

Rome City Chamber Celebrates...

Lakeside Holidays

Tree Lighting
Friday, November 14, 2025
7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Saturday, November 15, 2025
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Visit:

Artisan Market
Caroline's Cottage Cottons
Dock's Landing
Fancy Flowers
Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site
Holiday House Walk
Orange Township Fire Station
Our Lady Patroness of America
Rome City American Legion
Sower House Shoppe and Tea Room
Sylvan Cellars
Sylvan Shores Diner
United Methodist Church
West Lakes Association Craft Show

Due to limited street parking limitations, shuttles will be
provided at Sylvan Cellars to all featured homes.

Event Schedule

Friday

Tree lighting and caroling at Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Start the weekend with a Roamin' Roman tree lighting ceremony.

Caroling, cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by Vineyard Christian Church.

Saturday (events detailed in the rest of this booklet are on Saturday)

5:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sylvan Shores Diner will be serving breakfast and lunch. 611 Kelly St Ext.

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Brunch at the Rome City American Legion provided by the Auxiliary, 615 Kelly Street Extended. Open to the public.

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sower House Shoppe and Tea Room

Open extended hours. Serving baked goods and specialty drinks.

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Caroline's Cottage Cottons Quilt Shop, 195 Weston St.

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rome City Fire Auxiliary Craft Show, 101 Warrener Dr.

Lunch menu includes soup, sandwiches, and desserts.

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rome City United Methodist Church Craft Show and Cookie Walk, 297 W. Washington St. Serving sandwiches & desserts for lunch.

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

West Lakes Association Craft Show, 702 Kelly Street Extended

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fancy Flowers & Greenhouse, 907 Kelly Street

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Artisan Market, 2nd Floor Sylvan Cellars Event Center, 2725 E Northport Road

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Our Lady, Patroness of America- Visit Santa and enjoy cookies and punch until 2:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.

Lunch starting at 11:00 a.m. at Sylvan Cellars, 2725 Northport Road, also serving Holiday Cocktails in addition to the regular menu.

11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Holiday House Walk, various locations. Directions are available on the next few pages.

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Cookie and restroom break from the Holiday House Walk at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site. Stop into the gift shop and pick up a gift for your favorite nature lover. Receive a 10% discount with your house walk ticket.

12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dock's Landing will be serving their regular menu plus daily specials and dessert.



Fancy Flowers and Greenhouse

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Get a jump start on your holiday decorating with a stop at Fancy Flowers and Greenhouse. You will find lots of Christmas decor including trees, wreaths, swags, ornaments, and glassware. You may also enjoy cookies and hot apple cider.

Sylvan Shores Diner

5:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Welcome to our diner! Sylvan Shores will be serving breakfast, lunch, and desserts until closing.

Our Lady, Patron- ess of America

Open House

10:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Visit with Santa while enjoying cookies and punch.

West Lakes Association Craft Show

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Janis' World Famous Peanut Brittle and a variety of Holiday crafts and boutique items

Orange Township Fire Station

Craft Bazaar

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Rome City Fire Auxiliary welcomes you to their annual craft bazaar featuring many vendors with homemade crafts, items for the holidays, as well as baked goods. Also join us for a warm lunch and delicious desserts.



Rome City American Legion

Brunch
8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The Rome City American Legion post 381 will be serving a variety of home cooked brunch foods, assorted fruits and drinks. Tickets for their buffet are only \$9.00 at the door.

Plus, look for a cookie bar! Small boxes are \$7.00 and large boxes are \$10.00.

Sylvan Cellars

Open at 11:00

Open for lunch and Holiday
Cocktails!

Dock's Landing

12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Join us for lunch and/or dinner.
Check out our daily specials and
enjoy a delicious dessert.

Caroline's Cottage Cottons

Quilt Shop
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Stop in for all your sewing and
quilting needs.

United Methodist Church

Holiday Bazaar
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Lunch includes hot sandwiches,
chips, and a variety of desserts.

