Adults \$7, seniors and college students \$5, children 4-17 \$4 and children under 4 free.
This presentation is not recommended for ages 10 and younger.

For more information about events at the Barnum Museum, contact 203-331-1104, ext. 102 or visit www.barnum-museum.org.

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