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Other Holiday Events

Sunday, December 4

1:00 - 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 live entertainment, holiday goodies and crafts. Santa will visit with children and families, so bring your list!

Saturday, December 10th

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Limberlost Library will be celebrating with milk, cookies, a visit from Santa and holiday crafts!

Rome City Chamber Celebrates...

Lakeside Holidays

Tree Lighting
Friday, November 18, 2022
7:30 p.m. at Town Hall

and
Saturday, November 19, 2022
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Visit:
Rome City American Legion
United Methodist Church
Orange Township Fire Station
Kendallville Public Library - Limberlost Branch
Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site
Artisan Market
Holiday House Walk
Sylvan Cellars
Sundaes on Sylvan
Fancy Flowers
American Elegance Homes

Event Schedule

Friday, November 18th

Tree lighting and caroling at Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Start the weekend with a tree and Roamin' Roman lighting ceremony. Caroling, cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by Vineyard Christian Church.

Saturday, November 19th (events detailed in the rest of this booklet are on Saturday)

5:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sylvan Shores Diner will be serving breakfast, 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.

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

Orange Township Fire Department Boot Drive on SR 9

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

Orange Township Fire Department Ladies 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 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fancy Flowers & Greenhouse open, 907 Kelly Street

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

Artisan Market, 1st Floor Sylvan Cellars Event Center, 2725 E Northport Road

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Santa and elves will be at the Limberlost Branch of the Kendallville Public Library (164 Kelly Street), from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Activities, crafts and cookies will be available all day!

10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sundaes on Sylvan, serving ice cream, sundaes and a special lunch, 253 Kelly Street

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. to 3:00 p.m.

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

11:00 a.m. to 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.

Fancy Flowers and Greenhouse

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

907 Kelly Street

Get a jump start on your holiday decorating with a stop at Fancy Flowers and Greenhouse. They will have many decorated trees, holiday arrangements, wreaths, swags, ornaments, glassware, decorated tree wall hangings, and other Christmas decor. If you need a little snack to fuel your shopping, they will have cookies and hot apple cider.

Sylvan Shores Diner

Open from 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
611 Kelly St. Extended

Welcome to our diner! Sylvan Shores will be serving breakfast. Ask about dessert.

Orange Township Fire Station

Craft Bazaar 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
101 Warrener Dr., Rome City

The Ladies Auxiliary welcomes you to their annual craft bazaar featuring many vendors. Some will be selling homemade crafts, items for the holidays, as well as baked goods. They will also have lunch available, so stop by for some potato or vegetable soup, ham salad or pulled pork sandwiches, a variety of desserts, and hot chocolate, bottled water and soda.

Also, watch for the Boot Drive on SR 9 from 9 to 12.

Rome City American Legion

Brunch

8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

615 Kelly St. Ext., Rome City

Join us at The Rome City American Legion post 381. On large plates our Rome City Auxiliary will be hand serving you a buffet style breakfast. Homemad egg breakfast casseroles, sweet casseroles, sliced ham and sausage links. Along with fried potatoes, biscuits and gravy, assorted fruits. Coffee, orange and pineapple juice and milk and much more for only \$8.00.

Plus, look for a cookie bar! Small boxes are \$6.00 and large boxes are \$9.00.

Sundaes on Sylvan

Open Saturday
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

253 Kelly St., Rome City

We'll be serving up ice cream, sundaes and a lunch special.

United Methodist Church

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

297 Washington Street

Cookie bar, Apple dumplings, hot sandwiches and desserts. Bake sale and Vendors with lovely handmade craft items. Come in and get in the Holiday Spirit.

American Elegance Homes

10% Off Showroom
Polywood
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

461 Kelly Street

House Walk

(Various Locations)

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

Proceeds from the House Walk benefit:

- Helping Hands
- Rome City PTI
- Noble House Ministries
- Noble Co. Miracle Tree, Inc.
- Orange Township Fire Dept.
- Shop with a Fireman
- other Rome City Projects.

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

Presale tickets can be purchased at:

Town Hall

Nancy's Cutting Room

Caroline's Cottage
Cottons

Homes and directions are found on the following pages.

Look for signs along the way!

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

House Walk Locations



Home of: Ryan & Justine Kuzniar
1080 Eastgate Drive, Rome City

Ryan & Justine Kuzniar live at 1080 Eastgate Drive on Sylvan Lake with their 11 year old yorkie, Chewy! Ryan grew up in the area, living on Spring Beach Drive for several years as a child and his dream was always to get back to the lake. After searching for several years for the perfect "forever," full-time home at the lake, Ryan and Justine finally purchased this home in January of 2020 and moved in right away. They were able to see the potential in the property to make it exactly what they wanted and have been renovating non-stop since April of 2020 (yes, it was a struggle!). They feel that they've hit the jackpot here, feeling extremely grateful to have found such a wonderful location with the best neighbors. One of Justine's passions is decorating for the holidays, so you're in for a treat! We look forward to having everyone visit our home to kick off the holidays.

From the Town Hall, take SR-9 South .7 miles to E County Road 900 N. Turn left and go .8 miles. Turn right onto N 350 E. Go 1.3 miles and turn left onto Eastgate Drive. Go .6 miles and the home is on the left.

Artisan Market at Sylvan Cellars on the 2nd floor

9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
2725 E Northport Rd.