There will be a cookie walk, a
bake sale, and vendors with hand
crafted items.



Artisan Market

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2725 E Northport Rd.

Thrifty Roots by Lydia Boyles, Keenly curated thrifty finds with the addition of plants and succulents.

Jeff Reed. Ceramic and Metal artist: unusual ceramic items plus lake related copper and tinware.

Junk Drawer Jewelry, by Sherri: jewelry from vintage silverware, keys, escutcheons and other random items. Also bringing Holiday flannels.

Alicia Cook Art - Alicia Cook: A curated collection of stippled fine artwork

Schroeder Pottery - Matt Schroeder: Handmade functional and decorative pottery

Kurtz Custom Creations - Mike Kurtz: Looking beyond the old to create something new

Candles by Zaniab Kirkpatrick

Hopewell Glass and Crafts - Jim Hanes:
Handmade stained glass and crafts



Artisan Market Continued...

Pebble Art - Jackie Boyle: Whimsical Pebble Art

Silver Creations - Seth Weaver: Silver jewelry
crafted by hand

Sozo Studio - Peggy Tassler: "Bringing New Life
Through Art" offering you the personal art
experience for small or large groups in painting,
pottery and printmaking

Deb Walterhouse: Pottery and Jewelry:
handmade

Just For You - Alice Stiffner: Crocheted items.
Hats, gloves and more

Sundry Market - A little of this and a little of
that. Selling goods that better our planet.

Weld Art by Bastian Metal Creations

Also at Sylvan Cellars:

Lunch starting at 11:00 a.m. &
serving Holiday Cocktails in
addition to the regular menu.



House Walk

(Various Locations)

Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the House Walk benefit:

- Common Grace
- Serve the Soup
- Helping Hands
- Rome City Elementary Parent Organization
- Noble House Ministries
- Noble Co. Miracle Tree
- Orange Township Fire Dept (Shop with a Fireman)
- other Rome City Projects

Tickets: \$10 per person
(Under age 12 are free)

Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at:

Town Hall
Nancy's Cutting Room
Caroline's Cottage Cottons
Sower House Shoppe and Tea Room

Tickets are also available the day of the event at the Rome City American Legion, each featured home, and the Artisan Market.

***Collect a stamp at each home on the walk and the Artisan Market and be entered in a chance to win a gift basket full of goodies!!
Must have all 5 stamps to be entered.**

House Walk Locations



Home of: Chris & Dana Reber 246 Spring Beach

The house was originally constructed in the late 1800's and was originally a small 3 bedroom cottage. Several owners later and many updates, it's now a 5 bedroom, 4 bath home along with a separate cottage for overnight guests.

In September of 2020, we made our 1st purchase on Sylvan at 895 Norine Dr. Over a period of the next 2 years, we remodeled and enjoyed the cottage immensely. We also began to recognize that we needed more space for entertaining as well as a garage.

246 Spring Beach Rd went on the market on September of 2022 and we jumped at the opportunity to buy it. We have both always been after the cottage look but also recognized that we could have a year round comfortable home here. So we began making changes...lots of them. In 2023, we changed the dining room into a 1st floor Master bedroom and then added a master bathroom along with an additional bedroom in the basement. This led to our 2nd remodel in 2024 which included new appliances, flooring and an additional 120 sq. ft to the front of the house with a new deck on the main level.

The house is now at a place where we can relax and enjoy.
Thank you for taking the time to tour thru it.

Happy Holidays!!!

Chris & Dana Reber





Home of: Kaylee Lehrman 855 Lions Drive

Purchased in October 2023 by Kylee Lehrman, this quaint 1920s home has been beautifully renovated with the help of her boyfriend Tyler who lives a few doors down on Lions Drive and several local contractors.

