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## Holiday Open House at the Museum of East Tennessee History Saturday, December 13, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

(Knoxville, Tenn.) Cookies and apple cider will warm the day at the East Tennessee Historical Society's Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 13. Entertainment will be provided by the Kids in America Show Choir from Holston Middle School and Appalachian folklore and mountain ballads will be performed by professional storyteller Elizabeth Rose. Activities include craft demonstrations and the sale of handmade items, free ornament and craft making for the kids, and holiday refreshments. Visitors are invited to browse the ETHS Museum Store for a 10% discount on a great selection of traditional gifts, history books, and children's items. The discount is good for this



day only. ETHS members receive 15% off throughout the month of December. Looking for the gift that gives all year? Pick up a gift membership and your loved ones will receive publications and special benefits throughout the year.

Museum admission is free for the day. Exhibits currently on view include the feature exhibition *Made in Tennessee: Manufacturing Milestones*, an East Tennessee Streetscape and Corner Drug Store, and *Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee*, a look at 300 years of history, from the Cherokee to the 1982 World's Fair. Also on display for the holiday season is a crèche made in Germany and brought to East Tennessee in 1883. The beautifully carved nativity set and carousel belonged to the Fickey family of Wartburg. Family legend indicates that it had origins in the Fickeys' home district of Erzgebirge some 150 years before being brought to this country.

All events are free and open to the public from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Museum of East Tennessee is located at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. For more information, visit www.eastTNhistory.org or call 865-215-8824.

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