

Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club To Offer Homes Tour December 5

The Civic Garden Club of Eagle Lake invites you to start your holiday season in that spirit by enjoying their Holiday Tour of Homes scheduled for Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

The tour will include four beautifully-decorated local homes in addition to the fascinating Santa Fe

Railroad Depot and the inviting Tea Room at the First Baptist Church.

All six locations will be featured in forthcoming articles to acquaint readers with this exciting holiday tour.

The Civic Garden Club has been active for many years in Eagle

Lake, stimulating and maintaining interest and pride in the upkeep of designated areas in the community as well as the grounds of the City of Eagle Lake itself.

Notice and enjoy the oak trees bordering either side of 90A toward Main Street and you will realize that

these community treasures, planted many years ago by the garden club and maintained faithfully by them, are a testament to the work of this organization.

All proceeds from the home tour go directly toward the beautification of Eagle Lake.

The four continuous designated

projects by the club are maintenance and care of Municipal Park (at the Gazebo area), Harrison Park (near Dairy Queen), The Pointe (across from Buc-ee's) and the beautiful potted shrubs and flowers located at downtown businesses.

A current project is the completion of a watering system at Harrison Park.

Proud of our city square? The club has worked to furnish and maintain the beds around City Hall and the Post Office.

At Christmas, the club decorates the large sidewalk pots and old parking meter posts downtown, decorates the city signs and hangs wreaths on downtown business doors.

Year round, the garden club recognizes community effort by proudly naming a "Yard of the Month."

The Civic Garden Club meets quarterly with a luncheon followed by a meeting.

Tickets for the home tour are available at the Prairie Edge Museum.

You can also check out www.visiteaglelake.com for more information.

Tickets may still be purchased on the tour day, December 5, from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., at the museum.

Go "home for the holidays" by visiting and supporting the Civic Garden Club Tour of Homes.

Top Tasks Overlooked During Holidays

With all the holiday hubbub swirling, most of us forget to do at least one mission-critical task.

Have you remembered to buy wrapping paper? How about the right batteries for all those holiday gifts and gadgets? Missing anybody from your list, even if you checked it twice?

Here are some of the most often overlooked holiday tasks:

Cards, Wrapping Paper and Tape

You've purchased the perfect present for everybody on your list. You get everything home and the night before that big family party you realize the only wrapping paper in the house is emblazoned with "Happy Birthday!"

Or worse, you've forgotten a card for grandma.

Make sure to stock up on cards, wrapping paper, tape, ribbons and bows. In fact, even if you think you did, double-check your closet right now.

Batteries, Batteries, Batteries

There's nothing worse than giving the perfect electronic gift, only to discover you've forgotten batteries or purchased the wrong ones.

Some batteries, such as your typical carbon zinc AA batteries found on most drug store shelves, won't be able to fully power that digital camera or quickly will run out of juice for that MP3 player.

For those high-to mid-drain gadgets -- like digital cameras, HDTV remotes, and MP3 players used frequently -- try high performance alkalines, which provide longer run

times than standard alkalines in most applications.

Put simply: you'll squeeze up to 60 additional photos from a digital camera powered by these batteries compared to standard alkaline models.

Emergency Gifts

The doorbell rings and your neighbor is standing there, gift in hand. Happy Holidays!

But you've forgotten to get her something. How about the mailman, baby-sitter, your kids' teachers or your boss?

Smart planners keep an emergency gift shelf stocked with small gifts already wrapped, to ensure delightful moments doesn't turn into frightful ones.

Charitable Donations

It's far too easy to forget those

less fortunate, especially during this hectic season.

This year, make sure you've selected a worthy cause and completed your donation before the holiday hits.

Especially when giving to local community organizations, it's helpful to get donations in early so they can make purchases in a timely fashion and brighten up the holidays for others.

All The Trimmings

The pots are bubbling, sauces simmering and cookies baking. And then you realize you've forgotten the gravy.

This year, prepare your holiday grocery list and then have your spouse or an older child inspect it carefully. Do this before hitting the supermarket together!

This season be sure to plan properly and you'll be the best prepared holiday reveler on the block. And don't forget the stocking stuffers!

Rock and Roll Through Your Holiday List

This year it will be particularly easy to rock around the Christmas tree.

You should have no excuses when it comes to finding perfect presents for those on your list who have been known to enjoy the odd head-banging or air-guitar session.

A slew of classic rock and roll-themed gifts are hitting store shelves in a broad range of prices:

* Beatlemania Lives:

It's the 40th anniversary of the break-up of the Beatles and it's a huge season for gifts showcasing the twentieth century's most-famous band.

You can go large with a box set that features digitally-re-mastered versions of all their albums, along with a DVD documentary about their production.

Or you can pick and choose albums as stocking-stuffers. And for the techno-minded Beatle fan, there's the much-anticipated release of the "Beatles: Rock Band," an interactive video game in which players perform with the band on many of their biggest hits.

* Find Elvis:

The king can rock-on under

the tree thanks to a fun new book, entitled "Where's Elvis? and many others..." by Daniel Lalic.

It's an affordable gift for your favorite hip-shaker.

This rollicking seek-and-find picture book follows the king of rock, along with other iconic celebrities like Tom Cruise and Marilyn Monroe, "Where's Waldo"-style around some famous Presley-themed backdrops.

It showcases Elvis-sightings at Graceland, a jailhouse rock party and even a Las Vegas Elvis impersonators convention.

It makes for an amusing stocking-stuffer, available at any online or local bookseller.

* Peace, Man:

Woodstock was three days of peace, love and music that turned into four decades of albums, videos and song downloads.

Now the film that set the standard for rock-and-roll documentary has been re-released in a DVD box set that includes previously-unseen performances from legendary bands Creedence Clearwater Revival and the Grateful Dead, as well additional footage featuring artists like the Who and Joe Cocker.

Your gift recipient will have

to supply his or her own fringed leather jacket, however!

* The Answer Is Blowing 'Round The Tree:

When you've firmly established yourself as the world's most-legendary songwriter, what do you do for an encore?

In the case of Bob Dylan, you record your first-ever Christmas album, "Christmas in the Heart," on which the legendary songsmith offers his take on 15 Christmas classics.

* Name That Rocker:

Any rock fan worth his air guitar knows a thing or two about music history.

What better way to flex that rocking memory muscle than to compete in a music trivia board game?

Following 50 years of musical history, "Rock and Roll Trivologies" will finally decide who really knows his stuff when it comes to rock and roll.

Whatever your budget and musical taste, there is a variety of rock-themed gift ideas that can keep those on your list rocking well into the new year.

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce presents

Eagle Lake Parade of Lights "Christmas Around the World" & Christmas Mall



Saturday, December 12, 2009

Christmas Mall

10 AM - 9 PM

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Building
303 East Main Street

Food · Drink · Crafts · Jewelry · Gifts

Community Sing-A-Long Throughout the Day

Christmas Parade

Lineup & Judging - 5:30 PM

Parade Start - 6:45 PM

Parade, Mall & Sing-A-Long Entry Forms:

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Entry Forms Due December 1st