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The Lights

Southern Illinois' most
spectacular holiday program returns!

The Lights: An exhibition of holiday magic is back for a second year at Cedarhurst, and this year's program boasts even more magic.

Favorite light features from the inaugural year return, and they are joined by five new additions shining bright along an expanded, one-mile walking route designed to highlight the best of the Cedarhurst campus.


Savor the season with a stroll along *Peppermint Pathway*. Watch in wonder as our new floating feature does a *Winter's Waltz* across the Cedarhurst pond. And dance along to *Lightspill*, a moving feature installed atop one of Cedarhurst's largest sculptures.

These are only a sampling of the sparkle that's in store at *The Lights*!

Capture the memories at fun photo stations placed along the walking route - just don't eat the Gingerbread men! There are plenty of other treats available anyway. Roast s'mores at the fire pits or stay warm with a hot cocoa (adults can add an extra kick!) as you immerse yourself in the illumination.

So grab your friends and family - maybe a scarf and some mittens too. You don't want to miss your chance to take in the twinkle and make your own magical memories at

The Lights: An exhibition of holiday magic at Cedarhurst!



Entry Times and Tickets

5:00 to 9:00 PM | Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays

November 18 through December 31

(Closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day)

Adults - \$15 per person | Cedarhurst Members \$10 (*Join Today!*)

Children (ages 2 to 10) - \$5 | *Free admission for children under 2*

Cedarhurst Member Tickets go on sale October 5

General Admission Ticket sales start October 20

For your enjoyment (what's included) at *The Lights*

- Exhibition of more than 1 million holiday lights designed to highlight the best of the Cedarhurst campus.
- Fun, festive photo opportunities along the one-mile walking route - bring your camera to capture the memories!
- Community fire pits (s'more kits available for purchase) and warming stations.
- Option to purchase seasonal drinks.
- Admission to the museum's five art galleries (see Page 9 for details).
- Family fun opportunities in the interactive Beck Family Center.
- Holiday movie showings in the Performance Hall most weekends.
- Opportunity to purchase holiday merchandise and souvenirs - *they make great holiday gifts!*
- Special holiday programs are scheduled on select weekends. (See Pages 5-8 for details).

Want a VIP experience? Check out the semi-private fire pit rentals and facility rental options on Page 4.



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Host a

Fire Pit Party!

Fire Pit Rentals:

Bring your entourage and enjoy a VIP experience at *The Lights*. Semi-private fire pits located in the lawn behind the Mitchell House can be rented for an extended night of fun.

Fire Pit Rental - \$300*

Rental Package includes:

- 1½ hour rental of a private fire pit for up to 8 people
PLUS tickets to *The Lights* (\$120 value)

Rental times: 5:00 to 6:30 pm and 7:00 to 8:30 pm
each Friday and Saturday during *The Lights*

- Two complimentary drink tickets for each person
- Choice of deluxe s'more kit or charcuterie board that serves up to 8 people
- Free light-up lanyard for each person

* Add up to 4 additional people for \$30 each.

New
&
Improved!

Plan your Holiday Party at Cedarhurst!

For larger groups and private events, Cedarhurst offers rental of the onsite Schweinfurth House, located at the north end of the Cedarhurst campus. Host your family Christmas celebration, corporate holiday party, or gather a group of friends in conjunction with *The Lights*. Rentals are available on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Rent *The Lights* for a private viewing and larger celebration in the Mitchell Museum during special rental opportunities available on Thursday evenings.

Rentals are booking now!

Contact Courtney Kabat
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FESTIVAL *of Trees*

Help launch the 2023 season of **The Lights** by attending the 16th Annual Festival of Trees! This longtime community event is a collaborative project and fundraiser for:



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Kickoff Celebration

Join us for an elegant evening of holiday wonder ...

*Christmas trees, dinner, drinks, and horse-drawn carriage rides that offer a first look of **The Lights** at Cedarhurst.*

Friday, November 17

Mitchell Museum Performance Hall

~ Cocktails and carriage rides 5:30 pm | Dinner and Auctions 7pm

~ Tickets - \$150/person | Black tie optional

The Festival of Trees lasts all weekend!

Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19

Browse the beautifully decorated Christmas trees during **The Lights**!

Admission to The Festival of Trees is included with all general admission tickets between 5 and 9 pm.

Daytime visitors can view for free from 11 am to 4pm, and all are welcome to bid for the chance to take home a tree.

Support The Festival by donating or sponsoring a tree!

Contact:

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The
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Christmas
MARKET

Shop for unique holiday gifts
and support regional artists!

Cedarhurst is excited
to offer one of the
finest Christmas Markets
in the region for all of
your holiday shopping
needs.

Have fun browsing
hand-made items
for the holidays
including pottery,
stained glass, painting,
soaps/lotions, candles,
ornaments, holiday decor
and much more!

Mitchell Museum Performance Hall

Shop the artist booths while visiting *The Lights!*
Admission is included.

Daytime visitors can shop the market
(free admission!) from 11am to 4pm.




Friday • Saturday • Sunday
December
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Interested
in participating as a
vendor?

Find more info at cedarhurst.org or
contact Carrie Stover, Director of the
Shrode Art Center
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Purchase a special ticket to enjoy Supper with Santa!
Families will enjoy a buffet dinner, craft activity, and the chance to merrily mingle and take photos with Santa.
After dinner, walk **The Lights** and enjoy everything the Cedarhurst campus has to offer.*

Friday, December 15 -or-
Saturday, December 16

Mitchell Museum Performance Hall
Doors open at 5:00 pm
Dinner served at 5:30 pm

Adult Admission*

\$35 per person
\$30 Cedarhurst members
(join today!)

