

Christmas tour of Bethlehem

Tour of Homes to benefit Bethlehem Fire Department

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Guy Ann Hullender knew the firefighters at Bethlehem VFD wanted to remodel their kitchen and purchase new turnout gear. She remembered hearing about a holiday home tour in Bessemer City. From that she came up with a local home tour to raise funds for the department.

Hullender approached her daughter Elaine Dixon and friends from Bethlehem Baptist.

"When I told them there was a need they responded," she said.

Hullender along with her husband Bob Hullender, Betty and Charles Carrigan, Ray and Jean Herndon and Elaine and Jeffery A. Dixon have opened their homes for the Dec. 5 tour.

At the Herndons' two-story brick home visitors will see city and country scenes from the Original Snow Village. Illuminated boxes rest beneath a tree trimmed in red, white and gold.

Shiny boxes sit beneath another tree which rests in an alcove above the front door. Two tables are set with holiday place settings. Garland is wrapped around the stair rail leading upstairs.

"It encourages you to fix things up a little more, put a little more thought into it," Jean Herndon said.

A rustic holiday scene greets guests at Betty and Charles Carrigan's home. In the sun room is a tree dedicated to nature. Hydrangea, miniature garden tools, rustic bells, birds and nests filled with eggs hang from the branches. A pair of wicker reindeer stand nearby.

On the stone chimney hangs a wreath decorated with a quail and two cardinals. Birds, berries and gold trim decorate the nearby tree.

In the guest bedroom stands a candy covered tree. A garland of sweets wrap around the evergreen. Peppermints hang from the branches and are scattered beneath the tree. Teddy bears sit to the side. A miniature gumdrop tree rests on the dresser. A small tree in the kitchen is decorated with fruit.

At Guy Ann Hullender's home guests will soon figure out blue is one of her favorite colors. Blue ceramic snow kids, reindeer and a sleigh Hullender painted herself rests on a roll top desk. A silver wreath hangs in the same room. Five English carolers stand in the corner by a lamp post. A dog and a cat accompany the musicians.

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Betty Carrigan, top photo, has decorated this tree in her sun room with a gardening theme. Below, left a Santa greets visitors to her and husband Charles Carrigan's home. Jean Herndon, center, has set this formal holiday table in her and husband Ray Herndon's home. More casual place settings are found in the kitchen. The Herndons' largest tree stands in the great room.



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