

Fifteenth Annual Christmas Tour of Homes in Greenfield

It is time for the fifteenth annual Christmas Tour of Homes in Greenfield hosted by the Greenfield Historical Society. The tour will be held from 12:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 8, 2019 and will feature five homes, a church and the B&O Depot. A chicken noodle dinner will precede the tour at the Grain and Hay Building from 11:30-1:00. The cost of the meal is \$10.00 and includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, roll and butter, drink and a choice of cakes.

Our first article included the descriptions of the Buckskin Community Church in South Salem and two homes out on the other side of the covered bridge in South Salem. Those homes are Kara and Nathan Roberts at 1285 Irwin Lane and Jon and Erin Goddard at 2943 Lower Twin Road. They look forward to visitors on December 8th.

The third house is the home of Ruth Johnson located at 749 Jefferson Street in Greenfield. Her home is over ninety years old and has only had three owners. Ruth has lived there for 30 years. She has an old carriage barn on the property that belonged to a farmhouse over on Lafayette Street. The barn still has the feed trough in the attic and the shoot down below. It also used to have two sliding doors on the barn where they took the carriage out on one side and the horses on the other.

In 2001 she had a fire that gutted the entire second floor and caused water damage throughout the first floor. In the last two to three years she has remodeled every room except the kitchen. She had also added a new deck on the back of the home.

Ruth enjoys decorating with a country/primitive style. Her favorite room is the family room with a lovely built in that has a mirror and stained glass doors on either side of the mirror. It is her place to relax and watch television. Her dining room also has a built-in china cupboard with three glass doors on top, three drawers in the middle and two large cupboards on the bottom. Ruth will have one Christmas tree in the home with decorations in some of the rooms. She loves Santas and angels.

Our fourth house is the home of Patti Garman at 709 Madison Place. The home was built in 1977 and she has lived here for three years. She wanted a home with an attached garage and basement which her son found for her. Patti has done major renovations to the home including new kitchen cabinets, new windows, and work on the basement.

Patti's home is a walk-through Greenfield area history with family heirlooms and photos and memorabilia. Each room has many stories to tell about her family or happenings in Greenfield. Patti will have Christmas decorations throughout the home with many of them made by her or her family, including a manger scene and ceramic trees.

Our final house is the home of Clement and Patricia Francis at 310 North Sixth Street. This home was built in 1936 and is over 80 years old. They have added a new porch and sidewalk. Clement loves the kitchen where he enjoys cooking while Patricia loves the bedroom with its beautiful wood closet doors and her living room. Woodwork throughout the home is original. Their style is primitive/antiques. The home will have two trees and a Thomas Kincaid village on display.

Finally, the B & O Depot will be open for visitors. The Depot displays were reorganized in 2016 with the addition of Tom Adams' model railroad display. He has beautifully handmade scale models of some of the buildings and homes of Greenfield during the 1920's along with the railroad tracks and depots. In October of 2017 he added new additions of downtown stores of Greenfield in the 1950's and 60's. In 2018 he included his model of the McClain High School. This year he has added more of Jefferson Street

between Washington and Second Streets. We encourage you to stop in and see this wonderful display and the military display.

All five families are excited about the tour this year and hope many visitors come through to see all their hard work and Christmas decorations. The historical society truly appreciates all their time and effort. The tour helps the society carry on its work to preserve and share Greenfield's history. The tickets are \$10.00 for the tour and are available at the Community Savings Bank starting November 19 through noon of December 1. Tickets will also be available the day of the tour at the Grain and Hay building and at the homes. Also, if you need gifts for Christmas, we have many ideas available, including our book on McClain High School available at the Grain and Hay building. Candy will be sold by the Greenfield Lions Club also at the Grain and Hay. Remember, a meal will be available at the Grain and Hay from 11:30-1:00 pm, costing \$10.00. Come out and support the Greenfield Historical Society and these families who have generously opened their homes for the Tour.

