



# News Release

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## Columbia Announces Annual Lamplight Tour “The Thing That Saved Columbia”

*COLUMBIA, Calif.*—Columbia State Historic Park and Friends of Columbia are proud to present this year’s Lamplight Tour, “The Thing That Saved Columbia”. Tours will run Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m. and leaving every 15 minutes.

Tickets are on sale now. Participants will be guided through the decorated town during the walking play while listening to snippets of the town’s happenings. A little history and, of course, a little gossip, make this year’s performance sure to be a hit. The tour will end with music, dancing, and refreshments in Angelo’s Hall.

Each vignette was created by the Docent Archives and Library Committee with input from other volunteers and park staff. The script takes hours of time and thoughtfulness to create a work that all ages and backgrounds can enjoy during the holiday season.

In addition to the Lamplight Tours, visitors can also add to their Columbia evening experience by riding a carriage through town. Rides will be available from 5:00-7:30 p.m. both Friday and Saturday nights during the Lamplight Tours.

Tickets for the family-friendly event and carriage rides may be purchased online at [www.friendsofcolumbiashp.com](http://www.friendsofcolumbiashp.com). Tickets are \$20 per person and 5 and under are free. Carriage rides tickets are \$5 per person.

Lamplight weekend packages are also available and include one night stay in the City or Fallon hotels, dinner for two at the City Hotel Restaurant, two Lamplight tour tickets and a carriage ride. Prices are per couple: \$185/Parlor Room and \$195/Balcony Room.



Visit [www.friendsofcolumbiashp.com](http://www.friendsofcolumbiashp.com) to book your package and to view the fixed City Hotel Lamplight Package Menu.

All proceeds from the event and weekend packages will benefit the cooperating association Friends of Columbia in the funding of interpretive and educational events and programs at Columbia State Historic Park.

For questions about the event, please contact (209) 588-9128, visit [www.parks.ca.gov/columbia](http://www.parks.ca.gov/columbia) or stop in at the Columbia museum on Main Street.

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