

Quiet Valley Announces Its 30th Annual Old Time Christmas

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STROUDSBURG – Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm will present its 30th annual Old Time Christmas event on December 5, 6 and December 12, 13 with candlelit tours leaving approximately every 15 minutes beginning at 3:00 p.m., with the last group going out at 7:00 p.m.

More than any other holiday, Christmas celebrations center on the traditions of our families and our heritage. Begin a new tradition with your family this year during an outing to Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, where the Christmas customs of the past are brought to life. From the softly glowing lantern light and luminaries to complimentary hot chocolate and cookies, Old Time Christmas is sure to become a favorite holiday pastime for many years to come.

Gather around a bonfire while you wait for your visit to the 1800s to begin. Guides in period clothing will lead guests on their

journey into the past beginning with a glimpse at a Victorian era Christmas and their Christmas Putz, a homemade nativity and village scene.

The living Nativity, located in the barnyard, includes the Quiet Valley farm animals and offers a look at the foundation of this special celebration and includes a soloist and scripture readings. Experience a rustic Christmas of the early 1800s in the upper barn. At the one room schoolhouse the school marm leads both the musicians and guests in singing their favorite seasonal carols. There is plenty of nervous excitement as folks await a visit from the Belschnikel, a traditional Pennsylvania German character who made his rounds during the Christmas season. He is the one who really knows if you were naughty or nice.

New this year, in celebration of the 30th anniversary of Old Time Christmas, is a Christmas Tree Forest where trees sponsored by families and business will be on display. We are asking our visitors to vote for their favorite decorated tree.

Complimentary refreshments add a festive touch to the visit. Before you leave be sure to stop in the Holiday Gift Shop which is stocked with heritage crafts handmade by Quiet Valley artisans. It is the place to find unique gifts at reasonable prices.

Those looking for a truly meaningful way to start their Christmas season will discover it at this very special event.

Adjusts will be made to keep this event appropriately social-distanced. MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

All funds raised support the mission of the non-profit farm museum.

To pre-buy tickets go to <https://quiet-valley.ticketleap.com/old-time-christmas> or call the farm at 570-992-6161 and reserve your spot. Old Time Christmas is held annually the first two full weekends of December. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 3-12, with those under three admitted free. You will be outside part of the time so remember to dress warmly. No pets or smoking please. Group of 12 or more with reservations, receive a discounted price any of the four days, when going out between 2:00pm and 3:00pm. It takes about an hour and a half to two hours to see all of Old Time Christmas.

For more information contact Quiet Valley at 570-992-6161, farm@quietvalley.org, or consult the website at www.quietvalley.org. Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, educational corporation dedicated to the preservation and presentation of 19th century agricultural history. Quiet Valley is located 3 1/2 miles south of Stroudsburg, Pa. off of Business Route 209.



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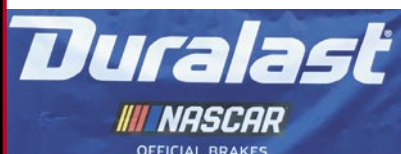
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Saving energy is important and everyone should make a conscious effort to do it. The low hanging fruit is converting lights to LED bulbs. Recessed lights now can be converted to LED and made air tight at the same time. This saves on more than just electricity. It stops air from being drawn through the fixture and wasted to the exterior through paths that you don't even know exist. The price of these conversion kits is less than the cost of a CFL bulb was 5 or so years ago. They are also dimmable so you can adjust the output for even better efficiency. Outdoor lighting can also be made much more efficient with LED fixtures and bulbs. They are worth the investment and they seem to last longer than incandescent flood light too.

Saving hot water not only saves water but the cost to heat it as well. If a faucet is dripping, don't just ignore it, fix it. The amount of water wasted by a dripping faucet can be huge and should not be allowed to continue.

Wash clothes in the lowest temperature water possible and adjust the water level in the washing machine to match the amount of laundry. Don't let it set to a high level when a small load is being washed. You can waste 20 gallons of hot water per wash load by setting the load size too high. New washing machines actually weigh the clothes and adjust the water automatically.

Using a clothes dryer is more common than it was 20 years ago and the machines have changed slightly since then but the most important part of any dryer is the lint screen and the vent pipe and hood. The amount of lint that gets by the screen can vary between brands but none are 100% effective. Sadly almost no vent systems are installed correctly and some are horrible. The first mistake is using vinyl hose on any dryer. The second is crushing the hose behind the dryer. Another is the total length of dryer vent pipe before the hood. 30 feet is the maximum total length. Every elbow counts as 5 feet. If you exceed the limit, the air won't flow properly and the dryer will take too long to dry the clothes and waste energy. The vent hood may have a screen to prevent chipmunk entry and it should also have a damper to prevent wind from blowing in. Lint will interfere with both of these items. Do a visual check at least once every year.

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Themselves to stand ready to defend our nation."

Congresswomen spoke about her childhood as a 'Brat' traveling where ever her father was stationed as a soldier along with her mother and how Veterans day was always a big event in their family.

