Hello from the Taylor House Museum. If you visited Berlin this Fall you probably noticed the amazing changes going on at the Taylor House. It’s been a season of repairs and updates here, the most visible being our new side porch, gardens and handicap ramp access.

In this, my final Curator’s Corner article, I wanted to tell you about another, more personal, “behind the scenes” change at the Museum. When we close at the end of the season, I have decided to retire as curator. This is something I have been thinking about for several years now as my responsibilities at home have increased along with the growth of the Museum. I have been involved with the Museum in some way since graduating from college in the early 1980s, from docent to board member, to its first administrator and finally its first curator. I feel so fortunate to have been a part of this amazing organization for the last thirty-some years.

Throughout my years here, I have met wonderful and interesting people, many who have shared their family history and memorabilia with me and the Taylor House. I am so proud to have been a part of the Berlin Heritage Foundation since its early years and am excited to see where it will go in the future with such a wonderful Board of Directors at its helm. With the recent addition of new staff, the Museum has already accomplished so much and is ready and able to take on an even greater role in our local community.

Thank you all for being such an important part of my life for the last thirty years, for your continued friendship, and for allowing me to serve as part of the Taylor House Museum. I will miss all of you and hope to see you again at future Museum events.

Sincerely,
Susan Taylor, Curator
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THE MUSEUM HAS GREAT GIFTS!

BOOKS  MUGS
T-SHIRTS  TOTES  CAPS  POSTERS

CANDLELIGHT TOURS
5:00 - 7:00pm
DURING ICE, ICE BERLIN
FRIDAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

HOLIDAYS AT THE MUSEUM
FIRST SATURDAY IN DECEMBER

Kid's Wassail & Gingerbread
12:00 - 3:00pm

Cocktail Open House
5:00 - 7:00pm
"Wassail is indeed both a noun and a verb. Mostly it is a salutatory celebration of a long year as you gather with those you cherish and raise a glass of good cheer to toast to a healthy, happy new year and enduring friendships. For wassail is first and foremost, a salute.”  —The Centuries—Old History of Wassail

1800's Wassail Recipe

Ingredients:
2 apples          2 quarts apple cider          1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
1 orange          juice of 1 lemon             2 star anise
1 T whole cloves  2 cinnamon sticks           1/2 cup honey
6 allspice berries 1/4 tsp ground ginger

Instructions:
Preheat oven to 350. Slice apples in half. Scoop out the core and fill with sugar. Poke cloves in orange. Place fruit in 9x13 in baking dish with 1” water. Roast for 40 mins.
While fruit is roasting, pour apple cider into large stock pot. Add remaining spices, lemon juice, and honey. While fruit finishes roasting, allow wassail to barely simmer, then add fruit to pot.
Keep heating on low heat to keep warm while you enjoy!