

Morris Museum Lights Up Holiday Season By Emily Evans



Enter the Morris Museum this December and be enveloped in a winter wonderland of hundreds of holiday items. The annual Holiday Tree Festival, scheduled from Saturday, December 3 to Saturday, December 10, will showcase wreaths, garlands, table centerpieces, gift items and themed seven-foot community trees. Original holiday items are designed by members of the Friends of the Morris Museum or donated by local designer businesses. Museum visitors can not only admire the one-of-a-kind creations but also purchase them as gifts or for their own home.

This year's Holiday Tree Festival is one of several historic stops on the annual Holly Walk Tour organized by the participating historic sites and the Morris County Visitors Center. Throughout the week, local music groups will perform and refreshments will be offered.

As a special event during the Holiday Tree Festival, the Morris Museum's annual holiday gala will be held on

Sunday, December 4 from 6-10 pm. Festivities include cocktails and a gourmet buffet dinner, as well as live entertainment, a raffle, and a live auction. Call (973) 971-3733 for an invitation.

Another special event – Teddy Bear Tea – will be held on Saturday, December 10 with three seatings available at 10 am, noon, and 2:30 pm. This event is perfect for families with children ages 3 to 8 and a great opportunity for a family photo as children come dressed in their holiday best. Entertainment includes *Dikki Ellis the Magician* and a special visit by Santa, who brings a gift for each child. Reservations and ticket prices can be obtained by calling (973) 971-3706.

The Morris Museum, located at 6 Normandy Heights Road (at the corner of Columbia Turnpike) in Morris Township, NJ, is open special hours during the Holiday Tree Festival. As a gift to the community, admission to the museum is free during this week-long festival. For more information, see our web site www.morrismuseum.org or call (973) 971-3700.



Other Morris Museum Exhibits
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As Executive Director Steven H. Miller says, "We believe our 'something for everyone' approach offers a fun visiting experience for all."

At the Tregenza Gallery through February 6, 2006: *Recent Acquisitions: Part II* features recent gifts to the Museum's permanent collection and showcases the diversity of the museum's art, science and history collections.

At the Bush/Compton and Bickford Galleries through December 31, 2005:

Anyone Can Fly-Faith Ringgold: A Survey is comprised of 40 mixed media works and is a retrospective of the world-renowned artist Faith Ringgold. This exhibition includes story quilts, tankas, soft sculpture, prints and paintings, including original illustrations from her popular children's book *Tar Beach*.

Now on permanent display: *The Murtoigh D. Guinness Collection of Mechanical Musical Instruments and Automata* previously detailed in Morris Township's Spring newsletter.

Please come visit these wonderful museum exhibits.

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Fire Department Needs Volunteers Like You!

The Morris Township Fire Department would like to increase its ranks of volunteer firefighters. The Township is protected by a 'combination fire department' with a firefighting force that is made up of both volunteer firefighters and career firefighters, operating out of five neighborhood fire stations.

Currently our fire department consists of 23 career firefighters and about 50 volunteer firefighters. Career firefighters drive & operate fire apparatus Monday through Friday at the Fairchild, Hillside, and Woodland fire stations between the hours of 7am to 5pm. The Collinsville and Mt. Kemble fire stations are staffed seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Can you give some of your time to help your neighbor? We pay for your training, supply your fire equipment, and are willing to invest in you! You attend training classes at the Morris County Firefighters and Police Training Academy, fire department drills, and company meetings. In addition, our juniors program is open to all high school age students 16 years old to 18 years of age.

Want to know more about becoming a volunteer firefighter? Please call (973) 326-7461.