Child Admission*

\$30 ages 2 to 10
under age 2 - free admission

*Ticket purchase includes admission to **The Lights**.



FAMILY NIGHTS

at *The* Lights

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The Lights offers a magical experience for families -
and people of all ages - every weekend during the holidays.

To ensure all can participate in this merry program, Cedarhurst has expanded its Family Night offering and designated three dates that offer free admission* for children.

Special activities will emphasize family entertainment and connection.

sunday
NOV. 26

sunday
DEC. 10

sunday
DEC. 31

With paid or free* Family Night admission, you can enjoy all
The Lights has to offer, plus the following:

- Holiday movie showings in the Performance Hall
- Story time with Mrs. Claus
- Coloring, crafts, and special photo ops with our sponsors:
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- Family fun in the Beck Family Center

**Ticketing policy requires a minimum of one adult ticket purchased
for every four children's tickets redeemed.*

Do you work with a group or know someone who could benefit from
free Family Night admission? Contact Hillary Esser | hillary@cedarhurst.org





Visit The Galleries

Cedarhurst is home to five visual arts galleries and an interactive family learning center, which are open year round and during the holidays for visitors to **The Lights**.

Gallery admission is included with admission to **The Lights**.

Bonan Permanent Collection Gallery

The Cedarhurst collections are centered around the collection of museum founders John and Eleanor Mitchell, who comprised an impressive collection of late 19th and early 20th Century American Impressionist paintings.

New Semantics Contemporary Art Gallery ***Visions of Us: Portraits Reflecting the Human Experience***

Color photographs by artist Paul Elledge will be exhibited to present the dignity of Southern Illinois residents - their work ethic, perseverance, dedication, and identity - while documenting our current time period in America.

Sponsored by: Hunt and Donna Bonan

Beal Grand Corridor Gallery ***Midwest Historical Contexts: Coal Mining and The Illinois Round Barn***

This exhibition pairs two collections of photography documenting Illinois history. First is a series of gelatin silver prints that document the lives of coal miners and their families, taken after Jimmy Carter created The President's Commission on Coal in 1978. Second is a collection titled The Barns of Illinois, organized by the Illinois State Historical Society in the 1970s to showcase the value of farming to our state and livelihood.

Sponsored by: Hughey Funeral Home

Beck Gallery located in the Beck Family Center ***Wiggle, Waggle, Woof!***

Our first ever canine art exhibit features the beloved dogs of many of our members and friends. Check out the art and photos and see if you know any of these proud pooches!

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Regenhardt Gallery in the Shrode Art Center ***Shrode Photography Competition Exhibition***

This well-known and well-respected competition showcases the talent and diversity of artists living in Southern Illinois. From portraiture to landscape to everyday scenes, photographers submit work featuring all types of subject matter and hope to be among those selected for the exhibition.

Sponsored by: Crossroads Community Hospital

Holiday Gallery Hours:

Tuesday through Sunday 11 am to 4 pm

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 5 to 9 pm





Walk through our *Winter Wonderland!*

The Lights one-mile walking route is designed to highlight the best of the museum's campus. From distinct building architecture to the beautiful sculpture park - including open lawns, wooded trails, water features, and thoughtful artworks.

Cedarhurst is your destination for holiday delight!

Cedarhurst's public buildings are accessible and welcoming to individuals with disabilities, and the museum has made accessibility improvements to its outdoor walking trails. The lighted trail has been oil and chipped to create a smoother surface that can be easily navigated with motorized scooters, wheelchairs, strollers, and wagons. All are welcome to attend and enjoy!

In addition, this year's route has been reversed, and additional safety lighting has been added to enhance the visitor experience.

Route Sponsors

We are grateful to the individuals and businesses that have adopted the various standout features that comprise **The Lights**.

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You can be part of **The Lights** 2023 by taking part in this year's community light feature: **Starry Night**, or by sponsoring your own sparkling feature. See details on the next page.

We also invite businesses and individuals to assist through various volunteer opportunities and thank those who have already committed their time and talents to help bring this program to light!

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Be a Star *The Lights*

in this year's community-sponsored light feature:

Starry Night

After a dazzling first year, *The Lights* return to Cedarhurst in 2023 with an extended route, additional light features, and accessibility improvements.

In order to grow, we need your help! Please sign on to support this year's community-sponsored light feature to be displayed on the museum's back patio.

\$250 Star Sponsor

- 1 general admission ticket on date of choice
- Name recognition on website
- Name recognition on small star in Starry Night light feature

\$500 Star Sponsor

- 2 general admission tickets on date of choice
- Name recognition on website
- Name or logo recognition on large star in Starry Night light feature

\$1,000 Picture Frame Sponsor

- 2 general admission tickets on date of choice
- Logo recognition on website
- Logo display on Picture Frame photo op at Starry Night light feature
- Invitation for 2 to the Donor Night Preview on November 14

Sponsor your own light feature for \$2500!

In addition to Starry Night, there are 11 more features in this year's holiday lights program. Be sole sponsor of the *Frosted Forest*, a *Classic Christmas*, or one of our other brilliant displays and receive:

- Logo recognition
 - on select light feature
 - on the Cedarhurst website
 - in *The Lights* magazine
 - on map kiosks posted along the route
- 4 general admission tickets to *The Lights* on date of choice
- Invitation for 10 to the Donor Night Preview on November 14

Be a Star and help this program grow!

** Proceeds from this year's Starry Night feature will be used to make more magic at *The Lights*.



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