



EAST HADDAM COMMUNITY LIONS

P.O. Box 328, East Haddam, CT 06423

www.easthaddamcommunitylions.com

**East Haddam Community Lions invite you to help us
"LIGHT-UP" the Holidays**

We are inviting all Civic minded individuals/groups to donate a decorated holiday tree, wreath or exhibit for auction. Many of us write a check during the holidays. Let us show our Holiday Spirit and creativity and share it with this community.

Last year was our "try-out". We lit a spark and the display was beautiful but this year let's see if we can really "**light-it-up**" and make it sparkle.

All proceeds from this community-wide fund raiser will go to **The East Haddam Fuel Bank, Food Bank and Youth and Family Services**. The money raised last year helped so many, providing heating fuel, food and gifts for the children of families in need here in our community, things that many of us take for granted. We Lit-up their Holidays and warmed our own hearts too.

The donated items will be exhibited in **Rathbun Free Memorial Library, from November 23rd. – December 4th**. During this time advertising and a catalogue will be distributed. A silent auction will take place. (Viewers can bid on exhibits anytime during this period.) All donations will be acknowledged in the program and again on signage where exhibits are displayed.

Decorated themes may say something about you or your group, but this would be up to your own creativity. Guidelines, including exhibit size, dates and times, will be available on request, or on our website at www.easthaddamcommunitylions.com.

We will host a **Holiday Reception** with entertainment and refreshments **on Friday, December 4, between 6-8 pm**, where final bids will take place.

Will you make a donation? "Light-up" the Holidays for someone less fortunate.

For more information please contact us.

The Holidays are coming!!

Your contribution will make a difference to this community.

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East Haddam Community Lions
“Light-up” the holidays

This is a Fundraiser, organized by **The Community Lions of East Haddam**. All monies raised by silent auction of Decorated Holiday Trees and Exhibits will be given to;

East Haddam Fuel Bank, East Haddam Food Bank, Youth and Family Services.

This will benefit those of our community in need at this holiday time. We give you creative freedom to demonstrate your individual Holiday Magic, exhibit it and hopefully realize a good sum of money for our cause.

The Rathbun Free Memorial Library has again kindly offered to display our donated exhibits, therefore smaller trees wreaths and tabletop exhibits will display better in the space available. Though we encourage the use of lighting as a selling tool, during display at the library we may not be able to light them. [Limited availability of outlets]

CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION

All donations will be exhibited for 11 days, during which time a Silent Auction will take place. A program and signage will acknowledge your contribution.

Design Specifications

Your contribution may include cultural representations of the holiday season. Small trees and exhibits with decorations and lights may measure up to Four feet in height. You may consider wreaths, menorahs, door decorations, garlands, quilts, miniature trees, flags and other creations.

Regulations:

- All the trees and decorations must be artificial. Lights are encouraged.
- All ornaments must be securely wired onto the exhibit, so they will not be dislodged during handling. This will ensure that your donation is not damaged during transit.
- Please ensure that the stand you provide will hold the weight of your tree/exhibit. We don't want all your hard work to come crashing down!
- You are responsible for delivering your completed exhibit to **The Rathbun Free Memorial Library, East Haddam, between 1-4 pm on Saturday, November 21**
- When you drop off your contribution you will receive an invitation to the **Reception held on Friday, December 4, 2009, between 6.00-8.00 pm.**
- All donations become the property of the East Haddam Community Lions upon delivery. The Lions are responsible for display, and sale by silent auction of donated items. Please remember this is a fundraising event and our goal is to sell each item at the best, but most realistic price.
- The Silent Auction will be open to the public during usual Library opening hours from **Monday, November 23. It will run through to the reception on December 4, at which time final bidding will take place.** The highest bid will then be notified and the exhibits taken or be picked up by the purchaser on **Saturday December 5.** After payment in full.

CONTRIBUTOR CONTRACT

**East Haddam Community Lions
"Light-up" the Holidays Fundraiser**

CONTRIBUTOR

Name

Address

Telephone

E-mail

Signature[s] of Contributor[s]

DESCRIPTION OF CONTRIBUTION

Tree.....

Wreath.....

Tabletop Display.....

Other..... (Please describe briefly.)

Size.....

Estimated cost of materials..... Suggested starting bid.....

This is a fund raising event. We will make every effort to get a good but realistic price for your donation.

INFORMATION FOR SIGNAGE AND PROGRAM

Contributor's Name

Title

All items become the property of East Haddam Community Lions upon delivery to the Library, and we reserve the rights to auction them off for the best price, all proceeds of which will be donated to East Haddam Youth and Family Services, The Fuel Bank and The Food Bank.

Please sign the contract and return it to:

**"Light-up" the Holidays
East Haddam Community Lions
P.O. Box 328
East Haddam, CT 06423**

This will guarantee acknowledgment in our program.

Any queries or for further information call, **Mary Lee: 873-9776 or Nancy: 873-2070.**