



**FREE
Admission!**

Festival of Trees

November 19-23, 2008

Mt. Iron Community Center, Highway 169, Mt. Iron

Please join us at our 9th 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!

2008 Schedule of Events & Festival Hours

Wednesday, November 19

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. **Business After Hours** \$5 donation. Open to the public. Join us for our "Shanghai Sampler" theme which will include tasty appetizers such as Northern bon bon ribs, mini egg rolls, warm Hong Kong crab dip with chips, shrimp roll ups, Shanghai glazed chicken wings, 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 20 & 21

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Ladies' Luncheons**. \$20 per person. A Faux Fashion Show will be held during the luncheons. Once again, VRMC's *Great Expectations* will serve a fabulous meal including honey balsamic glazed chicken, baked acorn squash with spiced butter, Venetian mixed vegetables, caramel apple dessert, dinner roll and coffee. Cash bar. Style show, lunch, and door prizes. To purchase tickets, call 749-9420. Hurry, space is limited.

Friday Evening, November 21

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. **Holiday Evening Tour of Homes** "Tour Napa Valley" hors d' oeuvres and wine tasting 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 gorgonzola, date and walnut tartlets, sun-kissed chicken skewers, vineyard meatballs, apricot and prosciutto pizza squares, to name just a few. The four homes are located in Virginia and Eveleth this year and 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. Thursday, November 20. 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 22

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 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Holiday Luncheon** — A special festive holiday "Capture California Countryside" luncheon will be served for \$10.00. The lunch will include grilled chicken with creamy parmesan pumpkin sauce on top of penne pasta, Bordeaux blend vegetables, fresh bakery garlic breadstick and lemon cream cake for dessert. 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 23

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. Holiday photos taken by Rhonda Ratliff will also be available. Santa Shoppe will be open.

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Pancake Breakfast** including griddle pancakes, bacon, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit cup, 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 Northwest 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 purchase a
VRMC MRI Breast Coil.
For more information about
the Festival, call 749-9481.**