Twentieth Annual Christmas Tour of Homes in Greenfield

It is time for the twentieth annual Christmas Tour of Homes in Greenfield hosted by the Greenfield Historical Society. The **$10 tour** will be held from 12:30-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 6, 2026, and will feature four homes, the newly renovated old bus garage and the B&O Depot. A chicken noodle dinner will precede the tour at the Grain and Hay Building from 11:30-1:00. The **cost of the meal is $12.00** and includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, roll and butter, drink, and a choice of cakes.

Our first house will be the home of Tom and Debbie Beatty at **9293 Bonner Road**. This Beatty family originated in Scotland. John Beatty served in the American Revolutionary War as Captain of the Pennsylvanian Battalion. He was awarded land for his service. John's son Alexander Beatty came to Perry Township, Fayette County in 1824. This home was built sometime later and has been in the family for generations. The home is over 170 years old.



The house was remodeled in the 1920's by James E. and Cleo Beatty. They removed a wall to enlarge the living room, added a brick exterior and front porch. They also put on an addition to the back of the house which included a kitchen and sunroom. In the 1960's the downstairs pantry was converted to a half bath.

Tom and Debbie moved into the home in 1984. They have added a geothermal HVAC system, remodeled the kitchen, added a breakfast nook and a small back deck. They have remodeled an upstairs bedroom and converted an upstairs closet into a laundry area.

The Beatty family has always gathered around the dining room table to celebrate holidays and family events. In 2024, Beatty Farms celebrated 200 years of family farming. Generations of family photographs have been taken on the front porch of this home. Come and visit this historic home and enjoy visiting with the family.

Our second house is the home of Raymond and Amanda VanDyke at **12469 Lovers Lane**. This house was finished in 2010 and was built by Raymond. He grew up on this farm as a child and was gifted the land to build his home by his grandfather Earl Dhume.



Amanda tends to be a very minimalist practical decorator and Raymond values hardwood flooring, cabinets, doors and trim. They added a bedroom to the basement in 2012.

In April 2024 there was a house fire. The home was gutted and the entire inside replaced. A wall was removed in the living room. The ceiling was vaulted in the kitchen The kitchen cabinets were custom built by a Mennonite craftsman. The family was out of the house until March 2025. A new back deck is currently being added to the home.

Christmas décor has evolved as Raymond and Amanda's three oldest children have grown and moved away. The youngest daughter always enjoys helping each year, as well as decorating her own room. The calendar of Christmas with a moveable mouse is always the highlight to count down the days of Christmas.

Our third house is the home of Tristan and Amanda Santor at **434 South Street**. This home was built about 1887 making it approximately 139 years old. It was purchased by Richard Larkin in 1927 and has been in the Larkin family ever since. The previous owners were David and Maggie Larkin, Amanda's grandparents.



Since moving in, Amanda and Tristan have done a lot of cleanup work and repainting of rooms. They kept the downstairs wallpaper that her grandmother chose because Amanda loves it. They put in a brick patio using pad factory bricks gathered by her grandfather David Larkin.

The Santor's holiday decorations will be very classic or traditional, relying heavily on vintage and family heirlooms. Amanda has a special collection of nutcrackers that she displays every year. Her last nutcracker came from the Black Cat Tattoo in Greenfield. Come visit and enjoy their history and Christmas decorations.

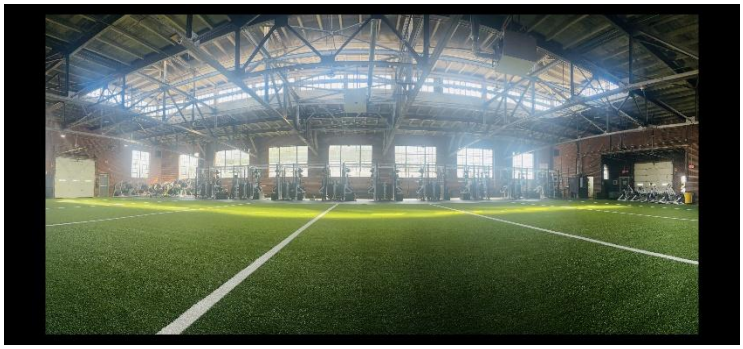
Our fourth stop is the home of Nik and Kiersten Beatty at **418 Dickey Avenue**. The house was built in 1891, making it 135 years old. Nik and Kiersten bought the home in August of 2025, purchasing it from Carl and Amy Storer.



Their decorating style is listed as eclectic, whimsical and flash retro. Since they moved it, they have closed in half of the back patio, added fencing, landscaping and have painted the living room and kitchen areas.

Nik and Kiersten will have multiple trees and many Christmas decorations throughout the house. They are excited to share their home with the guests on the tour.

The **Greenfield Exempted Village Schools Old Bus Garage** at **340 North Fifth Street** will be our final stop on our tour this year. The garage was part of E. L. McClain's original plan, but it was not completed until after his death in 1934, making it 92 years old. It was finished in four months using 260,000 bricks.



The garage is 1934 architecture meeting 21st century athletic development. It was designed with student input, and it accommodates multiple sports at the same time, working together. It has turf flooring, two batting cages, and a half million dollars worth of equipment purchased for approximately $50,000. Please stop in and see this great addition to McClain's sports complex.

Finally, the **B & O Depot** will be open to visitors. The historical society wants to share with the community the wonderful model of **Greenfield Through the Years** given to them by Tom Adams. The depot has been remodeled in the past five years with a lower ceiling, new windows and door, lighting, and paint. Tom has rearranged his display, added to it, and improved the signage and information. Tom also features Christmas displays in the downtown stores again this year. He has also added an Island Grove display in the last two years. Tom will be here to share his beautifully handmade scaled models of our town. Come remember our town in the years between 1920-1950.



All four families are excited about the tour this year and hope many visitors come through to see all their hard work and Christmas decorations. The historical society truly appreciates all their time and effort. The tour helps the society carry on its work to preserve and share Greenfield's history. **The tickets are $10.00 for the tour** and are available at the Community Savings Bank starting November 23 through December 4. Tickets will also be available the day of the tour at the Grain and Hay building and at the homes. Also, if you need gifts for Christmas, we have many ideas available, including our book on McClain

High School available at the Grain and Hay building. We also have 2023 Christmas cards that sell 10 for $10. Remember, a **meal will be available at the Grain and Hay from 11:30-1:00 pm, costing $12.00**. Come out and support the Greenfield Historical Society and these families who have generously opened their homes for the Tour.