

Christmas Parlour Tour

Snohomish Historical Society presents annual Parlour Tour

2022 Parlour Tour participants

• Del and Renee Deierling, 429 Avenue B	1012 Fourth Street • Rich and Eileen Softye,
• Lisa Pickford, 422 Avenue B	1314 Fourth Street • Dwight and Ruth Miller,
• Dan and Wendy Taylor, 317 Avenue B	312 Avenue D • Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
• Michael and Sara Wagner, 421 Avenue B	329 Avenue A • Waltz Building
• Laura Knudson, 218 Avenue A	116 Avenue B • Blackman Museum
• Carroll and Cherri Brown, 432 Avenue G	118 Avenue B • Kikendall Cabin Pioneer Cemetery
• Brian and Charlcia Krabach,	(Second & Pine behind Rite Aid)

Carroll and Cherri Brown 432 Avenue G

Carroll and Cherri Brown participated in the Parlour Tour back in the 90's and decided to open their home to the community in 2022.

They decorate for the holidays with 5-6 Christmas Trees. Most of these are decked with traditional decorations, but the Christmas tree in the sunroom has a garden theme.

Most of their decorating is "elegant and simple," said

Kikendall Log Cabin 2nd Street and Pine Ave.

The Kikendall Log Cabin was built in the fall of 1875. The first floor was 20 feet wide and 16 feet deep. The kitchen area was added on the back around 1895 increasing the depth to 25 feet. The second floor was used for sleeping quarters.

Local residents Candace Jarrett and Clayton and Brenda Zard and others volunteered to decorate the Kikendall Cabin.

A lot of research has been done in order to decorate the cabin as it would have been decorated for the holidays back in its day.

The cabin was owned by country folk and they didn't have a lot of money to spend

The Snohomish Historical Society Holiday Parlour Tour is set for Sunday, December 18 from noon to 4 p.m. This is a self-guided tour and is a community event that showcases the historical character of the town.

There will be at least nine homes are on the tour this year, as well as the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kikendall Log Cabin, Waltz Building,

Cherri.

Cheryl's grandmother's Nativity set will be on display. This item was the very first thing her grandmother purchased once they had electricity. They lived in a rural area and went without electricity until President Roosevelt created the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1935. WPA was one of the Great Depression relief programs.

The Browns also decorate outside for the holidays. You'll see lighted stick reindeer, large balls hanging from the trees and much of the landscaping glowing with lights.

In Victorian times they would have used dried fruit such as sliced oranges, pears and apples as ornaments with cranberries and popcorn strung throughout the tree.

Electric candles are used on the tree and look just like the real candles that were used back in the olden days. "I will be bringing some quilts for the bed and walls and a few other things to help decorate," said Candace. Candace's quilts will give the cabin a warm, cozy feeling.

The timeline of the history of this cabin has been laminated and will be on display at the cabin.

Step back in time when you visit the Kikendall Cabin on the Parlour Tour and see how warm and cozy a simple country Christmas used to be.

For more information regarding the Kikendall Cabin, contact the Historical Society, 360-568-5235.

and the Blackman House Museum. All are decorated beautifully for the holidays.

As a special treat, members of Somewhere in Time Unlimited, will be dressed in their finest holiday attire and will visit the homes on the Tour.

The tour is a major fundraiser for the Snohomish Historical Society and proceeds benefit the Blackman Museum to help cover the

expense of lights, water, gas, etc.

"We would like to thank all patrons of the Historical Society's Parlour Tour and also the wonderful people that open their home to the community during this event," said Chris Gee, President of the Historical Society.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors over age 62 and youth under 12. Advance tickets are on sale at

the following Snohomish locations: Annie's on First (1210 First St.), Joyworks (1002 First St.), and McDaniel's Do-it-Center (510 Second St.).

Tickets can also be purchased the day of the Tour at the Waltz Building, 116 Ave. B starting at 11:30 a.m.

