

*Idyllwild's 52nd Annual
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
"An Olde-Fashioned Christmas"*



Saturday, November 24, 2012

All-Day Holiday Festivities

4:15pm – The Tree Lighting Ceremony begins

Sponsored by Soroptimist International of Idyllwild

Santa's Workshop

(Located in Suite C-1 of the Village Center)

Hours: 12:00-2:00 PM, 3:30-5:30 PM

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by fire engine at their special workshop in Idyllwild located in Suite C-1 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 – 4:30 PM

- **Animal Rescue Friends (ARF)**—Holiday gift items, visits by Mayor Max, and weather permitting, cute pets for adoption.
- **Antlers**—Holiday photos with wreaths, animal cut-outs and Santa hats
- **Art Alliance**—Raffle opportunity drawing for tickets to next year's Art Walk & Wine Tasting event
- **Board of Realtors**—Coffee and hot chocolate
- **Chamber of Commerce**—Information booth for the Tree Lighting Ceremony Event
- **Forest Folk**—Holiday gift items and baked goods
- **Garden Club**—Club information, T-shirts and other items for sale
- **Idyllwild HELP Center**—Food and toy drive for less fortunate families and children
- **Idyllwild Town Crier**—Information booth for the Tree Lighting Ceremony Event
- **ISIS Theatre Company**—Popcorn
- **Lemon Lily Festival**—T-shirts and auctioning street banners from the Lemon Lily Festival
- **Living Free**—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
- **Nature Center**—T-shirts and auctioning street banners from the Artists Festival
- **Right to Life**—Holiday balloons
- **Soroptimists**—Cookie decorating booth, and the booth for the famous \$250 Money Hat drawing and raffle

There are also other organizations that may be joining the festivities. The above organizations represent the non-profit participants as of this printing.

Harvest Festival

(2-day event on Nov. 23rd and 24th) Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Idyllwild
(Located at Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street)

Nov. 23rd Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Nov. 24th 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!



Photo courtesy of
Idyllwild Town Crier.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony—An Olde-Fashioned Christmas Starts at 4:15 PM

Directed by Diane Burt
Master of Ceremonies—Frank Ferro
Special Guest Appearance by Casey Abrams

- Introduction of the costumed **Doug and Mary Austin** Charles Dickens characters, the Olde English Players. Idyllwild's Charles Dickens reads "The Night Before Christmas."
- Live Christmas music and Christmas carols are performed with audience participation in sing-alongs.
- The Ceremony includes special performances by The Caroling Company, the Idyllwild Community Choir, and renowned musicians, pianists, singers, and actors.
- **Nick D'Amico** plays the piano and sings "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."
- **Paul Carman** and **Marshall Hawkins** perform two Christmas songs.
- **Marshall Smith** reads an original work created for this year's Ceremony, "The Gifts We Give Our Children" and performs "The Christmas Song" by Mel Torme and Bob Wells, accompanied by pianist, **Gregg Williams**.
- At mid-point through the Ceremony, **Frank Ferro** announces the raffle winners for the holiday gift baskets and the Soroptimists \$250 Money Hat drawing.
- **Barbara Rayliss** plays the piano and sings "Some Children See Him."
- The Idyllwild Community Choir performs several carols:
Deck the Halls
O Come All Ye Faithful
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard on High
Joy to the World
Winter Wonderland
- **Lori Palmer** sings "O Holy Night"—accompanied by pianist, **Barbara Rayliss**.
- **Frank Ferro** and **Casey Abrams** light the 100-foot tall tree after sundown with a countdown! (Sundown is at 4:44 PM.)
- Christmas carols and the sing-along continue with "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells."
- The program is concluded with **Frank Ferro's** Happy Holidays closing message, and the final group sing-along of the evening, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."



Grammy-nominated The Caroling Company



Mayor Max of Idyllwild will also be attending the event with regular visits downtown and to the ARF booth. To find out more about Mayor Max and the Tree Lighting Ceremony, visit www.mayormax.com.

Mayor Max will also be handing out Mini Me's to children while supplies last.

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. A separate insert is being prepared to acknowledge the many individual contributors and volunteers of this event.

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.

*Love always
from the Tree Lighting Ceremony
management team for this year's event,*

Phyllis Brown
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