

# McReynolds home ready for Christmas Tour

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Editor's note: This is the first in a series of stories featuring the homes on Sunday's 2010 Christmas Tour of Homes sponsored by the Starkville Civic League.

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Tom and Lynda McReynolds love the old world Christmas charm of Williamsburg, Va. That charm will be on display at the McReynolds home on Sunday's 2010 Christmas Tour of Homes sponsored by the Starkville Civic League.

The McReynolds home will be one of four homes in the Sherwood Forrest Subdivision of Starkville that will be open for tours Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The home is located at 3 Courtland Drive. When turning right on to Courtland Drive from Sherwood Drive, be sure to take the gravel road to the white/grey home of Tom and Lynda McReynolds.

Each year, the McReynolds work to bring their love of historic Williamsburg into their holiday celebrations. This year, they are working hard to create several apple trees representing the historic Williamsburg feel. With the help of Lucy Hearnberger and Kay McReynolds, the home features a large apple tree in a space just outside the living room with several smaller apple trees throughout the decor. She said bowls and baskets of apples and pomegranates will be a big part of the Christmas decor in keeping with the Williamsburg theme.

Over 15 fresh boxwood wreaths hung by simple pieces of burlap ribbon. McReynolds said she loved the simple look of the wreaths that are featured in windows inside and on doors outside the home.

One of the most anticipated Christmas decorations at the McReynolds home is the Nutcracker collection. The collection was started by Lynda's father many years ago, and he continues to add to the collection each year. Be sure to get tickets today at the Greater Starkville Development Partnership office to see more of the McReynolds Christmas decorations, as well as the other homes on Sunday's tour.

Other homes featured on the 2010 Christmas Tour of Homes includes the Carey and Bonnie Hardin home, the Robert and Vicki Katz home and the home of Amy Tuck.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the GSDP office today until 5 p.m. Other ticket locations include the Book Mart and Cafe in downtown Starkville, Montgomery Jewelry and through any member of the Starkville Civic League.

On Sunday from 1:30 to 5 p.m., refreshments will be served at the Starkville Public Library for those attending the 2010 Christmas Tour of Homes.

Tickets will be available Sunday at the Library.

"I feel that the public will be awed by the homes and decorations used for the Christmas season," said Genevieve Swartzberg, one of the organizers for the 2010 Tour of Homes event.

Swartzberg said Starkville Civic League has hosted the Christmas Tour of Homes event since 2003 as a fund-raiser for the organization. The proceeds from the Tour of Homes help to fund a wide variety of community projects sponsored by the organization.

For more information about the Christmas Tour of Homes, contact the GSDP office today at 323-3322. Over the weekend, contact Swartzberg at 323-5877.