

**The Sauk County Historical Society presents  
A Victorian Christmas Celebration December 10  
Featuring the Twelve Days of Christmas**

The Sauk County Historical Society will once again be hosting a Victorian Christmas Celebration at the historic Van Orden Mansion in Baraboo as the sights, sounds and tastes of an old fashioned Christmas come to life. The twelfth annual event will feature an all new theme of the Twelve Days of Christmas. A dozen fresh Christmas trees will be at the mansion each one featuring one of the twelve days--from a partridge in a pear tree to twelve drummers drumming. The trees will be decorated by designers, businesses and volunteers including Bekah Kate's, Amber Moon and the Village Booksmith of Baraboo, DREAMS, Angela Brozak, Nijole Etzwiler, Lindy Larsen, Bruce Ley, Mel Burgi, Mona Larsen, Diane Thomas and Dave SaLoutos of Baraboo. This year SaLoutos, who has created rooms portraying Christmas from the 1930s to the 1970s, will create an entire room devoted to Christmas during the 1950s including a "six geese-a-laying" tree trimmed with feathers and vintage '50s ornaments.

Also inside the mansion, guests will enjoy holiday goodies at the bountiful dessert table in the mansion's dining room. This year's showcase centerpiece will be a gingerbread replica of the historic Abner L. Harris house in Reedsburg. The gingerbread house is being crafted by Society volunteers with the help of Susan Holding at the Little French Bakery. Live music will also enhance the open house as area musicians perform a variety of Christmas music in various formats from choral selections to string, brass, and wind ensembles throughout the day. Outside, horse-drawn "jingle bell" rides will be given from 1-4 p.m.

The Victorian Christmas at the Sauk County Historical Society has become an annual tradition for many people in the area. The Van Orden Mansion is located at 531 Fourth Avenue in Baraboo just three blocks west of the Al. Ringling Theatre. The Victorian Christmas Celebration will take place from 12 to 7 p.m on Saturday, December 10. The price for admission is \$5 for adults with children 12 and under admitted free. Admission for SCHS members is \$3. Everyone is invited to this very special Sauk County holiday tradition. For more information contact the Sauk County Historical Society at 356-1001 or on line at [www.saukcountyhistory.org](http://www.saukcountyhistory.org)

