

Open House Tour

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THE first public view of the newly refurbished Government House will be a bonus attraction for ticket holders for tomorrow's anniversary open house tour of Annapolis.

Mrs. Agnew has announced that from 2 P.M. to 4 P.M. visitors with tickets may view the residence of Maryland's first family. The complete tour, sponsored by Historic Annapolis, Inc. on the occasion of its fifteenth birthday, will be held from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M.

The present Governor's wife has used most of the old draperies in the newly decorated mansion, but has made some changes in placement of furniture and paintings. For example, the Rembrandt Peale painting of Priscilla Ridgely was moved from the state dining room to a better light in the hall, and an early highboy has gone from the second floor to the state dining room.

First Ladies' Portraits

The old clock made in Frederick is now in the back hall, and portraits of Maryland's first ladies have been moved from the stairway wall to the upper balcony.

Less apparent changes in the executive mansion are the renewal of plumbing, wiring, air conditioning, and the addition of a sprinkler system. These alterations necessitated renovation of the house and absorbed much of the money appropriated for the work.

The portraits and prints in the mansion are only part of the notable art which tour participants will be able to see tomorrow. Other works will be the Charles Willson Peales in the Hammond-Harwood House and three Andrew Wyeths in the home of Mrs. Kenneth S. Scott at 79 College avenue.

Mrs. Howard A. Keith, president of Historic Annapolis, Inc., has suggested that visitors allow themselves at least two hours for the entire tour, which includes private houses and gardens in the Maryland avenue-Prince George street area.

carvings on both the walls and ceilings.

One tour stop will be made at the home of Mrs. Boyd H. Farinholt on Maryland avenue, where guests may view two floors of a house built about 1852. It is furnished with Victorian pieces, and has a charming garden at the side.

Also to be open will be the Evitts-Iglehart House, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crawford G. Coyner on Prince George street, and the Randall street wing of that house, occupied by Mrs. Ross A. Dierdorff. The main house is linked with the romance of Ann Sellman Iglehart and the then Midshipman James I. Waddell, Mrs. Keith said.

Around The World

That midshipman is the Captain Waddell who carried the Confederate flag around the world on a Confederate ship, the Shenandoah. A pane of glass in the Annapolis house marked "Ann S. and J.I.W." tells of their troth.

One of the gardens to be visited is that behind the house of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Warfield on Prince George street. The 1740 house was enlarged during the middle of the Nineteenth Century with the addition of an Italian-style wing. Mrs. Warfield, who lived most of her life in New York, had the garden restored to its Eighteenth Century eminence.

The Loockerman-Tilton House on Maryland avenue, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pliny J. Underwood, the garden apartment of Mrs. Albert M. Penn on Prince George street, and the Slicer-Shiplap House on Pinkney street will also receive visitors.

The Loockerman-Tilton House is built on six levels with a hyphen having four rooms on three levels and an odd-shaped kitchen wing. It has broad chimneys, a hanging stairway in the main hallway from first to third floor, eight fireplaces, brass locks and knobs with the crest of England, original floorboards, and original panes in many windows.

Cider Served

Two Eighteenth Century mansions, the Chase-Lloyd House and the Hammond-Harwood House, are on the tour. Visitors to the Chase-Lloyd gardens will be served cider, Mrs. Keith said.

Located at 22 Maryland avenue, the Chase-Lloyd House was begun in 1769 by Judge Samuel Chase. He sold it in 1771 to Colonel Edward Lloyd, of Wye House, Talbot county.

Here, in 1802, Mary Tayloe Lloyd, his daughter, married Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

As a visitor enters the hall in the center of the house he sees a fine double stairway at the rear, and above the landing a magnificent Palladian window. The mantel in the drawing room is an example of the ornamental mantels imported from overseas.

Mahogany Doors

All the doors are mahogany fitted with silver handles and latch keys. There is much wood carving, particularly in the dining room.

Probably the best known of the old homes in Annapolis is the Hammond-Harwood House, which is often called the most perfect example of Georgian architecture in America. The dining room and ball room contain exquisite

The herb garden of the Slicer-Shiplap House is particularly charming, Mrs. Keith said. Dating from around 1720, the house was built on a lot owned by Governor Thomas Bladen and leased by Edward Smith, an innkeeper.

The Edward Smith inventory in 1723 indicated that there were eleven rooms in the house which Historic Annapolis, Inc. ultimately acquired for restoration, but over the years partitions were added so that the total number of rooms at one period was about fifteen.

Slicer Family

It is believed that the Slicer family lived in the house for the longest period. Members of this family included William, noted cabinetmaker of the 1760's, and his son, Andrew, captain in the War of 1812.

Other owners identified with the house were Ashbury Sutton, a ship-builder, who operated sailing ferries to the Eastern Shore, and Francis B. Mayer, an artist, whose paintings of "The Burning of the Peggy Stewart" and the "The Planting of the Colony" hang in the State House in Annapolis.

Tickets for tomorrow's tour are priced at \$3.50 and may be purchased at any of the tour stops. Further information is available by contacting Historic Annapolis, Inc., 18 Pinkney street, or by calling area code 301, No. 287-7619.