

GINGERBREAD

IS THE FLAVOR OF THE MONTH IN SEASIDE

Butterfield Cottage hosts four Saturdays of teas and tasty treats

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FOR COAST WEEKEND

If there was an award for the tastiest holiday event in the prettiest setting, Seaside would have a slam-dunk contender.

Gingerbread Tea at the Butterfield Cottage is an annual fixture that offers residents and visitors a chance to get into the holiday mood in a delicious and fun way.

The Seaside Museum & Historical Society has set four dates this year, beginning Satur-

day, Nov. 24, and continuing Dec. 1, 8 and 15. The teas are served from 1 to 4 p.m. each Saturday. Admission is \$5, with no advance reservations needed.

The teas will be presented by supporters of the Seaside Museum at 570 Necanicum Drive, four blocks north of the Seaside Civic & Convention Center.

They feature homemade gingerbread cake, baked by museum supporters and served with whipped cream and hot tea, cocoa or spiced cider. There are gingerbread-men cookies

for children.

“The volunteers at the Museum who work on this event are like Santa’s elves,” said Kim Reef, this year’s organizer. “We like to spread joy and goodwill — and get our warm fuzzies from watching everyone enjoy the fruits of our labors.”

Volunteers can handle 30 guests at any one time, and each date usually attracts twice that number over the course of the afternoon. The Museum “elves” bake four large cakes ready for each Saturday.

IF YOU GO

GINGERBREAD TEA

The Seaside Museum & Historical Society
Butterfield Cottage,
570 Necanicum
Drive, Seaside.

1 to 4 p.m. Saturdays,
Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8 and
15.

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During a prior year's event, visitors to the Seaside Museum sample the seasonal fare with a musical group on hand to help set the mood for the holidays.