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**Holidays at Highfield Will Engage All Your Senses
and Inspire Fresh Holiday Decorations**

(Falmouth, Massachusetts) This year's Holidays at Highfield will engage all your senses with the sound of music, culinary delights, scents of fresh cut holiday greens, and elegantly arranged décor inspired by nature. Many of the annual holiday favorites including the curated local artist gift gallery, Any Soldier letter writing project, international crèche collection, and visits from Santa will also be part of the family fun event at Highfield Hall & Gardens from November 23 through December 2, 2018.

As visitors stroll through the historic mansion exploring the beautifully decorated rooms, they will experience the essence of Highfield's music, vibrant art, culinary programs, and restored gardens and discover a contemporary design style that mixes antiques with natural, fresh elements. From the dining room to the billiard room, re-imagined delightful displays will showcase a curated collection to inspire timeless design. In the café, friends and family can relax and savor tasty treats.

Rita Pacheco and her team will stage Highfield Hall with one-of-kind treasures, eye-catching collections, and vintage pieces in new, unexpected ways. Born in the Azores, an island known for its dramatic landscapes, quaint fishing villages, jagged cliffs, and lush greenery, Ms. Pacheco draws on inspiration from the natural world. Holiday decorations will inspire visitors to try new ideas in their home as they discover creative, sustainable ways to repurpose items that they already own and see ordinary items as extraordinary design elements.

In a tribute to Cape Cod's maritime history, visitors can explore authentic pieces from sea-faring families. Vintage nautical pieces aged over time will bring the past to life and tell stories of sea voyages and the rugged natural beauty of the waters surrounding the Cape.

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For railroad fans of all ages, model electric and diesel trains from the South Shore Hi-Railers Club will zip along the tracks throughout the 10-day holiday exhibit. Santa arrives at Highfield Hall from the North Pole on Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2 from 1 PM to 3 PM, and the sounds of music will fill the halls with performances by Tradewinds a cappella singers, Soufège from Falmouth High School, Sonny Fiddlers, harpist Nancy Shadyack, pianist Judy Risch and additional musicians to be announced.

Holidays at Highfield can be viewed Monday through Thursday from 12 PM to 4 PM and Friday through Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM, November 23 through December 2, 2018. Admission is \$10 adults, \$5 members, free for military and children under 12. All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit Highfield Hall & Gardens.

For additional information and to check the daily schedule of activities, visit highfieldhall.org or call 508-495-1878 x2.

About Highfield Hall & Gardens

Highfield Hall & Gardens, the magnificent Victorian mansion with beautiful gardens located in the seaside town of Falmouth on Cape Cod, is a unique combination of historic home, expansive gardens and trails, and a vibrant cultural center. Built in 1878 as the summer home for Boston's Beebe family, the mansion sits on 5.5 pristine acres surrounded by nearly 400 acres of conservation land and public walking trails. While there's plenty of history within these glorious old walls, Highfield Hall & Gardens is not your typical historic estate. Highfield Hall offers world-class music, contemporary art exhibitions, family programs, and year-round special events. Expect the unexpected!

Highfield Hall & Gardens is open April 15 through October 31, Tuesday - Friday from 10 AM to 4 PM., weekends and holidays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and year-round for special events. Admission is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors, and free for members and children. In July and August, admission is free during Free Thursday nights from 4 PM to 7 PM. The grounds and gardens, including the interactive Music Garden, are open daily from dawn to dusk free of charge. Highfield Hall is wheelchair accessible and handicapped parking is available. For more information, visit <https://highfieldhallandgardens.org> or call 508-495-1878, ext. 2.

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