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Farm Museum's 2009 Holiday Tour: 'A Victorian Storybook Christmas'

November 5, 2009 – The holiday season is quickly approaching and the Farm Museum is getting ready for holiday visitors. As you plan your holiday schedule, be sure to include the Farm Museum's 2009 Holiday Tour. On behalf of the Board of Carroll County Commissioners, the museum will present "A *Victorian Storybook Christmas*." This year, staff and volunteers are transforming the farmhouse into scenes derived from some beloved children's storybook classics. Costumed guides will lead visitors through the six exhibit rooms, each one featuring a different book. The parlor features Beatrix Potter's Peter Rabbit; the study highlights Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn & Tom Sawyer; the master bedroom focuses on Treasure Island; the children's room showcases Goldilocks & the Three Bears; the dining room features Alice in Wonderland; while the kitchen sets the stage for The Night Before Christmas.

The Farm Museum's gift shop, in the lower level of the Mearing Barn, is decorated for the holidays and stocked with all kinds of gift items and décor, toys, books, collectibles and much more. The Farm Museum's 2009 collectible holiday ornament will be available to purchase during the tour. Holiday music will be played throughout the grounds and farmhouse, getting visitors in the mood to begin their own holiday preparations. Artisans will demonstrate various old-time skills in the blacksmith shop and living history center, showing visitors how necessary household articles were hand-crafted in the 1800s. Children anticipate a visit with Santa in his log house to give him their Christmas wishes. Take a mule-pulled wagon ride around the grounds on weekends for a small additional fee. Cookies and hot beverages may be purchased in the bake oven room next to the summer kitchen in the Living History Center.

Mark your calendars for the 2009 Holiday Tour, Dec. 4, 5 & 6 and Dec. 11, 12 & 13. Visit Fridays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, noon-5 p.m. The cost of admission is \$2.50 per person; children 6 and under are free. For additional information or directions to the Farm Museum, visit the web site at www.carrollcountymuseum.org or call 410-386-3880.

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