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Other Holiday Events

Saturday, December 1st, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

See the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site decked out for the holidays! Gene's Cabin will be open and decorated according to her description of the Christmas of 1917, which she called "A Dream of Beauty." Guests can enjoy holiday goodies and crafts. Santa will visit with children and families, so bring your list!

Monday, December 16th, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Santa Clause is coming to town! Visit Santa at the Limberlost Library and tell him how good you've been. Then celebrate the season with milk and cookies, and enjoy some holiday crafts.

Rome City Chamber Celebrates...

Lakeside Holidays

Tree Lighting
Friday, November 15, 2024
7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Saturday, November 16, 2024
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Visit:

Artisan Market
Caroline's Cottage Cottons
Dock's Landing
Fancy Flowers
Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site
Holiday House Walk
Kendallville Public Library - Limberlost Branch
Orange Township Fire Station
Rome City American Legion
Sylvan Cellars
United Methodist Church
West Lakes Association Craft Show

Event Schedule

Friday, November 17th

Tree lighting and caroling at Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Start the weekend with a tree and Roamin' Roman lighting ceremony. Caroling, cookies and hot chocolate will be provided by Vineyard Christian Church.

Saturday, November 18th (events detailed in the rest of this booklet are on Saturday)

5:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sylvan Shores Diner will be serving breakfast and lunch. 611 Kelly St Ext.

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Brunch at the Rome City American Legion provided by the Auxiliary, 615 Kelly Street Extended. Open to the public.

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Caroline's Cottage Cottons Quilt Shop, 195 Weston St.

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rome City Fire Auxiliary Craft Show, 101 Warrenner Dr.
Lunch menu includes soup, sandwiches, and desserts.

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rome City United Methodist Church Craft Show and Cookie Walk, 297 W. Washington St. Serving sandwiches & desserts for lunch.

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

West Lakes Association Craft Show

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fancy Flowers & Greenhouse open, 907 Kelly Street

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Artisan Market, 2nd Floor Sylvan Cellars Event Center, 2725 E Northport Road

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Limberlost Branch of the Kendallville Public Library, 164 Kelly Street.
We have holiday crafts for all ages, great books and cookies.

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Our Lady, Patroness of America- Visit Santa and enjoy cookies and punch until 2:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.

Lunch starting at 11:00 a.m. at Sylvan Cellars, 2725 Northport Road, also serving Holiday Cocktails in addition to the regular menu.

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Holiday House Walk, various locations. Directions are available on the next few pages.

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Cookie and restroom break from the Holiday House Walk at the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site. Stop into the gift shop and pick up a gift for your favorite nature lover. Receive a 10% discount with your house walk ticket.

12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dock's Landing will be serving their regular menu plus daily specials and dessert.



Fancy Flowers
and Greenhouse

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
907 Kelly Street

Get a jump start on your holiday decorating with a stop at Fancy Flowers and Greenhouse. You will find lots of Christmas decor including trees, wreaths, swags, ornaments, and glassware. you may also enjoy cookies and hot apple cider.



Sylvan Shores
Diner

5:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
611 Kelly St. Extended

Welcome to our diner! Sylvan Shores will be serving breakfast, and lunch until closing.



Our Lady, Patron-
ess of America

Open House
10:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
2730 E. Northport Rd

Visit with Santa from 10 am to 2 pm, while enjoying cookies and punch.



Orange Township
Fire Station



West Lakes Association
Craft Show

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Vinyard Christian Church

Janis' World Famous Peanut Brittle and a variety of Holiday crafts and boutique items

Craft Bazaar
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
101 Warrenner Dr.

The Rome City Fire Auxiliary welcomes you to their annual craft bazaar featuring many vendors. Some will be selling homemade crafts, items for the holidays, as well as baked goods. Also join us for a warm lunch and delicious desserts.

Rome City American Legion

Brunch

8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

615 Kelly St., Ext., Rome City

The Rome City American Legion post 381 will be serving a variety of home cooked brunch foods, assorted fruits and drinks. Tickets for their buffet are only \$8.00 at the door.

Plus, look for a cookie bar! Small boxes are \$7.00 and large boxes are \$10.00.

Sylvan Cellars

Open at 11:00

2725 E. Northport Road

Open for lunch and Holiday Cocktails!

Dock's Landing

12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

1900 North Shore Drive

Join us for lunch and/or dinner. Check out our daily specials and enjoy a delicious dessert.

