

Christmas Traditions at the White House



Few American houses enjoy as lavish a holiday season as the White House. In this beautifully illustrated talk, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D. discusses the traditions that bring Christmas alive inside America's most famous address. Learn the history of the gingerbread house tradition begun by Pat Nixon, the National Christmas Tree lit by Calvin Coolidge, and the thousands of ornaments created by artists around the country over the years. Did you know Dwight Eisenhower and Jackie Kennedy used their own paintings on Christmas cards? Or that Andrew Jackson once hosted an indoor snowball fight? Take an insider's view of one of the most historic homes in the world during the most magical time of the year.