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Whim Museum Celebrates 5th Annual 'Old-Time Crucian Christmas'

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The St. Croix Landmarks Society's Annual Old-Time Crucian Christmas celebration kicks off today at the Estate Whim Museum and promises to give locals and visitors a taste of what Christmastime used to be like on St. Croix...way back when.

The four-day open house is in its fifth year and will run through Saturday, Dec. 20 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night.

According to event organizers, this year's theme is "A Calabash Christmas" and will feature the Great House decorated with calabash gourds hand-painted by local children and artists. In addition, visitors will have the opportunity to clean, prepare and decorate a

calabash ornament of their own.

The family-friendly event will also highlight a variety of traditions. A traditional Crucian Christmas tree, known as the inkberry tree, will be on display in the Great House as well as a Danish Christmas tree, complete with handmade ornaments and garlands.

Hispanos Unidos of the V.I. will present Puerto Rican Christmas traditions with decorations and a special children's celebration. Furthermore, local musicians and choirs will provide entertainment with seasonal selections as guests stroll the exhibit halls, My Granny House and the museum grounds.

A complete line up of the week's entertainment can be found below:

Wednesday, December 17

UVI Choir, South Gate Calvary Baptist Church Choir, and Jazz Blue

Thursday, December 18 St. Joseph Choir & Barry Dias