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2008 Christmas Open House and Candle Light Tours

Enjoy an old fashioned Christmas at New Madrid's Christmas Open House and Candle Light Tours, December 12 & 13 from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm. Free tours of the Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site, the New Madrid Historical Museum, and the Higgerson School will be offered. There will be caroling on the Main Stage, located in the vacant lot next to the Higgerson School, on Main Street. The NMCC Jazz Band will be on stage from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Friday night followed by the Dixie Players from 7:30 pm-8:30 pm. Entertainment for Saturday night, Dec. 13 is yet to be determined. Santa and his jolly elves will be on hand each evening for pictures, as will The Grinch! Hot chocolate and refreshments will be served.

Witness the true beauty of the Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site as it is decorated for the holiday season. The live greenery and lit oil lamps and candles turn this Antebellum mansion into wonderous site to behold. Costumed tour guides will escort you through the home and tell its history and of the families that once resided there.

A large nativity will greet you as you enter the New Madrid Historical Museum. Each exhibit will take you back to another time as you view Civil War relics, Indian artifacts, and hometown history.

Take a seat, class is in session at the Higgerson School Historic Site. See first hand what it was like to attend a one-room school with memorabilia such as old text books, lunch pails, and desks from a by-gone era.

Again, all tours are free, Dec. 12-13 from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm in historic downtown New Madrid, MO. For more information please contact the Chamber office at 877-748-5300.

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Please feel free to contact me if you would like to do a story and need more information.