

*Idyllwild's 54th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
"An Olde-Fashioned Christmas"*



Saturday, November 29, 2014

All-Day Holiday Festivities

4:20pm — The Tree Lighting Ceremony begins

Sponsored by Soroptimist International of Idyllwild



Harvest Festival

(2-day event on Nov. 28th and 29th)
 Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Idyllwild
 (Located at Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street)
 Nov. 28th Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 Nov. 29th Hours: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

At the Harvest Festival, you will find over 40 arts and crafts booths with 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!

Santa's Workshop

(Located in the Gazebo at the Village Center)

Hours: 12:00-2:00 PM, 4:45-6:30 PM

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive by fire engine to 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 – 5:00 PM

- **Art Alliance of Idyllwild** — Fabulous works of art
- **Forest Folk** — Holiday gift items and baked goods
- **Idyllwild Animal Rescue Friends (ARF)** — A reindeer and elf for photo opportunities and other holiday gift items
- **Idyllwild Association of Realtors** — Information booth
- **Idyllwild Fire Department** — Fun holiday items
- **Idyllwild Garden Club** — Gardening information, books, and supplies
- **Idyllwild Nature Center** — “The Night Before Christmas” house featuring live animals in hibernation sleeping in their beds
- **Idyllwild PTA** — Fun holiday food items
- **Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Department** — Fun holiday items
- **Isis Theatre Company** — Popcorn
- **Lemon Lily Festival** — In conjunction with the Idyllwild Nature Center, “The Night Before Christmas” house featuring live animals in hibernation sleeping in their beds
- **Living Free Animal Sanctuary** — T-shirts, hats, totes, and weather permitting, cute pets for adoption
- **Lou Padula’s Famous Hot Dogs** — Delicious!
- **Mountain Quilters** — Opportunity quilt raffle
- **Right to Life** — Balloons, coffee, and other holiday giveaway items
- **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.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony—An Olde-Fashioned Christmas
Starts at 4:20 PM

Program Director—Diane Burt

Children's Musical Performance Program Director—Kathy Lewis

Master of Ceremonies—Sharon Lawrence

- Strolling throughout the town during the all-day activities:
 - Christmas guitarist David Jerome plays carols among the gathering crowd.
 - Grammy-nominated The Caroling Company performs caroling favorites.
- Santa arrives by fire truck (4:20 PM).
- Santa and Mrs. Claus welcome ceremony guests.
- Ceremony emcee Sharon Lawrence begins the show with her holiday greeting.
- Kathy Lewis leads The Idyllwild Children's Choir (children ages 3-6) in three songs.
- Doug Austin with The Olde English Theatre Players presents "The Night Before Christmas."
- Audience sing-along led by Diane Burt with The Caroling Company, the Idyllwild Master Chorale Chamber Singers, and other choir volunteers.
- At mid-point through the Ceremony, Sharon Lawrence announces the winner of the Soroptimists' \$250 Money Hat drawing and the winner of the Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild Christmas Quilt.
- Tree Lighting Countdown—Sharon Lawrence leads the crowd in a countdown from 10 to 1.
- Tree Lighting—Over 4300 tree lights on the 100-foot-tall tree are lit approximately 30 minutes after sundown! (Sundown is at 4:43 PM.) Stage lights out while The Caroling Company sings "Silent Night"
- Audience sing-along Christmas carols continue.
- The program is concluded with the Happy Holidays closing message and the final group sing-along of the evening, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."
- Weather permitting, there will be an announcement of additional musical performances for 30-60 minutes for those that would like to stay longer and enjoy more fun and more holiday music.



*Song selections throughout the
Ceremony include:*

The children

- Jingle Bells
- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer
- Santa Claus Is Coming to Town

The Choirs with sing-along

- Angels We Have Heard on High
- Carol of the Bells
- Deck the Halls
- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- Joy to the World
- O Come, All Ye Faithful
- O Holy Night
- Silent Night (when the tree is lit)
- The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting)
- The First Noel
- Winter Wonderland
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas (at the end)

Mayor Max, Deputy Mayor Mitzi, Deputy Mayor Mikey, and Pookie Mueller Too! will also be attending the event.

To find out more about Mayor Max and the Tree Lighting Ceremony, visit www.mayormax.com.



Mayor Max



Deputy Mayor Mitzi



Deputy Mayor Mikey



Pookie, the Nanny

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

This event is paid 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 Santa's Workshop and at the Tree Lighting Ceremony Information Booth. 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 P.O. 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.

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.

Acknowledgements

from Your 2014 Tree Lighting Management Team

This event is only possible because of the tremendous hard work and support of over 200 local community members and merchants who volunteer their time and donate financial resources to fund 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.

Diane Burt	Sharon Lawrence	Omar Solorio
Ted Cummings	Kathy Lewis	John Stonitsch
Ken Dahleen	Virginia Lumb	Bryan Tallent
Karen Doshier	Phyllis Mueller	Gary Taylor
Denise Edmiston	Marge Muir	Chris Titus
John Edmiston	Paul Riggi	Glenn Warren
Brad Lauritzen	Beth Severance	Wendy Watts



The Top Dogs of the Executive Management Team
for the 2014 Tree Lighting Ceremony (L to R)
Karen Doshier, Phyllis Mueller, and Marge Muir