



Mantels for the Season Calendar and Guidelines

Calendar

Decorating days

- Monday or Tuesday, November 17-18, 2026
- The museum is open for mantel decoration from 8am – 5pm. After-hours time may be available with prior notice.

Opening Reception

- Thursday, November 19, 2026 from 5:30-7:30pm

Run of Exhibit

- Friday, November 20, 2026 – Sunday, January 3, 2027
- The museum is open Wednesdays through Sundays from 10am – 5pm. Mantels is included with museum admission.
- Visitors will be able to vote for their favorite mantel categories when they visit the museum. Winners will be announced January 5.

Dis-mantel Days

Monday and Tuesday, January 4-5, 2027

- The museum is open for dis-manteling from 8am – 5pm. Other hours may be available with prior notice.

Guidelines

- We encourage you to be creative and think outside of the traditional associations and décor for your mantel. However, the ACWM reserves the right to review submissions. and remove any ornaments or other design elements that can be considered offensive or inappropriate to visitors.
- Please remember, this event will attract people of all ages. Themes and decorations must be family-friendly and should embody the holiday spirit.
- Each mantel should feature one or more timepieces from the museum's collection. The museum's staff will help with the selection of a clock(s) or watch(es) that supports your mantel's theme.



- Electricity is not available for every mantel; battery operated lights may be used, especially on timers.
- The use of nails and hardware should be discussed and approved with museum staff.
- The museum is not responsible for lost or stolen decorations or display pieces.

Prohibited Items:

- Live greens and plants
- Water/ essential oils/other liquids
- Candles – only artificial/battery-operated or unlit wax candles are permitted.
- Perishable food items