

Candlelight Tours of LeRoy House

December 3 & 4

The popular Christmas Candlelight Tours of LeRoy House are scheduled for Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4 during the Winterfest Weekend. There will be two tours each day at 4 and 7 pm. Advance tickets are suggested. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 apiece and \$3.50 for students at the Jell-O Gallery between 10 and 4 Monday through Saturday (1 and 4 on Sunday) or by calling 768-7433. There are 40 tickets for each performance.

If you remember, last year, Mr. McCarthy, Jacob LeRoy's Irish gardener, sat in the rocking chair in the 1835 kitchen by the fireplace, and read "A Visit from Saint

Nicholas" much to the delight of everyone, young and old. The children loved the poem last year, so it has become a tradition. Mr. McCarthy needs to keep his voice clear and strong, with a little help of sipping some of Mrs. Wadsworth's lemon liquor. The cook has made some of Mrs. LeRoy's sweet Dutch poffertjes to pass around. You won't want to miss this part of the tour!

In the upstairs front parlor, some of the parlor games are set up for everyone to enjoy while in the back parlor, everyone is gathered around the piano, getting ready to go through town singing Christmas carols.

In the upstairs kitchen,



A CANDLELIT TOUR WITH THE GHOSTS OF LEROY HOUSE

Saturday · December 3, 2016

4:00 pm and 7:00 pm
[no admittance after 4:15 and 7:15]

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Sunday · December 4, 2016

4:00 pm and 7:00 pm
[no admittance after 4:15 and 7:15]



• JOIN US FOR A •
CANDLELIT TOUR
OF GHOST STORIES AND FUN.

\$5 members · \$8 non-members

Tickets available at Jell-O Gallery
or call 585-768-7433

MEET THE GHOSTS OF LEROY HOUSE AND HEAR THEIR STORIES

you can share the story of one of LeRoy's Italian families. The war is raging in Europe and one of the boys is home on leave for Christmas. And even though there is sugar rationing, one of the women works at the Jell-O and has brought home enough sugar to make the fig cookies. And in the oven is a roaster filled with home-made sausage. After midnight Mass, everyone will return for sausage with fresh Italian bread. Someone will roast some chestnuts and the men will sit around the table and play cards, sipping some home-made wine. The music box is playing Ave Maria.

Traditionally we celebrate Christmas with food and music. While doing a little research about the music, I wondered about the origins of "Ave Maria," and learned that the music (not the words) was originally written by Schubert in 1825 as part of his Opus 52 that included

seven songs based on Walter Scott's epic poem, Lady of the Lake. Schubert entitled it "Ellen's Third Song." Franz Liszt arranged three different versions for piano. The words were originally written in German. What most of us know, is the version written in Latin, which has been recorded and sung by many singers, under the title of "Ave Maria." Surprisingly, Walt Disney included some of the music in the 1940 movie "Fantasia."

We hope you will plan to join us for one of these special tours. They last a little over an hour, and are appropriate for families. This the fourth year that we have offered these candlelight tours. Each year there is a different theme, so don't wait until the last minute to get your tickets. The refreshments are delicious. LeRoy House will be decorated for the holidays, and even if it's cold outside, it will be warm inside.