

Nature inspires holiday decor at Osborne Homestead in Derby

By Patricia Villers

DERBY - Did you know that lizards, lemurs, and bats are pollinators?

My daughter Allegra and I recently learned that interesting fact when we visited the Osborne Homestead Museum beautifully decorated in a *Nature's Friends* theme that highlights several pollinators.

The museum at 500 Hawthorne Ave. is operated by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Each year local garden clubs decorate the Colonial revival style house that was the lifelong home of businesswoman, civic leader, and philanthropist Frances Osborne Kellogg.

This year nine clubs decorated the rooms with pollinating animals.

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Our guide, Pat Sweeney, said, "Osbornedale Farm depended on pollinators for its livestock feed, fruit orchards, vegetable, herb and flower gardens."

Holiday tours of the homestead are offered from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursday through Sunday (last tour at 3:30 p.m.) now through Dec. 21.

Twilight tours will be held from, 4-7 p.m. (last tour 6:45 p.m.) Friday and Dec. 20.

Admission is free; donations gratefully accepted.



Kudos to the following groups:

- Derby Garden Society
- Long Hill Garden Club
- Olde Ripton Garden Club of Shelton
- Ye Olde Kellogg Garden Club
- Naugatuck Garden Club
- Garden Club of Orange
- Garden Club of Woodbridge
- Women Redefining Retirement of Milford
- Jen Plasky of the American Institute of Floral Design



Residents enjoy Ansonia tree lighting tradition

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ANSONIA - Community members of all ages gathered Friday at Veterans Park for the traditional lighting of the city's Christmas tree.

Santa arrived by firetruck to the delight of the children who were anxious to tell him what they wanted for Christmas.

They waited in line to sit on Santa's lap and divulge their Christmas wishes as their parents and grandparents took photos.

The Ansonia High School chorus, accompanied by AHS music teacher Maria Tangredi, performed Christmas songs. As in the past resident Mark Lanzieri sang a variety of holiday music accompanied by pianist David Scrimenti, also of Ansonia.

The event was sponsored by Mayor David S. Cassetti and the Ansonia Cultural Commission with the able assistance of the Ansonia Junior Cultural Commission.



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community
event on P.4



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- George Pudimat
- Kayleigh Mihalko
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