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Kick off your holiday season right this year and make plans to attend the Trail End Holiday Open House in Sheridan, Wyoming. This three-day event celebrates the season with live music and tasty treats served up in a historically elegant atmosphere complete with all the traditional trappings of the holidays.

An annual tradition for nearly twenty-five years, the Open House is scheduled for December 7, 8 & 9, 2007, at the Trail End State Historic Site. Sponsored by the Trail End Guilds, Inc., the event features live entertainment and holiday decorations throughout the spectacular 1913 mansion. Open House hours are 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Admission is one dollar for adults. Children are admitted at no charge, but must be accompanied by an adult.



Trail End - a 14,000 square foot brick mansion overlooking Kendrick Park - is decorated from Thanksgiving through mid-December (open daily from 1 to 4 p.m. for self-guided tours). Seven ornately decorated trees - including two nine-foot beauties - stand throughout the house, from the Drawing Room to the Ballroom. Windows and staircases are draped with garlands and ribbons, while potted poinsettias enhance nearly every horizontal surface.

One major attraction of the Open House is the live music. While the exact lineup has yet to be announced, visitors can count on hearing a variety of performers, from solo guitarists and pianists to vocal groups and instrumental ensembles. A different act is featured each hour; those wanting to hear a particular entertainer are urged to contact the museum for details. Even more entertainment is in store this year, as the Civic Theatre Guild presents "Christmas at the Carriage House" at the Carriage House Theatre, located on the Trail End grounds. Following a Readers' Theatre presentation of Truman Capote's touching short story, "Jug of Silver," Sheridan's own Spurs of the Moment will take the stage for an hour of holiday music. Curtain times for "Christmas at the Carriage House" are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Guided tours of the mansion, home of former Wyoming Governor and United States Senator John B. Kendrick, are offered during the Open House. Conducted by Trail End staff and volunteers, the tours feature the history of the house and grounds, plus a look at what the holidays were like earlier in the Twentieth Century.

In the mansion's historic kitchen, Trail End staff and volunteers will serve up tasty seasonal treats. This year, hot spiced cider is paired with delicious Figgy Pudding - a holiday favorite for centuries.

In addition to Trail End's regularly displayed furnishings - nearly all original to the house - many additional Kendrick family items are included in the annual holiday exhibit. Visitors have an opportunity to see toys, sleds, skates, dishes, and Christmas cards from the 1910s, 20s and 30s, as well as a nativity scene made in Germany prior to World War Two, and an old-fashioned "feather" tree. Additional toys and games have been loaned for the event by several Sheridan residents.



This year's focus exhibit features dozens of early electrical appliances - from hair dryers and floor polishers to popcorn poppers and juicers. With items on loan from the Wyoming State Museum and several local collectors, these 1910-1940 appliances illustrate the old saying: "Everything old is new again." According to period magazines, electric toasters and stand mixers were just as popular for Christmas in 1918 as they are today!

The Holiday Open House is nearly the last opportunity for visitors to enjoy the historic site this year. Trail End is closed during the winter months, from December 15, 2007 through February 29, 2008. Over the winter, staff will be busy updating the site's interpretive panels. The current exhibit, "Independent of the Sun" focuses on the impact of



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electricity on early Twentieth Century Sheridan. The 2008 exhibit, "The Fashionable Child" will explore changing trends in children's clothing over the years. Using images from the Trail End archives, as well as period catalogs and magazines, this fascinating trip through the closets of America's past will show how kids have gone from knickers and ruffles to baggy shorts and tee shirts.



The Trail End State Historic Site is located at 400 Clarendon Avenue in Sheridan (exit 23 off Interstate 90; turn onto Fifth Street; then left onto Clarendon). Parking for the Open House is available on Delphi, Clarendon and Victoria Streets. Limited handicapped parking is available in the circular drive between the Kendrick Mansion and the Carriage House Theater. The upper and lower floors of the mansion are accessible to the mobility impaired through use of the elevator.

Trail End is operated by the State Parks and Historic Sites Division of the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources. For more information on the Trail End State Historic Site, the Holiday Open House or the Trail End Guilds, phone 307-674-4589, or visit their website at www.trailend.org.

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