

# World holiday decor trims Westford Museum

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WESTFORD - For the holidays, the Westford Museum plans three showings of a special exhibit of international Christmas tree ornaments plus old toys, dolls and tree decorations from old Westford homes.

For this exhibit, the museum will be open this Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Admission, as usual, is free.

Live Christmas trees donated by three parent-teacher groups will ring the main floor of the museum. Ornaments on these trees will be of an international flavor, designed and assembled by youngsters from kindergarten through grade 5 at local elementary schools.

Encouraging and guiding the young students to participate in this special display are art teachers Arlyss Becker and Barbara Joki.

As a centerpiece for the exhibit will be the museum's own tree, decorated with ornaments and strung popcorn as were used in generations gone by. A collection of antique toys and dolls will be at the base.

Nancy Rothera, assisted by Barbara Hass and Madonna McKenzie, are arranging the display which will have special appeal to all lovers of the holiday season, worldwide and local.

Beth Shaw, acting curator, announces that the exhibit will also be open the following Sunday, Dec. 11 from 1-4 p.m. This will conclude the museum's winter season.

At the annual meeting, the museum elected John A. Crisafulli, assistant superintendent of schools, as president of the board of directors. He succeeds Lloyd Blanchard, retired head of the school department and now president of the Rotary Club.

Janice Richter is the new secretary, a post held previously by Shaw, and Frances Cooper continues as treasurer and Eva A. Deforge as historical treasurer.

Shaw, who sparked the reorganization of the Friends of the Museum three years ago, has assumed the post of curator while Kristin Szylvian attends Duquesne University for a master's degree in history and art with emphasis on archive work.