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## REDDICK MANSION ASSOCIATION OTTAWA, IL

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## **Enjoy Victorian Christmas at the Reddick Mansion!**

The Reddick Mansion Association invites you to start your holidays with a weekend of events at the Mansion in downtown Ottawa.

On Friday afternoon, November 23<sup>trd</sup>, start a holiday tradition by having your family's photos taken in front of the beautifully decorated Christmas trees of the Mansion Parlors. Father Christmas, in appropriate Victorian attire, will be there, too—if you want him to be part of your photograph! Local photographer, Steve Stout, will create a cherished holiday memory for you and your family. For \$40.00, you will receive an 8x10, 2 5x7s, and 8 wallet-sized photos. Appointments are available from 1pm to 3pm.

On Friday evening, the Reddick Mansion Association will host its annual Holiday Open House from 6pm to 8:30pm. After the annual Festival of Lights Parade on Friday evening, stop in the Mansion and view our festive holiday decorations and enjoy live Christmas music. Holiday refreshments will also be served as part of the Open House. This event is free, although donations are always gratefully accepted.

On Saturday, November 24th and Sunday, November 25th, from 11am to 3pm, the Mansion, in its lovely holiday splendor will be open for tours, the locally-created gingerbread houses will be in display, and the walk-through gingerbread house will be available for photos. The winners of the Gingerbread House Contest will also be announced.

For more information or to make reservations for photographs, please call the Mansion at 815-433-6100.

The Reddick Mansion, at 100 W. Lafayette Street in Ottawa, IL was built in 1858 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Sites. The building is open for tours 6 days a week and is also available for rent for special events.