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Kaw Mission Christmas 2009!

A nostalgic frontier Kansas Christmas will be revisited at the Kaw Mission State Historic Site from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 3, 2009. Christmas caroling, refreshments, live music and period decorations will reflect 19th century holiday traditions. Put this event on your social calendar and join us at the Kaw Mission for our annual Christmas celebration - a trip back in time sure to put you in the true Christmas Spirit!

At 7:00 p.m. the CG Singers, a Council Grove Elementary School choral group, will sing traditional carols in the Mission living room. Charlie Laughridge and Jeremiah Hershberger will stroll about the Mission throughout the evening playing Christmas carols on fiddle and accordion encouraging guests to sing along.

Visitors will be greeted by the warm glow of luminaries lining the front walks and oil lamps in the Mission windows. Natural decorations such as cedar, pinecones and bittersweet will be placed in windows and on fireplace mantels. The Mission building will be illuminated with oil lamps and candles. Jana Smith of *Celebrations! Flowers* will decorate Mission fireplace mantles with natural materials. Volunteers will festoon the Mission with additional decorations including homemade ornaments, candy canes and ornaments made by local school children. An Eastern Red Cedar tree decorated for Christmas and a charming choir featuring pinecone angels handmade of natural resources by former Kaw Mission State Historic Site site administrator Ron Parks have become traditional decor for this event.

This special event is co-sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society and the Friends of Kaw Heritage, Inc., (FKH). FKH board members and volunteers will serve Christmas refreshments including cookies, punch and hot apple cider. The Kaw Mission Christmas is free and open to the public with no charge for refreshments. For additional information, contact the Kaw Mission State Historic Site at 620-767-5410, e-mail – kawmission@kshs.org, or visit our website www.kawmission.org.

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