

Holiday home tours are a success

Halls - and homes - were fully decked out for the season Sunday, Dec. 3 as The Girls Night Out Relay for Life team hosted the Holiday Homes Tour.

Locations on tour day of the event included a mix of businesses, landmarks and homes, including A Marked Salon, Audrain County Historical Museum, Mark DeJaynes, Chris and Vivian Miller, Michael and Dene Myers and Raymond and Bonnie Pursifull.

"We feel that for the first year it went great, once we got the locations figured out and started advertising it seems that it pretty well sold itself," said one of the tour organizers Susan Paden.

Tours were held from 2-6 p.m., with ticket holders checking in at each location, to tour at their leisure in the order of their choice This was the first year Audrain Relay for Life

"We learned this summer that the Mexico Women's Club was not going to be able to host the event any longer due to various reasons," said Paden. "We talk-

ed with a few members and decided our group would be interested in trying it."

And it was a good thing they did.

"With the help of Century 21 and members of the team we were able to sell 269 tickets," said Paden.

The end result? The effort raised just over \$3,000-not bad for a first-effort.

"We got lots of community support with positive feedback," Paden said. "They loved the homes as well as the decorations, and homeowners were glad to share their homes with the group."

Organizers also enjoyed the event, especially seeing people and how excited they were to participate. Paden and company also extended their appreciation to the Mexico Astra group for their help at various locations during the event.

"We plan to continue as the Mexico Women's Club did and host it every two years," said Paden.

So mark your calendars for December 2025.



The Audrain County Historical Society's holiday flare was on full display. [Nathan Lilley]



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