

# Trees getting decked out for festival at museum

Markham Museum and Historic Village is preparing to celebrate the holiday season with the second annual Festival of Trees Dec. 1 to 3.

The festival is geared towards family fun, with dozens of decorated trees and special events at the museum's site on Main Street Markham.

During the three-day festival, children can participate in a breakfast with Santa, Santa's Secret Shop and the festival fun area.

A new feature this year is the holiday decorating demonstration.

Visitors can also take a lamp-lit stroll through the village to see the decorations.

Markham Museum spokesperson Cathy Molloy hopes that attendance for this year's festival will be "in the thousands".

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children, students and seniors, and \$12 for family passes. Group rates are also available.

Markham Museum has relied on local businesses and associations for help in creating decorated trees, wreaths, entertainment and the Festival Cafe. The Old Curiosity Tea Shop, BMW Autohouse, Tellus, Embassy Suites and Markville Mall are among the sponsors.

Proceeds from the Festival of Trees go towards lung health research, the Lung Association, community health programs and education programs at Markham Museum.

At the Markham Fairgrounds this weekend

# 170 exhibitors at the Country Show

BY SHANNON WALTER  
Special

Visitors to this year's Markham Country Decorating and Collectibles Show and Sale will find another building to tour. Four buildings at the Markham Fairgrounds (at McCowan Road and 18th Avenue) will hold 170 exhibitors for the three-day show which kicks off Friday.

Additions to the lineup include: coat and parcel check, supervised daycare and an ATM machine. An auction for The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation has also been added, and Sue Barker from Bears & Hares is designing the ready-to-wear bears that will be auctioned off.

Of course, with the holiday season fast approaching, many

of the exhibitors will be focussed on Christmas creations, everything from candles to furniture, shaker boxes to teddy bears.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$2 for children 12 and younger. \$2-off admission coupons have been published in the Markham Economist & Sun, Stouffville Tribune, TV Guide and StarWeek magazine.

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Staff will be available at all information sessions to answer questions in French. Submission of completed applications will be due by January 31, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, 415 Yonge Street, 10th Floor, Toronto, M5B 2E7. Successful applicants will be identified in Spring 2001. All applications will be assessed on the same basis.

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