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Kids Invited to Decorate Gingerbread Men and Miniature Houses at the Reddick Mansion as Part of 3rd Annual Gingerbread House Contest!

As part of its annual Victorian Christmas celebration, the Reddick Mansion Association is sponsoring its 3rd annual Gingerbread House Contest as well as building a walk-through gingerbread house for children.

In conjunction with the contest, the Reddick Mansion Association invites kids to the Mansion to decorate gingerbread men and miniature houses. On Saturday, November 16th, the Mansion will offer two sessions (10am and 1pm) for decorating 14" pre-made gingerbread men and small paper mache houses. Hedy Bernholdt and Nancy Dominis will lead the craft sessions. The cost of \$3.00 will cover all supplies including the gingerbread men, houses, decorations, and a snack of cookies and apple cider. The decorated "cookies" and mini houses will be displayed at the Mansion as part of the Gingerbread House Contest through Friday, December 13th. Please call the Mansion to reserve a spot at one of the sessions.

All decorated gingerbread houses for the contest should be delivered to the Mansion by Wednesday, November 27th. The grand prize, the People's Choice Award, will be determined by the number of votes received during the Mansion's Victorian Christmas celebration (the weekend after Thanksgiving). The houses will be on display until Friday, December 13th.

The walk-through house will be available for photos during normal Mansion hours (11am-3pm, M, W, Th, F, Sat, and Sun; closed Tuesday) while the gingerbread houses and gingerbread men are on display.

The Reddick Mansion, at 100 W. Lafayette Street in Ottawa, IL, was completed by 1858, the time of the first Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. The building is open for tours and also available for rent for special events.