

## DETAILS: 52<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Tree Lane 2019



The theme for Christmas Tree Lane is "Angels We Have Heard on High." You may choose to use a theme or not. You may choose any theme for Christmas Houses.

Decorating is open to all groups, organizations, families, classrooms, churches and businesses. There is no charge. Trees are provided by ICHS and you bring your decorations and lights. Decorating will begin Friday, November 1, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and continue through 4 p.m. Wednesday, November 27, 2019. The museum will be open Saturday, November 2 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Trees must be decorated before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27. We will be closed November 28-29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Do not delay in selecting your tree. You can stop by the museum during office hours or call to reserve your tree. The registration form is also available from the museum website. If you cannot make it to the museum to choose a tree, we can do that for you.

If you have any questions, please call the museum office at 815-432-2215 during business hours, Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The **Open House** for the Old Courthouse Museum Christmas Tree Lane will be on **Sunday, December 1 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** Come to view two floors of beauty and vote on your favorite trees, then enjoy light refreshments and holiday music throughout the courthouse. The trees and houses will be voted on with cash by museum visitors during the Open House and also regular business hours through December 23 at 4:00 p.m. when we close for the Christmas holiday. Additionally, we will have Christmas Tree Lane open Sunday, December 22 from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m., the day of the County Christmas Cantata.

There will also be a **Gingerbread House Gallery** this year. Your "gingerbread" house can be made of any medium or theme. The only restriction is that it must fit into the display case. Houses should be brought to the Museum by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27.

Although voting will be done, the museum will be open on Thursday, December 26, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. to view the trees. Additionally, a panel of judges will be choosing best trees in the categories of BEST USE OF THEME, MOST ORIGINAL, BEST DECORATED and BEST HAND-CRAFTED DECORATIONS. The Houses will be judged on MOST ORIGINAL and BEST DECORATED DISPLAY.