Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites Announces Trees of Historic Bethlehem Winners

BETHLEHEM, PA January 21, 2022—Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites (HBMS) is proud to announce the winners of the Trees of Historic Bethlehem: Cinematic Trees decorating contest. The Trees of Historic Bethlehem display is a time-honored tradition in Bethlehem. This year each tree was decorated by Bethlehem Garden Club members and other volunteers to reference classic holiday movies.

First place goes to the “Home Alone” tree decorated by McKenzie Family. The Second Place Tree winner is “Miracle on 34th Street” decorated by HBMS volunteers, Maria Fernandez and Betsy Fisher. The Third Place Tree is “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” decorated by Bethlehem Garden Club members Nancy Caldwell and Sally Roe.

Kay McKenzie said of her experience decorating the winning tree, “The Trees of Historic Bethlehem is one of our favorite Christmas traditions. Getting to decorate a tree this year was a thrill for us. We're glad to know everyone enjoyed our take on Home Alone. Come see what we come up with next year!”

There were 27 Trees of Historic Bethlehem decorated and located across five historical sites including the Kemmer Museum of Decorative Arts, the Moravian Museum, Single Sisters’ House, Luckenbach Mill and 1810 Goundie House. HBMS saw over 700 visitors for the popular, annual tour. Visitors were asked to vote for their favorite trees with slips of paper by each tree and the votes were tallied after the closing of the exhibit on January 9, 2022.

In addition to thanking the hard-working volunteers who made the creative displays, HBMS thanks the sponsors who helped make this event possible in 2021. They include:

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- The Express-Times, Lehigh Valley Live – “A Charlie Brown Christmas”
- Lehigh Valley Press – “The Santa Clause”
- I Heart Media – “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer”
Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites is a not-for-profit institution that brings to life three centuries of American history. Historic Bethlehem tells the story of a small town of great influence, home to some of our nation’s early settlers, to the first pumped municipal water system in the American colonies, and to one of the world’s greatest industrial companies. Historic Bethlehem is located in eastern Pennsylvania, only an hour's drive north from Philadelphia and 2 hours west of New York City. Historic Bethlehem is an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and part of a National Historic Landmark District - a designated site on the US World Heritage Tentative List. HBMS is proud to be a part of the effort to bring World Heritage Site status to Historic Moravian Bethlehem. We are pleased to share that as of Spring 2021, HBMS will be working in tandem with international Moravian Sites – Herrnhut, Germany and Gracehill, Northern Ireland, UK to prepare a joint serial nomination to the World Heritage List – a first for the United States.

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