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Hot Springs Area Christmas Tour of Inns/Bed & Breakfasts to Benefit Children in Crisis

The Hot Springs area members of the Bed & Breakfast Association of Arkansas will showcase their inns' Christmas decorations from Noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9. Proceeds from the \$25 tickets, which include admission to Garvan Woodland Gardens' Winter Wonderland of Lights display in Hot Springs, will benefit the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), an organization that provides oversight and advocacy for abused and neglected children.

The eight inns participating in the Christmas tour will offer refreshments provided by an array of area restaurants, including Ambrosia Bakery, Bismarck Community Market, Café 1217, Café Pompeii, DJ's Catering, Due Amici, Green Herb Catering, Lake Center Grocery & Deli, Rod's Pizza, National Park Community College – Hospitality Department, and Rosario's Restaurant.

Inns participating in the Christmas tour (from north to south near Arkansas Scenic 7 Byway) are:

- * Mountain Thyme -- Features eight guestrooms in a building designed as a bed and breakfast, located in the Ouachita National Forest near Jessieville. (501) 984-5428.
- * Hilltop Manor -- Located 2 miles north of bathhouse row on Ark. 7, and tucked into a cozy nook surrounded by National Park Forest this historic Craftsman Style home is perfect for weddings or a romantic escape with four deluxe suites. (501) 625-7829.
- * Abelard Inn Bed & Breakfast – Quaint European-style row house, circa 1900. It is the only B&B located in the downtown historic district across from bathhouse row. With just 2 rooms guests enjoy personal attention and service. (501) 625-3834.
- * Abode/Butler Manor – Stone manor on Lake Hamilton with breathtaking sunset views from the private pier & boardwalk. There are six quaint rooms, as well as a full game room facility for social occasions and weddings. (501) 520-5705.

* Lookout Point Lakeside Inn -- Built as an inn, this Arts & Crafts style building features 10 guestrooms, all overlooking Lake Hamilton. Just east of Ark. 7 on Lookout Circle (501) 525-6155.

* Tiffany's Bed & Breakfast – Log home with three rooms, all nonsmoking, located on 60 acres in the foothills of Ouachita Mtns. Come here to get away, no cell phones or TV's, just peace and quiet. Hwy 347 west of Hwy 7 in Bismarck. (501) 865-6060.

* Country Charm Bed & Breakfast -- Built as a bed and breakfast, this Appalachian log structure features four guest rooms plus 3 cabins on 20 acres. Located on Ark. 84 west of Ark. 7 in Bismarck. (501) 865-1842.

* Captain Henderson House -- An historic Victorian mansion meticulously restored with seven guestrooms, located on the campus of Henderson State University in Arkadelphia. (870) 230-5544.

A new addition to this year's festivity is a raffle for those who purchase tickets by noon on Friday, December 6th. Businesses which donated items include: Avalon Salon & Spa, Beverly Raskin-Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork-Reiki Practitioner, Candlelight Galleria, DeGray Day Spa, Oaklawn Sportswear, Picasso's Cupboard, Sabai Spa and Shelly Blackwell Signature Spa. So buy your tickets early, this makes a great holiday outing for your family or friends.

Interested individuals may purchase tickets at any of the participating inns or CASA at 600 W. Grand Avenue, Ste 104, Hot Springs. The day of the event feel free to purchase your ticket at the first participating inn. For more information or to purchase advance tickets over the phone call Kristie Rosset of Lookout Point Lakeside in at (501) 525-6155, or e-mail Faith Kraemer at hilltopmanor@cablelynx.com.

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