Alicia Cook Art - Alicia Cook
Artistic and handcrafted designs

Clothespin Dolls - Jennifer Bolton
Hand painted and sewn dolls

D&G Homegrown and Handmade - Deb & Greg Miller
Homemade Suprises

Handmade Just For You - Alice Stiffner
Hats, purses, and more

Peanut Brittle - West Lakes Lake Association
Candy to please your pallet

Pebble Art - Jackie Boyle
Artwork using stones

Silver Creations - Seth Weaver
Silver jewelry crafted by hand

Sozo Studio - Peggy Tassler
Jewelry, paintings, and more

West Avenue Wood Works - Chip Meyer
Handcrafted wooden pieces

Also at Sylvan Cellars:

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

House Walk Locations



Home of: Angie Fleeger
1170 Eastgate, Kendallville

Welcome to my home. I hope you enjoy it as much as I do. 1170 Eastgate was built in 1968 this 2-bedroom 1 bath home has a spiral staircase to a lofted area. This home is one of a kind to say the least! And is one of two A frames located on Sylvan Lake.

What started off as a seasonal home for the first 2 years soon became a full-time home. With the beautiful year-round lake views and amazing sunsets, it is a place I wanted to call home, not only for me but for my family and friends as well. I fell in love with this peaceful and serene area and never wanted to leave again. Not to mention we have a great community. I couldn't ask for better neighbors, with our annual 4th of July Breakfast to our Christmas Party every year and of course occasional meetings and warm conversations. As you will see this home has no fancy frills and what it lacks in space makes up for it with its cozy cottage character and charm.

This house will be decorated with fun colors, some traditional and some not so traditional décor! Hope you enjoy my love of decorating and quirky style.

From the Town Hall, take SR-9 South .7 miles to E County Road 900 N. Turn left and go .8 miles. Turn right onto N 350 E. Go 1.3 miles and turn left onto Eastgate Drive. Go .5 miles and the home will be on your left.



Home of: Jean & Kenneth Thomas,
10592 N Oak Knoll Rd E, Rome City

Our home has had only two owners. The house was built in 1974 by Leslie and Edwina Cruise. The Cruises built the home mostly by themselves. The Cruises also loved trees and planted almost all the trees on the property. These trees have grown to be very large. Edwina Cruise lived in the house until she passed away in 2013. We purchased the home in the fall of 2018 for our 25th wedding anniversary. Because of the very large trees on the property, we decided to name the property, "Big Trees Lake House". Due to the home being pretty much vacant for five years, it had become very run down. We had our work cut out for us. So far, we have done the following improvements:

- Completely redid the entire basement and bathroom down to the studs.
- Replaced the siding and windows. The house used to be Yellow and Dark Red
- Repainted the inside of the home
- Added a back patio and side area
- We also had a large pole barn built

We are currently in the process of redoing the kitchen and main bathroom. We love the peaceful neighborhood and all our neighbors are the nicest people. The lake is just a bonus.

From the Town Hall, take SR9 North 1 mile to Northport Road. Turn left and go 2.5 miles. Turn left on North Oak Knoll Road. Go .4 miles and turn Left on North Oak Knoll Road East. Go 150 feet and the home will be on your left.

House Walk Locations



Home of: Alex & Sierra Dager
297 Front Street, Rome City

Traditional Craftsman - One of the oldest homes in town! My house was built in 1911 by the first local merchant Henry Cobbs. This house is a dream for me. I've always wanted an old home to restore to former glory in my hometown. This house is not fancy it's not extravagant but it's full of love and it's where we chose to settle down and raise our family. This house was in rough shape when we got it and with blood, sweat and tears we are slowly but surely turning it back into something beautiful. We have lived here for 3.5 years and have re done flooring and painted every room! (Some rooms a few times) We are planning a kitchen and bathroom overhaul here soon! So be sure to visit again in a couple years I plan to join the walk again once it's done! Enjoy my traditional Christmas love. I love all things color! You will have to count how many trees you see as you are walking through our home! Lol not one will be decorated the same! We are just a little family with big dreams trying to make the best home for our kids and be active members of the community I hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

From Town Hall, take Kelly Street(SR-9) North .3 miles to Front street. Turn left and to 700 feet. The home is on the left side.



Home of: Joe Bertels & Kyla Tackett
1035 Pleasant Point, Rome City

This home offers stunning views all times of the day but the morning sunrise on the deck with a cup of coffee is heaven on earth. We enjoy all the spectacular views of nature directly across the lake from Big Island (Boy Scout Island).

Over the years the home has been transformed into what it is today. Project #1 (spring 2016) was landscaping; adding stone steps to the lake, year round bushes & color and the stone patio that compliments the upper and lower decks. Project #2 (fall 2016) was adding dual oversized windows in the living room to embrace the amazing view, sliding patio doors and a fresh new exterior. Project #3 (spring 2017) included a renovation of the kitchen and new upper and lower decks. Project #4 was the big one, in order to share all the splendor of Sylvan Lake with our growing family, I added the master bedroom and bathroom above the garage, bumped out the entry way to connect the garage and home. In the summer of 2021 we had a flood in the basement and discovered years of leaky walls and all the things that come with it, thus project #5 (winter 2021) was a complete overhaul and renovation of the basement.

The years have changed and evolved our home, but, the beauty splendor and tranquility of Sylvan Lake is what makes this home, HOME

Directions: From Town Hall, take SR-9 south.7 miles. Turn left onto E County Road 900N. Go .8 Miles, turn right onto N 350 E. Go .6 miles and turn left onto Pleasant Point. Go .6 miles and the home is on the right.