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Illinois museums and historic sites provide seasonal decorations for Executive Mansion

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois' Executive Mansion will feature a historic flair once again this holiday season with decorations provided by Illinois museums and historic sites, and the public is invited to see the decorations every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from November 29, 2011 through January 7, 2012.

"Historic Christmas at the Mansion" will feature 21 unique trees decorated by staff and volunteers from Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, Dana-Thomas House, Old State Capitol, Vachel Lindsay Home, Elijah Iles House, Lincoln Home, Springfield Art Association – Edwards Place, and Pasfield House, all in Springfield; Lincoln's New Salem near Petersburg; David Davis Mansion in Bloomington; Governor Duncan Mansion in Jacksonville; Quincy Museum; Hegeler Carus Mansion in LaSalle; Cahokia Mounds in Collinsville; Bishop Hill; Carl Sandburg State Historic Site in Galesburg; Bryant Cottage in Bement; Lincoln Log Cabin near Charleston; Old Lincoln Courthouse and Museum in Beardstown; and Central Illinois Decorative Artists.

The Executive Mansion trees will be decorated by the volunteers November 25, 26 and 28 to prepare for the first public showing on November 29. Dried materials from the Executive Mansion gardens will complement the decorated trees.

Visitors will be greeted by Governor Pat Quinn during the Executive Mansion Open House on Saturday, December 17 from 3:30 to 5 p.m., and refreshments will be provided by the Executive Mansion Association. The public is invited to tour the Executive Mansion every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m., and every Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

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