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Christmas Comes to *NewsNight Akron*

*PBS 45 & 49 News Show Visits
Holiday Tree Festival, Sugar Plum Tour of Gracious Homes*

KENT, Ohio Dec. 16, 2005 PBS 45 & 49's weekly news panel discussion program, **NewsNight Akron**, visits two Akron area holiday traditions, the Holiday Tree Festival and the Sugar Plum Tour of Gracious Homes. The special airs on Friday, Dec. 23, at 9 p.m., with a rebroadcast on Saturday, Dec. 24, at 5 a.m.

After **NewsNight Akron** host Vincent Duffy presents the week's local headlines, Jody Miller, a panelist on the show and editor of *Bath Country Journal*, takes viewers on a video tour of the two Christmas events. Background music for the program is provided by choirs from Kenmore High School, Copley-Fairlawn Middle School and East Woods School in Hudson.

The Holiday Tree Festival, held at Quaker Square in Akron in November, benefits Akron Children's Hospital. The event welcomes an estimated 200,000 people each year. The **NewsNight Akron** video tour highlights some of the hundreds of trees, wreaths, miniatures and holiday decorative accessories that were on display.

The Sugar Plum Tour of Gracious Homes, which benefits the Gay Community Endowment Fund, was held in early December and raised more than \$20,000 to support the fund's philanthropic programs. The six lavishly decorated homes in Highland Square, West Akron and Bath Township, including the patrons-only home, are featured on the show.

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