

PRESS RELEASE: From the Historic Old Town Auburn Business Association

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HISTORIC OLD TOWN AUBURN
24TH ANNUAL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS
Saturday December 11TH & December 18th, 2010
5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

If the Holiday Season puts you in the mood to regain some of the spirit of Christmas past, with caroling a fireplace and hot cocoa, then Old Town Auburn with it's 24th Annual Country Christmas celebration is the place to be. On two Saturday nights, December 11th & 18th, the streets of Historic Old Town Auburn come alive with Christmas spirit as they are transformed by this popular holiday event. From 5 until 9 each night, the whole community is invited to share in the holiday fun.

Crafters and Artists of the quality our local area is known for, will have their wares on sale for that special one-of-a-kind Christmas gift. Many local non-profit organizations will be providing a food selection to take care of the dining needs of you and your whole family, in the best of "alfresco" dining. As in years past, the local Volunteer Fire Department will be serving their traditional clam chowder in French bread bowls, Café Delicias will spice up your step with snappy Mexican specialties, and there are all manner of cookies, cakes, hot chocolate and cider, funnel cakes and roasted on the spot cinnamon almonds, Sausages, baked potatoes, kettle corn and roasted chestnuts. Sound good? Come for dinner and enjoy the rest of the show!

In the center of the plaza, you can warm yourself by the bonfire as you enjoy some of the fine entertainment scheduled this year. Local cloggers and Scottish dancers will be on hand to liven your mood and set your feet to tapping. As always, Santa will have candy canes for the kids, young and old. John Crabtree, the chimney sweep will make his traditional appearance, along with the "Sugar Plump Fairies". Jon Dufour, Thunderfoot Cloggers, the Auburn Concert Band Brass Ensemble, and dancers from Pamelot School of Dance are just some of the entertainers lined up this year. Families can get an experience of olden holidays by taking a ride on the hay wagon pulled by giant draft horses. Back again this year is Never Cry Wolf rescue allowing visitors to get up close and personal with these magnificent animals, and Llamas dressed up like Reindeer!

In years past and Christmas long ago, the community; friends, neighbors and families would share the Holiday spirit by gathering in the town square, visiting, enjoying and participating in the good cheer of the season. You and your family are invited to share in that same spirit, so mark your calendar and spend some time in Historic Old Town Auburn with our 24th Annual Country Christmas. For added enjoyment, come see Old Town's beautiful Christmas lights and decorations and visit the many specialty shops and restaurants that will be open for your shopping and dining pleasure. Admission is free and we provide a free shuttle from the Fairgrounds.

For more information or applications for Country Christmas: Linda Robinson 530/888-1585, sunriver@inreach.com or visit our website: www.oldtownauburnca.com

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Auburn Holiday Inn	120 Grass Valley Hwy	800/814-8787
Best Inn & Suites	I-80 at Foresthill Exit	530/885-1800
Best Western Golden Key	I-80 at Foresthill Exit on Lincoln Wy	530/885-8611
Foothills Motel	I-80 at Foresthill Exit	530/885-8444
Gold Country Fairgrounds	High Street-Auburn	530/885-6281
Powers Mansion Inn	164 Cleveland Ave.	530/885-1166
Motel 6	I-80 at Foresthill Exit	530/888-7829
Super 8	140 E. Hillcrest Dr.	530/888-8808