

Christmas a la Williamsburg



Fruits and vegetables in a traditional Williamsburg design

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly" has a familiar ring around this time of the year. It is an old English hymn which gives us a clue as to how people decorated their homes for the holidays years ago.

Certainly some of that English influence was felt in the American colonies, the most elegant of which manifested itself in Williamsburg, at Mount Vernon and Thomas Jefferson's Monticello despite the political overtones.

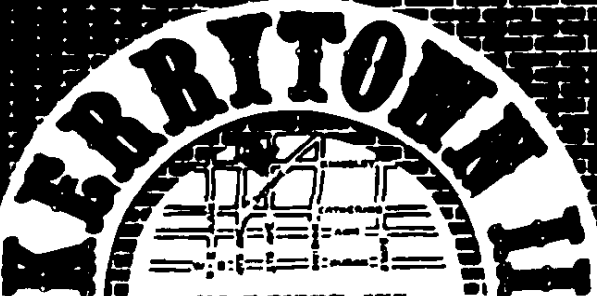
Good design is appreciated no matter what the politics and the elegant decorative designs which were used in these famous locations have lived through the years to be happily incorporated 200 years later in American homes.

Claude Jones Jr. is a Williamsburg florist who loves to talk about and demonstrate making Williamsburg floral designs for this holiday season.

These traditional designs utilize much dried materials, leaves and fruits.

"Before the first snow, cut branches with berries on them, put them in a plastic bag and store in the refrigerator," Jones said dur-

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