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HISTORICAL VILLAGE SEEKING 1950s ITEMS FOR CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

August 3, 2016 - The Historical Village is seeking to borrow 1950s memorabilia for its Christmas display this year. The theme will be "Christmas Vacation: Coming to Sanibel for a 1950s Christmas." The festivities will take place from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Luminary Day, December 2.

The event will highlight what it was like here on Sanibel during Christmas in the 1950s.

"We want to include as many items as possible in each display so it will truly be a memorable experience for all visitors. To do this, we need the community's help," said event co-chair Gayle Pence.

Pence said the Christmas committee is looking for any and all 1950s-era items, including clothing (remember poodle skirts?). Also wanted are inner tubes, old life vests, big flippers, old snorkel masks, big swim goggles, big fat water skis, old floating inflatable beach toys, fishing lures and bobbers, trees with shell ornaments, tinsel, bubble lights, fishing nets, rods and reels, old fishing baskets, bait pails, old Florida manuals on fishing, boating and tourist attractions, lots of shells and driftwood, beach hats, swim suits and bathing caps, and 1950s music. Old 1950s cameras would be appreciated, too.

"These are the items we need to borrow from friends, neighbors, and family members," Pence said.

The village Christmas event will include carolers from the Sanibel Community Chorus under the direction of Steve Cramer, followed by the BIG ARTS brass ensemble. Each village building will incorporate period décor in celebration of the theme with live interactive events. The Rutland House will be lively with docent Dave Richard at the piano, along with an individual photo opportunity for guests.

The Sanibel Historical Village is closed for the off-season. After the summer hiatus, the museum will re-open for season October 18. At that time, hours will be Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Full guided tours take place at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at no additional charge, depending on docent availability.

The Sanibel Historical Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to all buildings. Admission is \$10 for adults (18 and over). Members and children are free. For more information, call 472-4648 during museum hours or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.

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