

# Westport News

## **Burr Homestead hosts wine tasting event to benefit community center**

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### **Burr Homestead will debut "A Toast to the Community" during this year's Fairfield Christmas Tree Festival.**

The wine tasting event, to benefit Bridgeport's Burroughs Community Center, will feature a meet-and-greet with the designers who decorated the rooms throughout the Burr Homestead. Attendees will also receive holiday decorating tips and meet representatives of the home retail partners who provided the furnishings throughout mansion.

Festivalgoers can take advantage of this opportunity to meet with local retailers from Weathervane Hill Fabrics, Parc Monceau, Stark Carpet, Hansen's Flower Shop, Millie Rae's, Restoration Hardware, Palooza, Redi-Cut Carpet, Calico Corners, Lillian August, Circa Antiques, Kaoud Rugs and Hoffman Landscapes. There also will be designers in attendance from Kelly Designs of Connecticut, Sara Hopkins Interiors, Victoria Stevens Ross Design, KDK Design, JMAC Interiors and Interior Concepts by Amy.

One retailer, Weathervane Hill Fabrics of Norwalk, will be donating yards of silk fabric for window treatments, trim, drapery hardware, furnishings and Christmas decorations.

"Our goal to have the decorators and retailers mingle with Festival attendees at this wine tasting is a great way to recognize the generosity of the local merchants and increase the awareness of the general public to these talented designers", says Hollie Sutherland, Fairfield Christmas Tree Festival board member.

The wine event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Burr Homestead, 739 Old Post Road in Fairfield. It will feature red and white wines from around the world provided by Harry's Wine and Liquor Market at 2094 Post Road. Light appetizers and artisanal cheese platters will be provided by South Pine Creek Deli, Hoffman Landscapes has custom designed the centerpieces to reflect the cozy Sonoma Valley theme of the wine tasting event.

Tickets to this wine tasting are \$40 per person.

"We are excited about the debut of this new Saturday night event," said Fairfield Christmas Tree Festival President Kristin Nick. "Reaching out to designers and businesses throughout Fairfield County and enhancing rooms with furnishings from retailers such as Parc Monceau and Lillian August, offers something tangible to both customers and retailers. We feel partnering the businesses with their decorated rooms and having the opportunity for Festival patrons to meet them is a true community collaboration."

The festival, which will be held Dec. 3 through 5, will also feature its traditional holiday boutique, a sale of live wreaths, photos with Santa, a quilt raffle and live entertainment. The theme of this year's festival is "Celebrating Community."

For tickets and additional information on the wine tasting and a list of festival retailers and designers, visit [www.FairfieldChristmasTreeFestival.com](http://www.FairfieldChristmasTreeFestival.com) or e-mail [contact@FairfieldChristmasTreeFestival.com](mailto:contact@FairfieldChristmasTreeFestival.com).

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