The Blackman Museum will also be serving coffee, tea and desserts from noon to 4 p.m.

Blackman House Museum 118 Avenue B

Candace Jarrett and Clayton and Brenda Zard and other volunteers have been busy preparing the Blackman House Museum for the Parlour Tour.

It's wonderful that the Snohomish Historical Society has community members who are willing to volunteer their time for this festive event.

It takes a couple of weeks to go through the boxes filled with decorations that have been donated to the Museum.

Research on how the Blackman House would have been decorated back in its time showed quite a differ-

ence from how the Kikendall Log Cabin would have been decorated. The more wealthy people who lived in the city liked glitter and beaded glass. Their decorations were much fancier than those who lived out in the country and didn't have money to spend on decorations.

Oranges with cloves poked into them were very popular and made the houses smell good. You should try this in your home this year!

It was common to incorporate items from the yard into holiday decorations. Previous volunteer decorators of the Blackman House for the Parlour Tour, (Susan Bjorling, Haley Rice and Meagan Gray) found the hy-



drangeas at the Museum a perfect item to use in their decorations.

Many beautiful items have been donated to the Museum over the years.

Be sure to stop by the Blackman House Museum during the Parlour Tour and check out how this Queen Anne style home would have been decorated back in the 19th century.

Coffee, tea and desserts will be served from noon to 4 p.m.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church 329 Avenue A

Zion Evangelical Lutheran church is one of the oldest landmarks in town, with its nearly 100-year old sanctuary and soaring white bell tower with a still-working bell that echoes off the white walls and historic homes surrounding the site.

A volunteer group from the church, consisting from high-school students and adults as well, decorated the Church for Christmas.

The altar is decorated with beautiful poinsettias. Greenery adorns the interior of the Church and a large Christmas Tree is decorated with special Chrismons Ornaments.

Chrismons were originated and first made for use on the Christmas tree of Ascension



photo courtesy of Rebecca Bartelheimer

Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia in 1957 by Mrs. Frances Kipps Spencer. The designs were monograms and symbols for our Lord Jesus Christ. Because these designs have been used by his followers since biblical times, they are the heritage of all Christians and serve to remind each of us, regardless

of denomination, of The One we follow. All Chrismons are made in a combination of white and gold to symbolize the purity and majesty of the Son of God and the Son of Man.

Stop in during the Parlour Tour and enjoy seeing the Church decorated beautifully for Christmas!

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Brian and Charlcia Krabach 1012 Fourth St. (4th & Ave. B, Enter from the Ave. B side of home)

Brian and Charlcia purchased this lovely historic home just one month ago. They have been busy decorating with items they brought

with them in the move and also acquiring more as it is a large house to decorate. Charlcia's favorite decorations are ornaments that memorialize personal family moments.

There will be a white tree with white lights and decorations in white, red and black in the library. There is a smaller tree in the parlour with colored lights and one

in the attic that you can see from outside.

Lighted garland adorns the chandelier in the dining room and the fireplace in the parlour.

From the Ave. B side of the home you will see lighted garland and a lighted wreath on the door. Charlcia is making a cedar garland for the Fourth St. side of the home and will keep this natural without lights.



Brian and Charlcia Krabach's home at 4th St. and Ave. B

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Lisa Pickford 422 Ave. B

Lisa Pickford's home is a beautiful and welcoming Queen Anne style house.

Lisa's decorations will include 11 trees this year. She starts decorating the day after Halloween.

The huge 10-foot tree in the dining room features Old World and Polonaise ornaments. Lisa's father's ice skates are under the tree as well as an old wooden doll buggy and a tin train engine.

The large tree in the living room shows off the ornaments that Lisa has bought or made over 56 years.

Other trees include a pencil tree with 40 unique Hallmark houses, a tall white tree with Hallmark ferries, and a tree full of sleighs.

Lisa displays two large villages, one being of the North Pole and the other a Dickens Village. The North Pole village will be displayed on the walnut breakfront that Lisa found in an antique store in Snohomish. On a smaller

scale, the Pickford's also have a Grinch Village.

