Dates
Fri., Sat., Sun.: Nov. 24-Dec. 17. Fri., Dec. 22. Fri., Dec. 29, Sat., Dec. 30 4:30-8:30 pm,

Overview
Gardens Aglow is Heritage’s annual treasured holiday family tradition, featuring festive lights and decorations, seasonal activities and exhibits, music and dance performances, and more. This year’s theme focuses on a visit to the North Pole.

New features this year include:

- Visit Mrs. Claus at her North Pole home inside the Special Exhibit Gallery.
- Contribute to a community mural on a giant LiteBrite.
- Skip the line for Santa with the Santa VIP experience. Saturdays and Sundays from Nov 25-Dec. 17 from 3-4:30pm. Advance ticket sales only, limited to 30 per night. Tickets include regular admission to Gardens Aglow.

Returning favorites include free marshmallow roasting at the fire pits, picture-taking with Santa in the Model T, a reindeer scavenger hunt through the gardens, a Heritage Highlights exhibit curated by The Hundred Acre School students, nightly performances in the Auto Gallery, Currier & Ives winter scenes lithographs on display, holiday treats at the Magnolia Café, baby animals will return on Dec 1-3 and Dec 29 & 30, Chip Koser will be creating ice sculptures on the grounds on Sat. and festive music throughout the grounds.

Gardens Aglow by the Numbers

- Number of years for Gardens Aglow: 15
- Miles of lights: 12.5
- Number of illuminated snowflakes hanging throughout the gardens: 28
- Total length of rope lights installed: 2,400 linear feet
- Number of marshmallows roasted each year: more than 14,000
- Train on track #1 of the Heritage Holiday Express: ‘G’ Scale Union Pacific Passenger Holiday Train with 5 cars (2 engines, 3 passenger cars)
- Train on track #2 of the Heritage Holiday Express: ‘G’ Scale GM locomotive with 4 freight cars
- Number of bridges, all made from natural materials from Heritage, created for the trains to across: 4
  - Suspension bridge, modeled after the George Washington Bridge: 30’ long x 12’ high
- Trestle bridge for the Holiday Train to travel across: 17’ long
- Trestle bridge, modeled after the Cape Cod Canal Railroad Bridge, for the 2nd holiday train: 12’ high x 15’ long
  - Height of train tracks above the floor for the Heritage Holiday Express: 6’10”
  - Number of feet in the train tracks for the Heritage Holiday Express: approx. 200’