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ATTEND LUMINARY FESTIVITIES EARLY AT THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

November 22, 2016 – What better way to begin this year’s Luminary festivities than with a visit to the Christmas-decorated Sanibel Historical Village. In addition to being decked out in Christmas finery throughout the village, there are programs planned for adults and children alike.

It all happens from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on December 2, Luminary Day. Admission during those times is free for all.

Each building will have an interactive feature for all to enjoy, including treats.

This year’s theme is “A Sanibel 1950s Christmas ... Residents, Snowbirds, Tourists, and Ferries.” The museum has been collecting 1950s items from members of the community, on loan for display during the holiday season.

“Thanks to our committee co-chairs Gayle Pence and Laura Beckenbaugh, we have many fun and interesting items from the 1950s,” said museum Executive Director Emilie Alfino. “We have everything from an old Tinker Toy set, to a Smith Corona portable typewriter, a camera, binoculars, picnic baskets, an advent calendar, and a collection of Saturday Evening Post magazines. There is also a collection of 1950s women’s bathing suits.”

One of the highlights of the day will be the vintage Florida and other tablecloths from the collection of Nancy Siegel. Siegel, who has about 100 tablecloths in her collection, generously loaned a portion to the museum for its Christmas display.

It will be a musical event as well. Volunteer docent Dave Richard will be playing Christmas music on the historical Dickey piano in The Rutland House. The Sanibel Community Chorus will perform at 4:00, and the BIG ARTS Brass Ensemble will play from 4:30 to 5:00.

In addition to the museum’s gift shop, BIG ARTS’ galleries and gift shop will be open, and they will have some other artistic and fun opportunities with some snacks and beverages.

What better way to kick off the holiday season and the evening of Luminary than a visit to the Sanibel Historical Village. We hope people will come out at 3:30, if not earlier, to enjoy Christmas in the 1950s at the historical village. Remember, admission is free from 3:30 to 5:30. Bring your friends and family!

The Sanibel Historical Museum and Village is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS). Docent-guided tours are available at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no extra charge, based upon docent availability. There is handicap access to all buildings. For information, call 472-4648 during business hours or visit [www.sanibelmuseum.org](http://www.sanibelmuseum.org).