



THE EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MUSEUM of EAST TENNESSEE HISTORY
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Holiday Open House at the Museum of East Tennessee History Saturday, December 12, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

(Knoxville, Tenn.) Cookies and apple cider will warm the day at the East Tennessee Historical Society's Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 12. Entertainment will be provided by the Smokyland Sound Chorus of the Greater Knoxville Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. Activities include craft demonstrations and the sale of handmade items, free ornament and craft making for the kids, and holiday refreshments. Maryville College professor and children's book author Lisa Soland will be on hand with her two children's books, *The Christmas Angel* and *The Unmade Moose*. Local crafter Karen Micheletta will be selling a selection of her handmade items made from antique quilts. Visitors are invited to browse the ETHS Museum Store for a 10% discount on a great selection of traditional gifts, history books, and children's items. The 10% public discount is good for this day only. ETHS members receive a 10% discount throughout the year and 15% off throughout the month of December. Looking for the gift that gives all year? Pick up a gift membership and your loved ones will receive publications and special benefits throughout the year.



On display is a hand-carved crèche, made in Germany and brought to East Tennessee by the Fickey family in 1883.

Museum admission is free for the day. On display is a beautifully hand-carved crèche (above right) made in Germany and brought to East Tennessee by the immigrant Fickey family in 1883. Family legend indicates that it had origins in the Fickeys' home district of Erzgebirge some 150 years before being brought to this country. Other exhibits currently on view include the feature exhibition *Celebrating a Life in Tennessee Art: Lloyd Branson, 1853-1925*, an East Tennessee Streetscape and Corner Drug Store, and *Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee*, a look at 300 years of history, from the Cherokee to the 1982 World's Fair.

Holiday Open House events are free and open to the public from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Museum of East Tennessee is located at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. For more information, visit www.eastTNhistory.org or call 865-215-8824.

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