

A Main Street Christmas



The weather outside may be frightful, but inside Flemington's Main Street Manor Victorian bed and breakfast, it's elegantly delightful during the holidays.

Inn owners Donna and Ken Arold start decorating their elegant bed and breakfast long before Christmas with holiday collections that have been handed down from past generations—vintage Snowbabies; Lefton angels, elves, and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus; a parlor tree complete with Shiny Brites and antique German ornaments; old-tyme Christmas villages; and the Inn's assistant's colorful collection of antique tin toys—noise makers and all sorts of wind-ups. Swags of fresh greens with bows dot the interior.

On two Friday evenings in December, 7 and 14, the ArolDs offer their Candlelight Christmas Tour. The Inn is open from 7 to 8:30 p.m., with an admission of \$5. All proceeds benefit the Fleming Castle Museum. The tour is self-guided and guests can see decorated theme trees and holiday vignettes with tabletop collections, all by candle and Christmas lights. Free hot cider and pickle holiday snacks will be offered.

On December 9, recording artist Carmen Jon will perform at the mansion for a Very Merry Musical Event. 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person and reservations are a must. An appetizer buffet and non-alcoholic drinks will be served.

On December 9 from 4 to 6 p.m. the Main Street Manor and Teaberry's Tea Room present a Progressive Christmas Cookie Sale. Both Main Street businesses will be open to view Christmas decorations and purchase cookies. Profits from the sale will benefit a local charity.

And for those who want to start a new holiday tradition, the Main Street Manor offers its Oh Christmas Tree Package, November 30–December 17. Guests cut a complimentary Christmas tree from Cherryville Farms and receive a keepsake ornament when they book a two-night weekend in one of two special guest rooms. (A few other holiday touches are in store for the stay as well.)

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