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Holiday Happenings at Salisbury House

DES MOINES, IA (November 19, 2013) – Salisbury House & Gardens is pleased to announce its 2013 holiday programming which includes:

Holly & Ivy

On December 6th, 7th and 8th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Salisbury House will open the doors of its beautifully adorned home for the 17th annual *Holly & Ivy* holiday home tour. This year's *Holly & Ivy* tour includes the private South of Grand residences of John Beard, Chuck and Janet Haas, Victoria and Steve Smith and the Chamberlain Mansion at Wesley Acres. Central Presbyterian Church will participate on Friday from 9 am to 6 pm and Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm with the *Holiday Market on 39th* featuring artwork, crafts and foods from local artisans.



Salisbury House 4025 Tonawanda Drive



John Beard 2900 Grand Avenue



Chuck and Janet Haas 4141 Greenwood Drive



Steve and Victoria Smith 415 Foster Drive



Chamberlain Mansion 3520 Grand Avenue



Central Presbyterian 3829 Grand Avenue

Salisbury House's 2013 list of decorators includes: Boesen the Florist, Boxwood Furnishings, Aubrey Dunbar, Iowa Outdoor Products, Kristin Jorgenson Interiors, One Source Event Productions, Pine Creek, Space Doctors Interiors, White Willow Events and Salisbury House Foundation volunteers.

Tickets to Holly & Ivy are \$15 for adults, \$6 for children, and \$12 per person for groups of 20 or more. Advance tickets may be purchased at www.salisburyhouse.org or by calling (515) 274-1777. Tickets may also be purchased at the door during the event at Salisbury House.

Gingerbread Grandeur Silent Auction

During the month of December, Salisbury House will showcase the clever creations of local bakers, architects and chefs with its 4th *Gingerbread Grandeur* silent auction. Salisbury House will display the gingerbread creations from November 26th - December 19th. The creations will be available for purchase through a silent auction benefitting the Salisbury House Foundation. Bidding ends at noon on December 19th. The 2013 *Gingerbread Grandeur* creations are being crafted by a professional division including: Carefree Patisserie, Design Alliance, Django, and Genesis Architectural Design. A celebrity division of *Gingerbread Grandeur* creations includes: Sabrina Ahmed – WOI-TV5, Michele Beschen – Simply Michele, Eric Hanson – KCCI-TV8, Van Harden and Bonnie Lucas – WHO radio, Drew Holmes – Urbandale Hy-Vee Store Manager, Colleen Kelly – Star 102.5, Mark Marturello and Michael Morain – Des Moines Register, Dan Wardell – IPTV, and Ed Wilson – WHO-TV 13.



**2012 Guest Favorite
Gingerbread Grandeur creation from Zombie Burger**

Holiday Workshops

Guests can learn how to craft a gingerbread masterpiece of their own at one of the *Gingerbread Grandeur Workshops* on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm, Saturday, December 7th at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm, or Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 pm. A baker from the Urbandale Hy-Vee will be on site offering tips, an accoutrement table will be available so guests can embellish their creations and refreshments will be served. Admission to the workshop is \$20 including admission for one guest and a gingerbread kit. Additional guests may attend the workshop for \$6 per person for guests that wish to share a kit with family or friends. The *Gingerbread Grandeur Workshops* are made possible through the generous support of the Urbandale Hy-Vee. On Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm, Tom Coleman of Beaverdale Confections will lead a *Holiday Chocolate Workshop* where guests will make chocolate lollipops and candies. The cost per person is \$20. Stuart Alexander of One Source Event Productions will lead a *Wreath Making Class* in the Salisbury House Common Room. The cost per person is \$20. Advance reservations are required.



Chamber Music at Salisbury House

On Thursday, December 12th at 7:30 pm, enjoy the music of the Odyssey Trio at *Chamber Music at Salisbury House*. This holiday musical performance will take place in the picturesque Common Room. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22.50 for members and \$15 for students.



The Cottage at Salisbury House

Looking for the perfect present? Don't forget to visit *The Cottage at Salisbury* as the gift shop is filled with wonderful holiday gifts including fine teas, home décor, lotions, soaps, jewelry, scarves, books, toys and more. *The Cottage at Salisbury* is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday from noon to 4:00 pm.



For additional information on upcoming events at Salisbury House or to purchase tickets, please visit www.salisburyhouse.org or call (515) 274-1777.

Salisbury House is a 42-room manor estate built in the 1920s by cosmetics magnate Carl Weeks and his wife, Edith. The house is filled with the Weeks Family's worldly collections, ranging from rare editions of literature from William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, James Joyce and D.H. Lawrence, early edition Bibles and Books of Mormon, art collections spanning the globe from Renaissance Europe to Midwestern modernism, Native American art, musical instruments, and much, much more.