Caroline's Cottage Cottons

Quilt Shop

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

195 Weston Street

(260)854-3900

United Methodist Church

Holiday Bazaar

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

297 Washington Street

Lunch includes hot sandwiches, chips, and a variety of desserts. There will also be a cookie walk, a bake sale, vendors with hand crafted items and a table of vintage treasures.

Come in and get in the Holiday Spirit.

House Walk (Various Locations)

Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the House Walk benefit:

- Helping Hands
- Rome City Elementary Parent Organization
- Noble House Ministries
- Noble Co. Miracle Tree, Inc.
- Orange Township Fire Dept (Shop with a Fireman)
- other Rome City Projects

Tickets: \$10 per person (Under age 12 are free)

Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at:

Town Hall
Nancy's Cutting Room
Caroline's Cottage Cottons

Tickets are also available the day of the event at the Rome City American Legion, each featured home, and the Artisan Market.

*Collect a stamp at each home on the walk and the Artisan Market and be entered in a chance to win a gift basket full of goodies!!
Must have all 5 stamps to be entered.

House Walk Locations



Home of Russ & Heidi Moir 401 Kerr Island North, Rome City

In 2018, California residents Russ and Heidi Moir wanted to find a lake home in Fort Wayne to spend summers with their children and grandchildren. This home was the first they looked at, and when Heidi saw the view, she said, "This is the house!" and the search was over. Heidi says she immediately felt like she had lived in this home forever.

The traditional home has an incredible view of Sylvan Lake, where you can see sunrises and sunsets from their peninsula-shaped yard. Perfect for viewing the Fourth of July fireworks. The home has a beautiful fireplace, many windows to enjoy the views, upper and lower screened porches, and lots of space to entertain their five grown children and 21 grandchildren.

Their home is filled with love and laughter, friendly game competitions, swimming, boating, a long row of Adirondack chairs on the lawn, and life jackets lining the lake side of the house.

Directions from town hall. Go south on Hwy 9
Turn left on Lions Drive At stop sign turn left on
Sylvan Ave. Proceed on Sylvan Ave until you come
to a T in the road. The home is straight ahead.



Jewelry by Matt Breunig

Doris Peruski - CleanCraft Soap Works

Deb Walterhouse
Pottery and Jewelry

Handmade Just For You - Alice Stiffner
Crocheted items. Hats, gloves and more

Local-School of Fish-Art - Megan Rowilson
Wooden fish wall hangings with eclectic
objects and bright colors, plants and decor

Harbor House Clothing Co. - Maddie Sherman
Woman's clothing boutique offering
a unique selection of women's clothing and
accessories

Sundry Market-A little of this and a little of that.
Selling goods that better our planet.

Weld Art by Bastian Metal Creations

Also at Sylvan Cellars:

Lunch starting at 11:00 a.m. &
serving Holiday Cocktails in
addition to the regular menu.



Artisan Market

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
2725 E Northport Rd.

Alicia Cook Art - Alicia Cook
A curated collection of stippled fine artwork

Schroeder Pottery - Matt Schroeder
Handmade functional and decorative pottery

Kurtz Custom Creations - Mike Kurtz
Looking beyond the old to create something new

Candles by Zaniab Kirkpatrick

Hopewell Glass and Crafts - Jim Hanes
Handmade stained glass and crafts

Pebble Art - Jackie Boyle
Whimsical Pebble Art

Silver Creations - Seth Weaver
Silver jewelry crafted by hand

Sozo Studio - Peggy Tassler
"Bringing New Life Through Art" Offering you
the personal art experience for small or large
groups in painting, pottery and printmaking



Sower House Shoppe and Tea Room-
County Road 900 North, Rome City

The Sower House Shoppe and Tea Room is set in a stunning historic Italianate-style home nestled in a picturesque spot along the road to the Gene Stratton Porter State Memorial, just a stone's throw from Sylvan Lake. The house was built in 1888 by the Sower family and is located adjacent to the Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site in Rome City. Gene Stratton-Porter stayed at the site while her cabin on Sylvan Lake was being built. The house retains all original woodwork and pocket doors from the 1880s. It was previously rescued from demolition and rehabbed by Indiana Landmarks and the Noble County Convention and Visitors Bureau through a partnership with the State of Indiana. It will soon open as a General Store featuring Indiana-made goods and snacks for nearby trail users, among other visitor services. Our Tea Room is expected to open for booking in late November or December.

