



THE EAST TENNESSEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Holiday Open House at the Museum of East Tennessee History Saturday, December 9, 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 9, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Activities include live music, craft demonstrations and the sale of handmade items, free ornament and craft making for the kids, balloon animals, local authors, and holiday refreshments. Crafter Karen Micheletta will have a selection of her handmade items made from quilts to purchase. A WWI living historian will share the story of the Christmas Truce of 1914, a friendly ceasefire on the Western Front. In conjunction with the temporary exhibit *Stories in Stitches: Quilts from the Permanent Collection of the East Tennessee Historical Society*, Quilters Hall of Fame member Merikay Waldvogel and members of the Smoky Mountain Quilters Guild will offer a quilt sharing and gallery tours to discuss featured quilts.



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

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.

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 Fickey's home district of Erzgebirge some 150 years before being brought to this country. Other exhibits currently on view include the feature exhibition *Stories in Stitches*, 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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