

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO "A SPARKLING EVENING AT THE REDDICK MANSION"**  
**REDDICK MANSION ASSOCIATION**  
**OTTAWA, IL**

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The Reddick Mansion Association (RMA) invites the public to a Holiday Preview Party on Friday, November 21st and Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. On both evenings, the Mansion will be open from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

After more than 2 weeks of work by many volunteers, all the trees, garlands, candles, ornaments, centerpieces, and lights will be in place. Roger Hooper and Steve Meyer, both members of the Board of Directors for the Reddick Mansion Association, will oversee and coordinate the decorating of the more than 20 rooms in the Mansion.

In addition to enjoying the lovely decorations in a leisurely and relaxed atmosphere, people will be able to talk with costumed docents about the building and its history. Also on display will be a collection of "Dept. 56 Original Snow Village" houses, on loan from RMA board member, Donna Nordstrom. Approximately 20 miniature houses will be displayed in the lower level of the Mansion. A suggested donation of \$5.00 is requested.

Refreshments will reflect the "Sparkling Evening" theme and will feature champagne and chocolate. Visitors to the Mansion are invited to enjoy these treats while shopping the unique and beautiful ornaments for sale from the trees in the lower level of the Mansion. These ornaments, which have been chosen especially for the Reddick Mansion, include a collection of crystal ornaments, a collection of mercury glass ornaments, and a collection of nature-themed ornaments. There will also be a red-and-white tree and a tree full of whimsical, kid-friendly ornaments. Another tree will be decorated with the custom-designed ornaments sold by the RMA several years ago which featured local landmarks including the Aquaduct, the WHL Wallace home, the LaSalle County Courthouse. Price range for all ornaments is between \$1.00 and \$6.00.

The Reddick Mansion, built in 1858, is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites and is open to the public for tours. The Mansion, at 100 W. Lafayette Street, Ottawa, IL, also has meeting/reception rooms available for rent for special events