

# Longwood Gardens Christmas Display Opens Dec. 4

**KENNETT SQUARE** — Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square will offer visitors a glistening winter wonderland this Christmas season. The month-long spectacle, attracting nearly 200,000 visitors daily, begins Thursday, Dec. 4 and continues daily, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day, through Sunday, Jan. 4.

cultural showplaces, located 30 miles west/southwest of Philadelphia in the historic Brandywine Valley. Holiday hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children ages 6 to 14 and free for children 5 and under.

The Music Room is the setting for a festive holiday party, where topiary penguins entertain visiting topiary reindeer in party dress, with appropriate music, food and

drinks and a 10-foot mahogany table heaped with holiday desserts. The highlight is a sparkling 18-foot Christmas tree decked with hundreds of white lights, crystal icicles and silver and white ornaments.

The East Conservatory, already having given visitors a "crystal" impression with its exterior roof fashioned from glazed diamond-shaped panels, lures visitors in to view an ice palace crowned with

jets of frosty, splashing water. Border gardens and paths leading to and from are studded with red-stemmed dogwoods and white and pink cyclamens.

The adjoining Orangery and Exhibition Hall offer a warmer look as emerald-green lawns are bordered with 2,000 red, pink and cream poinsettias, including massive baskets which hang over slowly-turning crystal fountains. Companion plantings include narcissi, Wedgewood iris, blue coleus and salvias, red and white begonias, white amaryllis and

orange Jerusalem cherries.

Evening visitors find their way to and from the indoor sights by following Longwood's outdoor holiday lighting scheme which comes ablaze each evening from 5 to 9 p.m.

For a complete schedule listing all events and musical programs, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope (9x14 inches) to: Christmas Display, Longwood Gardens, P.O. Box 501, Kennett Square, PA 19348-0501. For more information telephone 215-388-6741.



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Lighted reindeer are a specialty of the Christmas display at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa. These figures are but a small part of the outdoor Christmas lighting, which includes 35,000 lights in a rainbow of colors.



**Saturday, November 29**  
Lancaster Society 5 meets for a craft program.

**Tuesday, December 2**  
Lancaster Society 35 meets at 7:30 p.m. for a Christmas party.  
Lancaster Society 23 meets at 7:30 p.m. for an "Everyday Packages" program by Gloria Althouse.

**Thursday, December 4**  
Lancaster Society 20 meets at share baby pictures.  
Lancaster Society 15 meets at Rhoads Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.  
Lancaster Society 17 meets for a

covered dish meal at Elaine Cutler's home.

**Saturday, December 6**  
Lancaster Society 1 has "Men's Night Out" at Sight and Sound, with dinner at Hershey Farms.  
Lancaster Society 6 meets at the Church of the Brethren to entertain family and friends.  
Lancaster Society 10 meets at Joe Myers Diner for Christmas dinner.  
Lancaster Society 9 meets for a Christmas party at 6:30 p.m.  
Lancaster Society 8 meets for a covered dish meal at noon.

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