



FREE WEBINAR For GCFM Members **Sprit of Christmas Past With Ken Turino**



**Four Centuries of Christmas In America
NOVEMBER 4, 2025 7:00 PM EST**



Join us for an enchanting journey
through Christmases of the past!

This richly illustrated lecture reveals
how Christmas in America has evolved from its
controversial beginnings in 17th-century New England—
when it was banned!—to the cherished holiday we
celebrate today. Discover surprising origins behind
beloved traditions, among the topics discussed are how
Christmas trees were raised, halls were decked, and Santa
Clause came to town. You'll see how Christmas shifted
from raucous revelry to the warm, family-centered
celebration we know and love.

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Perfect for history buffs and holiday enthusiasts alike, this
presentation will illuminate the fascinating story behind
the making of a "traditional" American Christmas.

Ken Turino Biography

Ken Turino is a curator, educator, and author with a deep
focus on community engagement, historic interpretation,
and public history. As Manager of Community Partnerships
and Resource Development at Historic New England, he
has overseen numerous regional projects and exhibitions.
His award-winning films, such as "Back to School: Lessons
from Norwich's One-Room Schoolhouses," have aired on
PBS.