

Christmas home tour set Dec. 4

Traditions don't start easily, but in Troy's new Christmas Walk may make it a popular tradition one day.

The event, planned for Dec. 4, was the brainchild of Troy Town Hall supporters who were looking for a new idea and a way to raise money for the lecture series.

"We were looking for some way to raise additional funds for town hall, we wanted something that could become a tradition in Troy and we wanted something that would not be too expensive

to put on," said Mary Ann Solberg, director of town hall. "Last year, we brought in Up With People which raised money for us, but cost us money, too, and took a major effort to bring about."

The Christmas walk was suggested by Solberg, who thought the biggest difficulty would be in finding residents who would be willing to open their homes to the public.

The opposite has proven true. "People are delighted to have their houses included in it," she said. "It may be-

come sort of prestigious to be part of it."

ALTHOUGH THE committee had listed several homes as possibilities, the first four approached agreed to participate. They also had no problems finding florists who were willing to help decorate the homes.

Featured on the tour, which will run from noon until 5 p.m., will be:

- A farmhouse owned by photographer Baltazar Korab. Though more than 100 years old, the house is decorated with a modern touch and is filled with original artwork, particularly folk art. Morning View Gardens will do the interior greenery.
- The new home of Joseph and Mary Lujan, designed by Mrs. Lujan. The spacious house will be decorated to reflect family Christmas traditions. Mary Jane flowers will complete the interior.
- The Waitles farmhouse. Ye Olde Flower Barn will decorate the interior of this traditional home.
- The ranch home owned by the

Charles Floeter family. Each year, the family decorates the house so that it resembles a Christmas fairland. Shaeffer greenhouse will add whatever touches are needed to finish off the setting. Shaeffer is also providing poinsettias for all the houses.

Each family will decorate its own Christmas tree.

Solberg thinks those who visit the Troy homes will come away with ideas for their own holiday decorations. "We're trying to show that many of the holiday decorations are easily copied."

AFTER THE tour, participants are invited to stop by Troy Museum for the annual Hanging of the Greens program which kicks off the holiday season in Troy. Refreshments will be available.

Tickets sales for the Christmas Walk are limited to 400. Advance tickets are \$4 while those sold at the door will be \$5. To reserve the tax-deductible tickets, call Solberg at 449-3716 or the adult education offices at 879-0101. The tickets include maps indicating how to get to the houses.

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Hospice fund raiser gets started Friday

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Shoppers can light a light in honor of any occasion — a child's birthday or graduation, a wedding anniversary, a new grandchild, an engagement — or in memory of someone dear.

A \$5 donation lights one light on the evergreen trees at the hospice booth on the lower level of Oakland Mall. Each light will be tagged with the donor's name and the reason for the celebration or memorial.

Mort Crim of WDIV-Channel 4 is honorary chairman of the event and

will make a guest appearance at the hospice booth at noon Tuesday.

A donation of \$2 obtains a hospice button.

On the final day of the fund raiser, Saturday, Dec. 17, donors are invited to attend a tree-lighting ceremony at 3 p.m. Mort Crim will officiate, and a choir will sing as all the celebration and memorial lights are lit.

The hospice booth is staffed by volunteers and staff members of Cranbrook Hospice Care of Birmingham and Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, in Southfield. The booth is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from 11 to 5.

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City Hall Office WILL BE OPEN for payment of taxes 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with the following exceptions:

(CLOSED ALL DAYS)

Monday, December 26, 1983
Monday, January 2, 1984
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