The home features a variety of modern upgrades, including new flooring, custom cabinetry, updated countertops, and a fully remodeled bathroom. What was once an unfinished basement has been transformed into a comfortable living space, now offering a total of three bedrooms (2 upstairs, 1 downstairs) and one full bathroom. A standout feature is the 12x12 deck, complete with a firepit, offering stunning views overlooking the main basin just beyond the narrows—perfect for relaxing or entertaining.

Currently listed as a short-term rental on Airbnb, the home accommodates 1 to 6 guests and provides a warm, welcoming atmosphere with a blend of historic charm and contemporary comfort. With boat rental also available, this makes for the perfect lake getaway for family visiting, weddings and other celebrations, or just a weekend to relax!

Planned future enhancements include updated landscaping, freshly painted doors and shutters, and additional exterior improvements to further elevate the property's appeal.



House Walk Locations



Home of: Pat & Deedra Schoudel 757 South Bend Drive

The home of Pat and Deedra Schoudel was built in 1929. It was purchased by Jim and Freda Georgel in 1968. Where they raised their 6 children. In 1997, Jim and Freda converted their detached garage into a small cottage for the two of them live during their retirement years and sold the family home to their daughter Jamie. Jamie converted the cellar to a walk out basement and added two large rooms.

Pat and Deedra purchased the home in 2004. Deedra grew up down the road from Angel Georgel, who is still a lifelong friend. She spent many days and nights in the home during her childhood, enjoying all the property has to offer including the gorgeous sun rises and wrap around waterfront.

In 2004 and 2005 they finished the original remodel. In 2014, they tore down a portion of the wrap around deck in order to build an attached garage and master bedroom on the main floor of the home.

A major renovation then occurred in 2022 when they completely moved the kitchen from the back side of the home to a central location and moved the stairway to make a grand view of the lake from the upstairs living area. Shortly after this the old deck was replaced and reimaged to bring the design from the inside to the outside living space.

It has been a labor of love over the past 21 years and the couple feels privileged to be able to maintain and live in the Georgel's home.





Home of: Drew & Sue Kowalski 1522 Eastgate

A Vintage Holiday Experience

Welcome and thank you for visiting the home of Drew and Sue Kowalski. We moved in last October and are delighted to welcome you to our joyful holiday traditions.

Our love of nature comes alive in our lovely Dennis Spidel home on Sylvan Lake, where glorious sunsets unfold against the serene backdrop of Boy Scout Island. Our home is nestled on 2.67 wooded acres with 250 feet of shoreline. This home was honored as the 2009 Parade of Homes People's Choice Winner.

Step inside to a glowing Great Room crowned with new crown molding added with a soaring cathedral ceiling and sparkling fireplace. Rich hardwoods floor run into cozy living spaces and the heartwarming kitchen. We have added a sung bunk room carefully crafted so beloved family and friends can stay and share in the holiday cheer.

Vintage Steinbach Nutcrackers are displayed in every room; each was crafted in Germany and have been placed with intention - nestled in this space. They stand as whimsical, loving tributes to Drew's late mother - whose kindness and festive spirit continue to fill our home. These charming figures capture the artistry of the Ore Mountains and the joy she brought to every holiday.

Enjoy the sent of mulled cider with familiar carols and explore spaces from the inviting theatre basement to the lakeside patio with it's cozy firepit and grill area.

From our home - and with heartfelt thanks to the neighbors of Eastgate Drive; they are so friendly and full of fun. May this tour fill your heart with the warmth, wonder and community spirit of the season.

We look forward to celebrating with you.



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Regina Ley
Dawn Patterson
Rhonda Stienecker
Roberta Stone

Lori Stout
Dianne Trees
Debbie Walterhouse

Other Holiday Events

Sunday, December 7, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

See the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site decked out for the holidays! Gene's Cabin will be open and decorated according to her description of the Christmas of 1917, which she called "A Dream of Beauty." Guests can enjoy holiday goodies and crafts. Santa will visit with children and families, so bring your list!