



“The mission of the North Berrien Historical Society is to preserve and distribute information regarding the history of North Berrien County. We wish to promote research, encourage learning, and disseminate knowledge of the area’s cultural and architectural legacy.”

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Dear Friends & Community Leaders,

Your continued support of the North Berrien Historical Society and Museum is greatly appreciated. This past year we have undergone several facility improvements to make our location more visitor friendly and better serve the area in our efforts to preserve its history and legacy.

On the weekend of December 8–10, 2023, the North Berrien Historical Museum will host its annual Holiday Open House event. This event is well known in the community for its creatively decorated holiday trees and kid-friendly fun. Not only does HOH provide local families with an inexpensive means to celebrate the holiday season but it also aids the museum as our most attended and successful fundraising event of the year.

We strive to make this a stellar experience for all who attend. Popular activities that will be returning include holiday tree voting, visiting with Santa & Mrs. Claus, gingerbread house decorating, holiday kids’ carnival, live music entertainment, a magic show, and the second annual chili cook-off.

Putting all of this together requires a considerable deal of upfront costs and preparation. Therefore, to make this an effective fundraiser and memorable community event, we turn to you, our friends and community leaders, and humbly ask for any support you can provide. Approximately 30 holiday tree sponsors will be needed to decorate the Museum’s campus and make this a truly festive and memorable occasion for all who attend. Monetary support from businesses and individuals will also go a long way in making this an effective fundraiser to support the Museum’s mission.

Thank you for considering help us ring in the holiday cheer this year.

Sincerely,

Scott Young, NBHM Board President



Holiday Open House

2023 Sponsorships

Tree Decorating Sponsor

Please consider joining this fantastic event by decorating a tree! Trees must be decorated by Wednesday, November 22nd. There is no fee to decorate a tree; we greatly appreciate your time and creativity. The North Berrien Historical Museum will:

1. Provide and set up trees by Wednesday, November 1st at 10:00 am.

Trees will be selected as first come first serve.

2. Provide decorating time with your group/business.

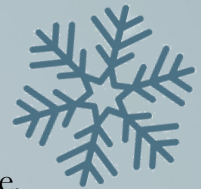
After hours and weekends will be available upon request.

3. Advertise your sponsorship in local newspapers, in the museum's Winter 2024 newsletter, on the Museum's Facebook page, and in the holiday event program.



Tree Sponsor Rules

1. Tree must be decorated by **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd**.
2. Provide **LIGHTS AND A TREE SKIRT** for your tree.
3. **ONLY NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS**. No edible items on the tree, please.
4. Decorations should be of good quality and quantity to enhance the tree.
5. Tree decoration should be reasonably different from previous year.
6. Sponsors should mark their calendars to attend the 'Frosty & Friends' awards ceremony on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 4th, 2024**.
7. Decorations will be removed between January 8th-19th, 2024.



The Museum has the right to refuse any inappropriate décor.

Event Sponsor

For Holiday Open House to be the largest fundraiser of the year, the Museum needs your help to offset some of the expenses associated with hosting this event. Would you consider making a one-time, tax deductible donation to help the museum celebrate the holiday season?

Frosty - \$50

Sponsorship name printed in the event program, listed on the event webpage, and thanked in the Museum's wrap-up post on Facebook.

Rudolph - \$100

Frosty+
Logo visible on event webpage.

Cindy Lou -

\$250

Rudolph+

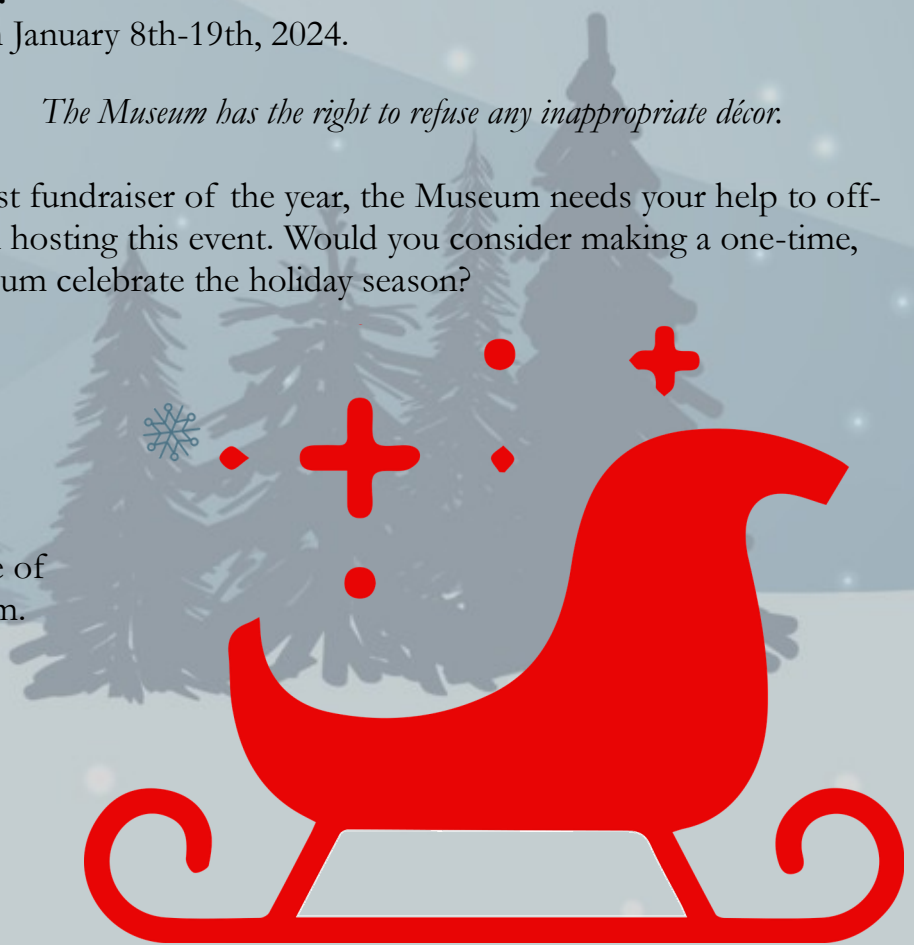
Logo printed on sponsorship page of the event program.

Mr. Claus -

\$500

Cindy Lou+

Logo printed on carnival game sign.



2023 TREE & EVENT SPONSORSHIP FORM

ORGANIZATION _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ZIP _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

Tree Sponsorship

CONTACT PERSON _____

CONTACT PERSON CELL PHONE _____

THEME FOR YOUR TREE _____

TREE PREFERENCE: FULL SIZE or TABLE TOP

Event Sponsorship

FROSTY (\$50)

RUDOLPH (\$100)

CINDY LOU (\$250)

MR. CLAUS (\$500)

*Please return this slip
with your donation.*

*Checks Payable to
North Berrien History*

BY SIGNING THIS I AGREE TO THE TERMS OUTLINED IN THE EVENT INVITATION.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

Holiday Open House

Friday, December 8

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Live Music - Refreshments Provided

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, December 9

11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Gingerbread House Decorating

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Visit Santa & Mrs. Claus

12:00 – 3:00 pm

Chili Cook-off - \$1/sample or \$4/bowl*

Live Music

Sunday, December 10

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Gingerbread House Decorating

Holiday Kids' Carnival

11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Visit Santa & Mrs. Claus

2:00 – 3:00 pm

John Dudley's Magic

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Holiday Contests



Gingerbread House \$8/Kit*

Entry form included in Kit!



Sponsored Tree Decorating



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