

At Black Creek Pioneer Village Preparations for a pioneer style Christmas

TORONTO -- The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority invites you to enjoy preparations for Christmas, pre-Confederation style, in Black Creek Pioneer Village.

From now to January 4 the Village staff demonstrate how settlers prepared and observed the Yule. The Village houses display the simple decorations of the period -- wreaths of evergreen boughs, garlands of cranberries and popcorn and the traditional kissing balls. The kitchens are filled with the aromas of freshly baked fancy breads, cakes, mince-meat and puddings.

To add to the Christmas scene at Black Creek, the choir members from St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Islington will sing Christmas carols in various locations through the Village each Saturday and Sunday afternoon between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., up to December 21st.

An added treat for families on weekends will be special "Christmas Dinner" (reservations are essential) at Black Creek's Half Way House on the following Sundays: 7th, 14th and 21st of December. For reservations telephone 661-6654.

The Village is open weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on weekends from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day only.

Black Creek Pioneer Village, located at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue in Northwest Metro Toronto, is administered by The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

For further information contact Metro Region Conservation at 661-6600.



"PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS" From now until January 4th Black Creek Pioneer Village recalls the Christmases of pre-Confederation rural Ontario. The foods, decorations and rituals of Ontario's early settlers are recreated in special demonstrations. The homes of the Village have been decorated to reflect the life styles and beliefs of the original owners.



Merry Christmas

The full sound of organ music, gifts under the Christmas tree, is that what Christmas means to you?

Perhaps Christmas is the time we can best remember that the social horrors of inflation, strikes and rising unemployment are only temporary grievances.

Christmas should be a time for the re-evaluation of personal relationships and a time for introspection. It is a time to stop and unwind, to learn the joy of calm.

It is only then that the tinsel, and mistletoe, the kindly gifts, and sundry seasonal paraphernalia begin to have any meaning at all.

Warm Wishes

Blazing wishes for a Happy Yuletide!
Warm thanks.



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Happy Time

Christmas should be a happy time for children. Yet, for many, Christmas is a time of sadness. Perhaps it's because their dreams haven't come true. They feel that maybe Christmas is only for others, not for them. But their dream can come true for The Salvation Army, with your help, can bring a measure of happiness to less fortunate children. Remember, the joy that we give to others is the joy that comes back to us.

Christmas Lighting

Turning off Christmas lights before retiring is not only a good safety practice but also a wise energy conservation measure, according to Ontario Hydro.

In order to conserve energy, Hydro and the Ministry of Energy are both appealing to householders to wait until after the dinner hour to turn on Christmas lights, and to make sure they are turned off again at bedtime.

Hydro itself will have a modest outdoor display at its Toronto head office location and the same practice will be followed in its seven regions across the province. Decorative lighting will be turned on after 7 p.m. and off by midnight.

Hydro's electrical inspection department notes no one

Personalize your Christmas Gifts for \$5 and under

At Christmas time the rush is on in the season for giving. But too often the gifts we give are missing that personal touch--the little bit of love that shows you really care.

Here are a few ideas for young and old alike that can be easily prepared for under five dollars.

For Youngsters:

It's easy to make a toy bag from a old, brightly-coloured shirt or sweater. Just stitch across the bottom, up the front and across the sleeve openings. Once you've threaded a drawstring around the collar opening and embroidered the youngster's name on the bag, add a couple of toys and you've made a perfect gift.

For an inexpensive gift that lives, try giving a goldfish bowl, one or two fish, and some food, with a book on care and feeding. If the youngster is keen on bigger animals, give a large bag of peanuts, with a free pass to the zoo tucked inside.

Handsome stuffed animals are always more loved and are easy to make. A pattern costs about a dollar; cut the shapes from an old washable garment and stuff with worn out shirts or pantyhose.

Gifts for Parents:

Play Santa Claus by stuffing a felt stocking for Mum and Dad. Fill them with nuts, fruit, candy, shaving soap or dusting powder, and embroider their names on the toe.

Give them a good excuse to go out one evening -- present them with gift coupons to their favorite movie theatre and a promise to baby sit.

Buy a glass cookie jar and then bake up their favorite cookies for an inexpensive gift that really shows you care.

For under the tree -- your family tree: Let them trace your own family tree by

can blame shoppers for trying to squeeze a little more out of their Christmas budgets this year, but warns of ignoring potential hazards concerning older festive lighting supplies.

One hazardous product which appeared on the market this season is a plug-in chirping ornament for Christmas trees. It has now been removed from store shelves on the order of Hydro's inspection staff.

The ornament is a 2 1/4 inch open mesh plastic sphere which contains a piece of aluminum foil, a tiny speaker and an electronic circuit package having exposed live 120 volt terminals.

The foil could contact the live terminals and create a definite shock hazard.

giving them a book called "Tracing Your Ancestors in Canada" available from Information Canada bookstores for only 25c.

Gifts for Grandparents:

If they live in another town, call them long distance on Christmas Day -- if they are close by, let them call a friend long distance -- phone companies let you credit their bill for any amount.

Give them a book of promises they can really appreciate all year long. Promise to... take them to the supermarket... or shovel their snow... or just -ight-seeing. Add to the list your own special way.

To brighten a windowsill year round, give a small ivy or cactus in a pot which you can decorate with brightly colored fabric, and top off with a big bow.

Or take their favorite snapshot, enlarge it and frame it for their wall.

Gifts for Friends:

She who loves to cook would enjoy receiving some of your best recipes, written up on cards and filed in a recipe box. You could enclose a sample of the goodies too!

The neat and tidy friend would love a shoe box covered in bright wallpaper. Fill it with shoe polishes and brushes.

Give the warmth of wine in a wicker wine basket. A bottle of Portuguese or Spanish red is a good bargain and top it off with a bow.

For the busy woman, send a make-up bag filled with nail polish, orange sticks and emery boards, and your promise of a personal manicure.

And for the nut, in your life... a wooden bowl filled with nuts... and don't forget the nutcracker.



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the joy and peace of that first Christmas be with you and yours
this season. Our wish is for all hearts to be filled
with gladness, contentment and the desire for real brotherhood.
Our gratitude to the kind, generous people we serve.

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