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75 years of grandeur celebrated at Holiday Walk

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This year's **Meadow Brook Hall** Holiday Walk highlights 75 years of grandeur, featuring a retrospective of celebrations past.

"We're going to create special exhibitions of celebrations that have taken place with the family in the home," said Shannon O'Berski, education coordinator. "We'll give visitors a glimpse of New Year's Eve at the hall, Alfred and Matilda's 25th anniversary party, and Danny Dodge's Halloween festivities."

Tours will be offered daily, Nov. 26 through Dec. 19, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last admittance at 4 p.m. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$5 for children, and children under 2 are free.

The Oakland University Branch of the MSU Federal Credit Union is sponsoring the Holiday Walk on Saturday, Dec. 11. On that day, OU faculty and staff as well as their family and friends will receive a discounted price of \$12 when they show their OU ID.

Children can visit with Santa and participate in special activities in the ballroom on weekends.

A black-tie holiday gala is set for Saturday, Dec. 4, beginning with a 6:30 p.m. reception and tour. The evening includes a four-course gourmet meal and afterglow and dancing in the ballroom. Tickets are available for \$225 per person.

"This is the 33rd year of the Holiday Walk," O'Berski said. "It's a holiday tradition for some people who come back every year. For those who experience it for the first time, they are just amazed at the home and how large and beautiful it is. Matilda and Alfred's bedroom suites tend to be the favorite rooms of the house."

All Holiday Walk proceeds go toward the preservation of Meadow Brook Hall.

For more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit the **Meadow Brook Hall** Web site.

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