

## Beautiful Homes on Christmas Tour in Reedville

Once again, “Christmas on Cockrell’s Creek”, held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, showcased four historic and beautifully decorated homes in Reedville, Virginia. This annual event supports the many programs offered by the Reedville Fishermen’s Museum. The decoration designs and floral creations for all the houses on the tour were a collaboration of the gracious homeowners and the talented members of the Chesapeake Bay Garden Club.



The **Red Cottage** on Roseland Road is the home of Charley and Maureen Gillmer. This home was recently built by the Gillmers on a plot where an old cow barn once stood. Sue Moore was the head decorator, and she had a lot of help from other members of club. The Gillmer’s home has a unique layout that allowed for many traditional Christmas decorations. The decorations glimmered from the light let in by large windows which also provided a panoramic view of the creek. The

decorations and family heirlooms provided a cozy, warm feeling in this home. [\[Click to see Red Cottage photos.\]](#)

The **Steamboat House** at 532 Main Street got its name because it looks like a steamboat pilot house. The new owners are Mark and Stacey Stickley. It’s an old beautiful, light filled house located on the creek. The head decorator was Rebecca Elston. She and her crew did a lovely job making flower arrangements and placing greens in this quaint old house. New renovations were seamlessly blended in with this historic home. As you walked through this house, it was like going back to another time. [\[Click to see Steamboat House photos.\]](#)



On 560 Main Street is the **Carroll House** which is an American four-square. The Carrolls created a blend of modern and antique style with their home. New owners are Dan and Michele Ginnerty. Sharon Lemke and Sharon Stieber, the head decorators, and other members from the club did an outstanding job with the decorations. The beautiful arrangements and greenery blended well with the home’s

décor. The view of the creek, the decorations, and the home's style all added to the home's charm. [\[Click to see Carroll House photos.\]](#)

The **Pittman Cottage** on 1126 Fleeton Road is owned by John and Sally Baffa. This cottage is filled with photography of family and nature. Sally provided many of the decorations, and the garden club provided the greenery and floral arrangements. The head decorator was Kathie Truxall. She too was supported by a group of club members assisting in the decorating. The lovely decorations provided Christmas cheer to this home. The Pittman Cottage was a warm, pleasant place to visit on the tour. [\[Click to see Pittman Cottage photos.\]](#)



The club also supported the RFM by creating a holiday tablescape that was on display in Festival Halle throughout the entire event. Linda Hixon and friend Donna Bowen created this beautiful design called "Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree." Many other organizations supported the Reedville Fishermen's Museum, as well, by providing holiday themed tablescapes for all to enjoy. The event ended with some snowfall and chilly air, but it did not keep away visitors. It was a festive beginning to the holiday season. [\[Click to see tablescape photos.\]](#)

The Chesapeake Bay Garden Club hopes that everyone enjoyed this year's event and wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!