

Press Release

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A Victorian Christmas at Woodlawn

ELLSWORTH: Woodlawn Museum is proud to announce 2007 Christmas season offerings sure to delight everyone and to create lasting holiday memories. Inspired by the theme of a traditional Victorian Christmas, a talented team of florists and decorators has transformed Woodlawn's interiors into a visual sensation of Victorian holiday style and tastes. *A Victorian Christmas at Woodlawn* is proudly sponsored by the Union Trust Company.

Visitors can see rooms decorated by Lori Tibbetts of the Bud Connection, Liani Nutter of New Land Florist, Gail Royal of Westside Florist, Cullen Schneider from Fairwinds Florist of Blue Hill, and by designer John Blake from M.M. Julz.

These wonderful designers have installed spectacular Victorian era decorations throughout the museum. Each designer used realistic artificial greens and floral material to dress the museum with garlands, wreaths, fruit arrangements, topiaries and trees artfully placed amidst the original furnishings of the Black family home. Their creations are guaranteed to delight visitors of all ages.

The public can view the Victorian decorations on December 1,2,8,9,15,16,22, and 23 from 1-4 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 children ages 5-12, under 5 admitted free. Group and school tours are also available by appointment.

Guests may also come to a special Holiday Open House, on Thursday, December 6th from 6-8 pm. It is an opportunity to see the beautifully decorated rooms in the evening, to mingle with friends, and to enjoy some light refreshments and holiday cheer. Tickets to the Open House are available in advance by calling the museum. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. The cost of the Holiday Open House reception is \$15 per person for members and \$20 non-members. All proceeds benefit the Woodlawn Museum.

On December 9th, Woodlawn will be part of the Ellsworth Downtown Business Association's Family Festival. Woodlawn events include Victorian ornament making, Holiday Tours, Caroling, Holiday Story Time, Bonfire & Reading of *The Night Before Christmas* with Santa. Concluding the evening will be the lighting of the Ellsworth Community Christmas Tree, donated by New Land. Admission to the grounds is free, although there is a charge to see the museum decorations.

The Woodlawn Museum Store is the perfect stop for unique Holiday gifts. Woodlawn's own blend of beautifully packaged tea makes a special gift. The store also features Victorian games and ornaments, needlepoint pillows, jewelry, and special Woodlawn chocolate coins, plus many other items that make great stocking stuffers. The Museum Store is open daily from November 26th to December 23rd from 1 pm to 4 pm, or by special appointment. Museum memberships, always available for purchase in the Museum Store, make thoughtful gifts for friends and family as well as supporting Maine's Premier Historic Estate. Remember, museum members receive a 10% discount off all purchases.

For more information about any of our special holiday tours, events, Museum Store hours, or to make reservations to the Holiday Open House on December 6th, please contact the museum at 667-8671 or visit www.woodlawnmuseum.org.

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Photo Caption: Steven Elliot of New Land carefully installs decorations at Woodlawn. *A Victorian Christmas at Woodlawn* can be seen Saturdays and Sundays in December through the 23rd.