

# Christmas Memories At Carroll Farm Museum

WESTMINSTER, Md. — The Christmas Theme Tour at the Carroll County Farm Museum begins November 28 and runs through December 6 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily; Wednesday and Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Special Christmas admission prices: adults over 18, \$1.50; 6 to 18, \$.75; group of 20 or more (reservation required), \$1.00 per person; Season pass is honored.

"Christmas Memories" are recalled and captured in the 1800s Farmhouse at the Carroll County Farm Museum during the Christmas theme tour as Festive decorations throughout the Farmhouse will encourage visitors to *Remember When...* The celebration of Christmas is a tradition handed from generation to generation. While viewing the Farmhouse as it is bedecked in holiday fashion poignant memories of Christmases past emerge. Period dressed guides are on hand to point out significant details of each room on display.

The walking tour of the Museum grounds is "highly seasoned" with the sights, smells, and sounds of Christmas. Freshly cut

pine swags adorned with ribbons hang from the doorways of the shops where Museum artisans demonstrate their skills of the late 1800s. The aroma of fresh baked goodies will lure you to the Bake Oven room where sweet treats, sandwiches, and hot and cold drinks will be sold. The Bell Ringers of St. Mary's United Church of Christ will ring in the 1992 Christmas Memories Tour on the evening of November 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. Led by Ms. Valerie Brown, the 13-member group will delight visitors with sounds of the season. Santa Claus will pay a daily visit to the Museum, handing out candy canes to those boys and girls having a wish list, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Potted poinsettias in various sizes and colors will be on sale in the Museum lobby. In the Genral Store are handcrafted items for sale that may solve the "what to get" for that "hard to buy for" person. The wagon master will be on hand each weekend with his team of mules for those who wish a Christmas Memory riding tour of the Museum grounds; join in singing Christmas Carols along the way.

If you have a special Christmas memory or tradition you wish to share, send it in letter form to: Attention Christmas Memories, Carroll County Farm Museum, 500 South Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157. These letters will be posted around the grounds so everyone who visits may share a Christmas Memory.

The Curatorial Department of the Farm Museum is sponsoring a Christmas and Holiday Season Quilt Square contest, "Holiday Building Blocks." This contest and exhibit of holiday and Christmas motif quilting squares will be on display in the Farmhouse showcase. Unfinished squares or finished squares are to be no larger than 16 inches x 16 inches in size. Contest categories include patchwork, applique, embroidered, mixed media, religious, most creative, most intricate, and best quilt-

ing square designed by children under 16 years of age. The deadline for all entries will be November 23, 1992 (12 Noon). Sharing the space in the Farmhouse showcase will be an exhibit of Christmas Teddy Bears.

On exhibit in the Bowfront Chi-

na Closet are "Playthings Past," collection of friction tin toys owned by Beau and Loni Cassidy of Adelphia, Md. This exhibit will feature post World War II clockwork, battery operated toys and vehicles.

## Museum Wants Crafts

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The State Museum of Pennsylvania, managed by the Friends of The State Museum, will begin a salute to "The Year of American Craft 1993" by featuring the work of Pennsylvania craftpersons this Christmas.

In recognition of the vitality of

Pennsylvania crafts the museum is seeking Pennsylvania crafts for exhibition and sale this fall and winter. Information, photographs and samples should be sent to the Museum Shop, P.O. Box 1026, Third & North Streets, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026.



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