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Enter a holiday 'world of wonder' at Osborne Homestead in Derby
Garden clubs decorate house to depict fairy tales, fables

By Patricia Villers

DERBY - Once upon a time ...

That phrase instantly brings me back to my childhood, as it likely does for many.

This holiday season kids of all ages have a chance to relive - or create - childhood memories at the Osborne Homestead Museum.



For more than three decades area garden clubs have beautifully decorated the Colonial Revival-style house at 500 Hawthorne Ave. for the season.

This year's theme is "Storybook Holiday."

It features decorations depicting nine fairy tales and four of Aesop's Fables.

The museum is operated by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.



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Curator Susan Robinson offered me a sneak peek last week before Friday's official opening.

And I thank her for that! The tour she offered of the adorned rooms was delightful.

And as always, it was difficult to choose the room I liked best.

This year it was a toss-up between the studio, decorated by the Olde Ripton Garden Club of Shelton to depict *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and the dining room, where the Garden Club of Orange created a fanciful scene featuring *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*.



Robinson urged the community to visit the homestead which she has described as 'a world of wonder.'

Tours run through Dec. 16. They will be offered Thursdays through Sundays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

On Friday Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and 14, from 4-7 p.m., the museum will present "Twilight Tours" to display the shimmering glow of the decorations.



Individuals and groups who decorated Storybook Holiday:

- Derby Garden Society
- Jen Plasky
- Pat Sweeney - Derby Neck Library & Hubbell Farm
- Garden Club of Orange
- Long Hill Garden Club
- Naugatuck Garden Club
- Woodbridge Garden Club
- Women Redefining Retirement - Milford
- Ye Olde Kellogg Garden Club
- Olde Ripton Garden Club of Shelton



Salvation Army in Ansonia distributes food for Thanksgiving

By Ralph Villers

ANSONIA - Blessings.

Even after Thanksgiving, we are reminded that we need to count the bountiful blessings we have - to be grateful for them.

Yet, with all the blessings we enjoy, there are many members of the community in need. Feeling grateful can be difficult for those who need help to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

In a world where food insecurity is far too common, last Tuesday's food distribution at the Greater Valley Salvation Army food pantry fulfills a real need.

Photos on this page raise awareness of the need, as well as the good the Salvation Army does throughout the year.



Due to the generosity of the Salvation Army Greater Valley's Corps officers and volunteers and local supermarkets, many families were able to enjoy Thanksgiving.

Corps' Officer Captain Celimar Aleman said, "It was a very blessed day. We distributed around 400 turkeys plus other groceries."

And a reminder: There will still be a need for Christmas. Donate if you are able.



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