

Dear Friends,

Planning is well underway for our upcoming holiday activities, now collectively named the Slate Valley Museum Holiday Festival! This heartwarming, 9-day community event brings people together in the spirit of kindness, joy, and giving. I am writing to ask you to participate in our Festival this year by sharing a holiday display with us, perhaps a tree, centerpiece, table setting, or other creation.

The theme for our 2025 holiday celebration, "Christmas in the Barn," is inspired by our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, which centers on the New World Dutch Barn that makes up the original part of our museum building. We are embracing the spirit of barns as places where people gather together to work and celebrate. While it isn't required that you design your décor based on the theme, we've found that many people like an inspiration. But please feel free to create something that highlights your organization mission, business, or other unique idea that compels you!

We also hope that you'll consider donating your design or another item to our *Virtual Holiday Auction*. Every penny we raise supports our education programs, workshops, events, and other activities throughout the year.

Please complete and return the attached reply form to share your plans to participate today. We are grateful for your creativity and look forward to welcoming you to this year's Festival.

Warmly,

Sarah Kijowski Executive Director

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