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November 21 – 22 in Montgomery

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT CAPITOL'S GOAT HILL MUSEUM STORE



The seventh annual holiday open house at the Goat Hill Museum Store in Alabama's State Capitol is Friday, November 21, from 8:30 to 4:30, and Saturday, November 22, from 9 to 4.

Goat Hill is the best place to find gifts made in and about Alabama. In addition to Alabama books, food, gifts, souvenirs, and artist-made items, there will be a large selection of holiday ornaments, decorations, and gifts.

On Friday, November 21, Montgomery artist Tara Cady Sartorius will unveil the fourth in her series of limited edition, handcrafted clay ornaments of Alabama's historic State Capitol.

Other "made in Alabama" ornaments include hand-quilted pinecones by the West Alabama Quilter's Guild, cotton boll and okra angels, Alabama flag and state-shaped stained glass ornaments, handmade glass candy canes, and angel ornaments. Collectors will also like the limited edition, blown-glass ornament of the historic Alabama capitol building.

Perfect for the holidays are Alabama food items including candies and jellies from Fairhope's Punta Clara Kitchen; chocolate-covered nuts from The Nut Shop in Tuscaloosa; holiday candies from Priester's Pecans; mulling spice, jellies, and party food mixes from Raven's Nest Specialties; Betsy's cheese straws; and a large selection of Alabama cookbooks.

Door prizes will be given away each day and mulled cider and snacks will be available to shoppers while they browse the store's large selection of unique holiday gifts.

On Saturday, free tours of the Capitol building are offered at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Each tour lasts about 45 minutes and no reservations are necessary.

The Goat Hill Museum Store is located inside the historic Alabama State Capitol's Union Street entrance. Contact the museum store at (334) 353-4969 for more information.

The museum store is managed by the Alabama Historical Commission, the state historic preservation office. Store profits go towards continued efforts to preserve Alabama's historic places.

To protect, preserve, and interpret Alabama's historic places is the mission of the Alabama Historical Commission.

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