Directions from town hall Go south on Hwy 9
about .7 miles Turn left on E County Road 900
North. Go about .8 miles and the Sower House
will be on your left, just past the curve in the
road.



House Walk Locations

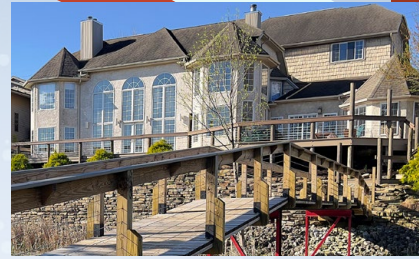


Home of: Scott & Rhonda Stienecker -
1205 Hilltop, Rome City

Scott & Rhonda Stienecker moved from Lima, Ohio, to 1205 Hilltop Dr. on Sylvan Lake in 2018. They looked at many houses and finally found their dream home. Their criteria included elevation above the lake, enough square footage for family and friends to visit, and incredible lake views. They walked into the house and knew they were home. The prior owner kept the original cabin and added to it over the years. In essence, it was two different houses connected, each with their own character. Scott and Rhonda wanted to keep the charm of the cabin but also update the house to make it feel like home. Many people did not know the house existed as it was hidden by a large canopy of trees. The house and site had a good foundation, and with a little work, this house could be spectacular.

The first project was removing trees and improving the foundation and exterior by building a large deck. Updating the inside started the second phase. They kept the charm of the second-floor cabin the same but updated the kitchen on the first floor. They moved the laundry and utility room from the center of the house with a lake view to an unused bedroom and created a new lake-facing dining area. The large living room was gutted and replaced with an updated living room/second kitchen. The last project of 2024 was putting in a new large window coming down the stairs to give a view of beautiful Sylvan Lake. Scott and Rhonda love living on their peaceful street and enjoy spending time with wonderful neighbors. They are so thankful for the many great friends they have made.

Directions from town hall Go south on Hwy 9 about 0.7 miles
Turn left on E County Road 900 North. Go about 0.7 miles
and turn left on Hilltop Drive. Take Hilltop to the right and the
home will be on your left just as you go right on Hilltop.



Home of: David and Christine Harges
1255 Hilltop, Rome City

Welcome to 1255 Hilltop! This piece of land is practically a sibling to me, as I am an only child of my parents, Lee & Sanna Harges, who acquired it when I was just two years old. In April of 1974, my dad was suddenly asked by a friend if he would be interested in buying the property. My dad said yes, and within a few weeks, the property was purchased. Just prior to that, a tornado had passed over Sylvan Lake, taking down the owner's house that had stood on the island attached to the property.

When my parents took possession, all that remained was a cement staircase on the hill that led to the water, a destroyed foot-bridge that had previously connected the mainland to the island, and a skeleton of the house that once called the island "home." Everything else had been blown into the water.

For my mom and dad (and me), the summer of 1974 began what would be a thirty-year-long "labor of love." Soon after, my parents bought a small camper, parked it at the top of the hill, and each summer, we worked endlessly to improve the property by first cleaning up after the tornado, building a new bridge to the island, and then building a garage at the top of the hill. By the late 1980s, we had finally built the house that now stands. In 2004, thirty years after the tornado, we added on to the house with a game room, bedroom, hot tub room, and new garage.

Unfortunately, my mom passed in 2016, and my dad is no longer able to live at the house. But together with my wife Christine, my sons Aidan & Tristan, and my mom's sister Bea, we have continued my parent's vision for the property.

In 2018, the entire hillside went through a transformation in landscaping, and in the spring of 2024, a two-year-long renovation of the house was completed. This renovation, done in large part by Roberta Stone and Jason Teders, took the home from a 3 bed/3 bath 1990s style house to a 5 bed/4 bath rustic modern with beautiful live-edge furniture. It is also decorated with photographs of the surrounding area by Christine and myself.

Over the last 50 years it has truly been a "labor of love" for our entire family, and we all are so proud of what it has become. We look forward to sharing it with you during the Holiday House Walk, and we are now also offering it as a short-term-rental for families to enjoy themselves. Visit www.hilltophaven-sylvanlake.com for more information!

Directions from town hall Go south on Hwy 9 about .7 miles Turn
left on E County Road 900 North. Go about .7 miles and turn left on
Hilltop Drive. Take Hilltop .2 miles and the home will be on your left.

