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Greetings!

Time to once again *deck the halls* of the Polk County History Center for our 7th annual Festival of Wreaths.



Demonstrate your holiday spirit and support the History Center through participation in this project.

Twenty-four inch evergreen wreaths are available for pick up at the History Center now during normal operating hours, Tuesdays through Saturdays, 9:00a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Your museum quality decorated wreath should be returned to the History Center, October 17 through October 24.

In addition to creating a holiday atmosphere for visitors to enjoy, the wreaths will be available for purchase through an on-line Silent Auction process with proceeds benefiting History Center programming. As some bidders prefer a pair of matching wreaths for double door entrances, decorators may choose to decorate either one or two wreaths.

The wreaths will be on display and up for bid from Thursday, November 2 at 5 p.m. to Thursday, December 14 at 5 p.m. Signage recognizing wreath decorators by name is placed next to every wreath, and other promotional opportunities will be provided for you, your business or organization.

Historically, the most traditionally decorated wreaths fetch the highest bids. From the whimsical to the elegant, your museum quality wreath could be recognized with the *Santa's Choice* designation during the display period.

A special gift to our visitors and decorators occurs on the Opening Night of the Festival of Wreaths, on Thursday, November 2. The Frostproof Middle-Senior High School Choral group will perform a cappella from the 2nd floor rotunda at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Choral group, under the direction of Jonathan Carter, performed by invitation at New York City's Carnegie Hall during the summer of 2017.

Extended hours will also be offered on Friday, November 17 until 6:45 p.m. to coincide with the Main Street Bartow *Magic on Main Street* activity, to include the lighting of the tree by Santa Claus at 7 p.m. on the south lawn of the History Center.

Please see the next page for a quick "at a glance" summary of these dates to remember.

The holiday season at the History Center will be fun and festive for decorators, bidders, and visitors. We hope you will be a part of the merriment. Thank you for your support.

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