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10
YEARS!**

Festival of Trees

*November 18-22, 2009
Mt. Iron Community Center, Highway 169, Mt. Iron*

Please join us at our 10th annual holiday event celebrating community spirit. The community center will be transformed into a winter wonderland of decorated trees, wreaths, centerpieces and more all available by silent auction. Come see what's new at the Festival this year!

2009 Schedule of Events & Festival Hours

Wednesday, November 18

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. ***Business After Hours*** \$5 donation. Open to the public. Join us for our "Wild West Bonanza" theme which will include tasty appetizers such as Bourbon Saloon cocktail meatballs, homemade buttery cornbread, stuffed buffalo chicken bites, fried apple fritters, ranger cookies and more all prepared by *Great Expectations*, VRMC's gourmet catering service. Please join us! Cash bar. Dress is business casual. Door prizes.

Thursday & Friday, November 19 & 20

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. ***Ladies' Luncheons***. \$20 per person. A holiday-wear "Sparkle, Shimmer & Shine" Fashion Show will be held during the luncheons. VRMC's *Great Expectations* will serve a fabulous "Country French Cuisine" themed meal including encrusted chicken drizzled with hollandaise sauce, Napoleon potatoes, petite green beans, French silk pie and petit pain rolls with butter, and coffee. Cash bar. Style show, lunch, and door prizes. To purchase tickets, call 749-9420. Hurry, space is limited.

Friday Evening, November 20

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. ***Holiday Evening Tour of Homes*** Join us for "Parisian Bistro" hors d'oeuvres and wine tasting which will begin the evening at the Mt. Iron Community Center. The delectable hors d'oeuvres will be specially prepared by *Great Expectations* and will include French le poulet (chicken) skewers, brandy cream shrimp, Roquefort and cherry tartlets, caramelized onion Swiss crostini, almond cheese grapes, éclairs and gourmet petit fours, to name just a few. The four homes are located in the Midway area of Virginia, Fifth Avenue of Virginia and the Unity Addition of Mt. Iron. They will be beautifully decorated inside and out by our local florists, garden centers, and home décor stores. The homes will have decorated items for silent auction and items for sale. Addresses and driving instructions will be available at the Mt. Iron Community Center. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets can be purchased on the VRMC website (www.vrmc.org), at the VRMC Gift Shop, or by calling 749-9415. Advance tickets must be purchased by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 18. The homes will be open from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. with the community center open from 4:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 21

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Festival is open to the public for tree viewing and silent auction bidding of beautifully-designed trees, wreaths and more! Santa Shoppe will be open featuring many gift items for your holiday shopping. Come and see what we have new at the festival this year!

11:30 to 1:30 p.m. ***Holiday Luncheon*** — A special festive holiday "Tour de France" luncheon will be served for \$10.00. The lunch will include Dijon chicken, pasta au fromage (cheesy pasta), Bordeaux mixed vegetables, strawberry crème puff and fresh-sliced bakery crusty French bread all prepared by *Great Expectations*. A limited number of Saturday luncheon tickets will be available at the door.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. ***Saturday Holiday Tour of Homes & Luncheon***— See Holiday Evening Tour of Homes above for description of event. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$30 at the door and can be purchased online at www.vrmc.org, by phone at 749-9415 or at the VRMC Gift shop. The Saturday tour includes a fabulous luncheon (see Holiday Luncheon above for menu). The homes are open for tours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch will be served at two separate times (11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.). Due to the popularity of this event and to help alleviate congestion and allow adequate seating and meal planning, we are asking participants to choose a meal time when they purchase tickets.

Sunday, November 22

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ***Family Day*** with children's activities including face painting, cookie decorating, a craft (\$5), bean bag toss and more. Special free treat bags for the first 250 kids! The Festival is open to the public for tree viewing and silent auction bidding. Kids can visit with Santa. Grove Studio will be available for holiday photos at an additional cost. Santa Shoppe will be open.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ***Pancake Breakfast*** including griddle pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, yogurt, orange juice and coffee. Breakfast is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

1 p.m. Last chance to bid on designer-decorated holiday items and purchase raffle tickets for the Wine Tree and the Delta Airline tickets and Thunderbird Mall Holiday Shopping Spree.

1 p.m. Bidding ends and winners of silent auction announced. Festival closes.

All proceeds to help convert 16 long-term care rooms in the Virginia Convalescent Center into short-term rehab rooms.
For more information about the Festival, call 749-9481.