The special Italian Fontani Nativity Set is displayed in the dining room. "They look porcelain, but they're not," said Lisa. They are very well detailed and really pretty."

In honor of her grandson, Lisa has a Star Wars themed tree. There is even a special Death Star tree topper that is quite the conversation stopper!

Lisa has been collecting the Jewel Bird Series by Hallmark 12 Days of Christmas. "The birds are pretty and very well done," said Lisa. "Plus we have more nutcrackers than one can shake a stick at!"

She also has collected 7 of the Snohomish Historic Home ornaments and will have them on display.

The outside of the Pickford home will be decorated as well. There are wreaths in every window with birds or old world ornament food items. Bright white lights will welcome you this holiday season!

Dan and Wendy Taylor 317 Ave. B

The Taylors will be sharing two decorated trees with those on the Parlour Tour this year. The one in the living room is decorated traditionally while the one in the family room is a flocked

tree with ornaments that their nieces and kids made and special ornaments for their children. They have so many that they alternate the ornaments each year.

Currently Dan and Wendy have three villages: Christmas Shop themed, Christmas Castle, and Santa's Village. They are hoping to go to Leavenworth and pick

out another one for their anniversary this year and have it displayed for the Tour as well.

Outside the Taylor's will decorate with lights, garland, lanterns and other decorations.



Dell and Renee Deierling 429 Ave. B

Dell and Renee have two wonderful trees to ring in the holidays. One tree is decorated with paper ornaments and the other tree has a Denmark/Scandinavian theme with candles.

In Denmark it is tradition to bring your Christmas tree in on December 24 and light real candles on it. The Deierlings used to do this but decided not to light the candles any more for safety reasons.

Another tree is fresh cut locally and is decorated with ornaments from their travels and with ornaments Renee made since she was a child.

Renee also has a few of the unique Snohomish Historic Homes ornaments that were hand-painted from Russia. She also has some blown

glass ornaments that are amongst her favorite decorations, "but they all have significance," said Renee.

A special decoration to note is the winter scene that her father and his sister made in the 1950's for their parents. The scene consists of sculpted hills, houses, church, railway depot and a pond and is all beautifully flocked. Most of the structures are made out of cereal boxes. They created this decoration so that the buildings light up and it spins around. You can imagine their parent's delight with this creative display surprising them on Christmas!

The Deierlings also have a large collection of over 30 clocks that they decorate with greenery for the holidays. They were "babysitting" Renee's father's clock collection about 30 years ago while her



mother's house was being built and the clocks grew on Dell. That's when they began their own collection of antique clocks.

Be sure to visit the Deierlings during the Parlour Tour to admire their holiday decorations and experience the warmth that their 1940's home brings to the holidays.

The porch will be decorated with lights and handmade wreaths as well as the fence gate that Dell's grandfather made.

Dwight and Ruth Miller 312 Avenue D

Dwight and Ruth must moved into this beautiful home on Avenue D in March and were exited to decorate it for the holidays. When asked if they'd like to participate in

the Parlour Tour, Ruth and Dwight agreed it would be fun.

The outside is professionally decorated by a company from Lake Stevens and looks like a true Winter Wonderland!

Dwight and Ruth decorated one large tree in the living room and it can be seen from

Ave. D. It's traditional with white lights and glass ornaments.

The Miller's favorite decoration is "probably the African Nativity set from Rwanda," said Dwight. He travels there three times each year for a non-profit organization.

Stop by the Miller's magnificent home during the Parlour Tour and enjoy some fresh baked cookies and refreshments!

Somewhere in Time



Members of Somewhere in Time, Unlimited will participate in the Snohomish Historical Society's Parlour Tour this year.

The members dress in their finest holiday attire and will wander the homes on the Tour and allow the public to take photos.

To learn more about Somewhere in Time, Unlimited, visit www.situseattle.com