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Mount Vernon by Candlelight Tour.

Nov. 27-29; Dec. 4-6 and 11-13. 5-8 PM. Join "Martha Washington" for an 18th-century Christmas with candlelit walks, fireside caroling and early American décor. Visitors will be treated as holiday guests of the Washington family and meet a cast of friends and family of the famous founding couple. Following the mansion tour of the first and second floors, guests are invited to stroll candlelit walks, join in fireside caroling, and enjoy complimentary hot cider and cookies. Tickets go on sale Nov. 1 at visit.mountvernon.org. \$18/adults; \$12/children under 12. Call 703-780-2000 for more information. photo: Mount Vernon Ladies' Association



FOTOWEEK DC 2009 Festival.

Nov. 7-14. Various venues throughout DC, including museums, embassies, galleries and schools. The weeklong festival, now in its second year, offers the entire Washington, DC, community the opportunity to come together to focus on photography's place in our world, explore new ideas about the future of photography, and experience photography's many forms and enriching power. The 2009 FotoWeek DC calendar is filled with exhibitions, lectures series, workshops and portfolio reviews by renowned judges. Event organizers call this year's festival a total photographic immersion, featuring the latest in documentary, fine art and every genre of photography. Most events are free. Call 202-337-FOTO or visit www.fotoweekdc.org for more information. photo: Jesse Grimes



Thanksgiving Parades!

Thanksgiving Parade in Silver Spring. Nov. 21, 9:30 AM-noon. Kick off the holiday season with a parade in downtown Silver Spring on Georgia Avenue from Sligo to Silver Plaza on Ellsworth Drive to Fenton Street. Free. 301-565-7300, www.silverspringdowntown.com.

The 19th Annual Reston Holiday Parade. Nov. 27, 11 AM. Reston Town Center. The parade includes marching bands, dancers, antique cars, the Hogettes and more, and is followed by photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a tree lighting and sing along, and horse-drawn carriage rides. Free. 703-689-4699, www.restontowncenter.com. photo: The "Ginger Man" float in the Reston Town Center parade.



BZB's 19th Annual Holiday Gift and Art Show.

Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12 and 19. 10 AM-6 PM. Shiloh Family Life Center, 1510 Ninth St. NW. The largest upscale African-American shopping event on the East Coast, featuring nearly 200 vendors showcasing hand-woven baskets, colorful ceramics, jewelry, dolls, books, tree ornaments and much more. Produced by Juanita Britton, who operates the Anacostia Art Gallery and Boutique. 202-610-4188 or visit www.bzbinternational.com. LEFT: Juanita Britton.

"The Fantasticks."

Nov. 20-Jan. 10. Lincoln Theatre. This musical, with a score by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, charmed Off-Broadway for a record-breaking 42 years. In a twist on the classic story of boy meets girl, Matt and Luisa are led by El Gallo from the wistfulness of "when life was slow and oh so mellow" to the reality that "without a hurt the heart is hollow." \$47-\$69. 1215 U St. NW. 202-488-3300, www.arenastage.org.

