



**To: Friends of Festival Trees Danville**

**From: Cassie Keister, Cindy Parr-Barrett  
Co-Chairs, Gingerbread Village**

**Re: Festival of Trees, Gingerbread Village**

Hello Friends,

We are so excited to share this year is the 25<sup>th</sup> presentation of Vermilion County's marquee holiday season kick off, The Festival of Trees Danville. To celebrate the silver anniversary of our event this year's theme is "25 Silver Bells".

The warm, enticing smell of the Gingerbread Village is a popular and exciting part of the Festival and we need your help to continue the tradition. Your creation will become a part of the village to be auctioned off, with proceeds benefiting the community projects of Festival of Trees Danville and Balloons Over Vermilion. They can be the tasty creations of an individual, or a labor of love by a school, church group, civic organization, family, professional baker, or just good friends. To show our appreciation, everyone who participates will receive a pair of general admission tickets to the Festival Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>.

You're invited to create a festive, edible display to greet our visitors and add to the Gingerbread – Elfin Evergreen Village! Let your imagination take the lead and design a gingerbread house, barn, boat, train, and lighthouse – anything as long as all visible materials are edible. Gingerbread not your thing? No worries! How about blocks of Rice Crispy treats or brownies, granola or cereal bars!

If you wish to participate, please complete the enclosed entry form and return it to the Festival of Trees office by October 24<sup>th</sup> 2022. Mail to Festival of Trees Danville, 112 N. Vermilion St. Danville, IL or email [keister5@comcast.net](mailto:keister5@comcast.net)

Please deliver your completed gingerbread creation to the David S. Palmer Arena on **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

**Contact Co-Chair Cassie Keister at 474-7770 or [keister5@comcast.net](mailto:keister5@comcast.net) or the Festival of Trees Office at 217-260-6716 or [festivaloftreesdanville@gmail.com](mailto:festivaloftreesdanville@gmail.com) with questions or if you need more information.**

**If you would like to keep your project you can pick them up Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 4p -7p or Thursday, 9a - noon. All projects not collected by this time will be donated.**

Thank you for your consideration and see you at the Festival!