

*Idyllwild's 53rd Annual
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
"An Olde-Fashioned Christmas"*



Saturday, November 30, 2013

All-Day Holiday Festivities

4:15pm – The Tree Lighting Ceremony begins

Sponsored by Soroptimist International of Idyllwild



Santa's Workshop

(Located in the Gazebo at the Village Center)

Hours: 12:00-2:00 PM, 4:30-6:30 PM

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by fire engine at their special workshop in Idyllwild located in the Gazebo of the Village Center.

They will be available to meet with children during their workshop hours.

Visiting children receive a candy cane from Santa!

Christmas Carolers, Christmas Music, Holiday Shopping, Holiday Foods, and Good Cheer

(All Day throughout Town)

Non-Profit Organizations—Booths

(Located at the Village Center and on Village Center Drive and Park Lane)

Hours: 10:00 AM – 5:15 PM

- **Art Alliance of Idyllwild**—Raffle opportunity drawing for tickets to next year's Art Walk & Wine Tasting event
- **Forest Folk**—Holiday gift items and baked goods
- **Idyllwild Animal Rescue Friends (ARF) and ARF Search and Rescue**—Holiday gift items, visits by Mayor Max and weather permitting, cute pets for adoption.
- **Idyllwild Association of Realtors**—Coffee and hot chocolate
- **Idyllwild Garden Club**—Fun holiday items
- **Idyllwild Nature Center**—T-shirts and auctioning street banners from the Lemon Lily Festival
- **Idyllwild Town Crier**—Information booth for the Tree Lighting Ceremony Event
- **Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary**—Fun holiday items
- **ISIS Theatre Company**—Popcorn
- **Krohn's Foundation**—Casey Abrams items for purchase
- **Lemon Lily Festival**—T-shirts and auctioning of street banners from the Lemon Lily Festival
- **Living Free Animal Sanctuary**—General information, T-shirts, giveaway items for children, and weather permitting, cute pets for adoption with adopt-me scarves
- **Lou Padula's Famous Hot Dogs**
- **Mountain Quilters**—Opportunity quilt raffle
- **Right to Life**—Holiday balloons
- **Soroptimists**—Cookie decorating booth, and the booth for the famous \$250 Money Hat drawing and raffle
- **Stratford Players**—Fun holiday items

The above organizations represent the non-profit participants as of this printing.

Harvest Festival

(2-day event on Nov. 29th and 30th) Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Idyllwild

(Located at Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street)

Nov. 29th Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Nov. 30th Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

At the Harvest Festival, you will find an amazing assortment of gift items and ideas for the holidays. You can stock up on your favorite homemade jams or organic lotions, or discover unique, one-of-a-kind works of art! Browse the colorful displays in the comfort of the stately Town Hall. Homemade bakery items as well as hot dogs and chili are also available!

The Tree Lighting Ceremony—An Olde-Fashioned Christmas

Starts at 4:15 PM

Program Director—Marshall Smith
Master of Ceremonies—Frank Ferro
Stage Manager—Jackie Sverdfedger

- Strolling Christmas Guitarist David Jerome plays carols among the gathering crowd
- Santa arrives by fire truck (4:15 PM)
- Santa and Mrs. Claus welcome ceremony guests
- Ceremony emcee Frank Ferro begins the show, which features the following acts and presenters:
- Derrik Lewis and Friends, featuring pianist/vocalist Derrik Lewis with Jeff Stover on bass and vocalists Beverly Jensen, Perry Wood, Grace Haggard and Suzy Cadham. Song selections include:
 - The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting)
 - All I Want for Christmas Is You
 - We Need a Little Christmas
 - I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm
 - The Christmas Waltz
 - Christmastime Is Here
- Barbara Rayliss and Zora Schoner present "A Politically Correct Poem"
- Scott J. Foster sings "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town" and "Mary's Boy Child"
- Chris Morse, with Zora Schoner, presents "The Good Stuff"
- Tiffany Brannan sings "Angels from the Realms of Glory" accompanied by Terri Brannan
- The Idyllwild Master Chorale Chamber Singers sing "Fum, Fum, Fum"
- Lori Palmer sings "O Holy Night," with the IMC Chamber Singers, accompanied by Ed Hansen
- Surprise Guest Performance (schedule allowing)
- Frank Ferro announces the raffle winners for the holiday gift baskets and the Soroptimists \$250 Money Hat drawing
- Doug Austin with The Olde English Theatre Players presents "The Night Before Christmas"
- Diane Burt and The Caroling Company present a Holiday Suite of Songs
- Tree Lighting Countdown
- Tree Lighting, Stage Lights Out, while The Caroling Company sings "Silent Night"
- The tree lights on the 100-foot tall tree are lit after sundown with a countdown! (Sundown is at 4:43 PM.)
- Audience Singalong led by The Caroling Company. Song selections include:
 - Deck the Halls
 - Hark the Herald Angels Sing
 - Joy to the World
 - Winter Wonderland
 - Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
 - O Come All Ye Faithful
 - Angels We Have Heard on High
 - The First Noel
 - We Wish You a Merry Christmas (after goodbyes)

Mayor Max and Deputy Mayors Mikey and Mitzi will also be attending the event. To find out more about Mayor Max and the Tree Lighting Ceremony, visit www.mayormax.com.

Donations for the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the Non-Profit Organizations

This event is paid for entirely by tax-deductible donations. We would like to request your help with donating to our Tree Lighting Ceremony event. You can place your donations of cash or checks in the red cans marked "Donations" which can be found at any of the non-profit booths. Make checks payable to Soroptimist International of Idyllwild and note "Tree Lighting Ceremony" on your check. We will mail you a receipt for your donation. Any cash or checks deposited into these cans will go directly to covering the costs for the Tree Lighting Ceremony. You can also mail your checks to Karen Doshier at PO Box 1176, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

There are also opportunities to donate to the participating non-profit organizations at each of the non-profit organizations' booth locations. All donations are welcome, and we sincerely appreciate your generosity and support.

Thank you very much for your contributions and attending our event. We appreciate your help, and we always look forward to seeing you.

Acknowledgements

This event is only possible because of the tremendous hard work and support of the local community members and merchants who volunteered their time and donated financial resources to fund this event. There are so many contributors to this event, that we are preparing a separate insert for this program to acknowledge the efforts of every individual contributor and volunteer.

Thank you to everyone that stepped forward to help. We love you very much! To you, your family, friends, and associates, we wish you the happiest of holidays and the best of everything in this year and all years to come.

Ken Dahleen
Karen Doshier
Denise Edmiston
John Edmiston
Mike Lackey

Brad Lauritzen
Virginia Lumb
Jim Manietta
Phyllis Mueller
Marge Muir

Paul Riggi
Elizabeth Severance
Marshall Smith
Omar Solorio
John Stonitsch

Bryan Tallent
Gary Taylor
Chris Titus
Glenn Warren
Wendy Watts

Handicapped restroom facilities are located at the "Fort." Also, additional restrooms are located throughout town by Park Lane, Jo'An's Restaurant, and on North Circle Drive.

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