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1980 White House Christmas Tree Recreated at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library

Dolls, Doll Houses and Toys Decorate This Victorian-style Tree

Atlanta, GA. - The Victorian Christmas tree that stood in the White House in 1980 has been recreated and is on display at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum. The stunning “roses and lace” tree is decorated with dolls, toys and ornaments is a close approximation to the one which stood in the White House Blue Room twenty-five years ago.

The White House tree’s original designer, Louis Nichole, provided dolls which resemble the originals, as well as sample ornaments and decorations he saved from the project. Around the base of the tree are doll houses and children’s toys.

The recreated 1980 Christmas Tree has been an annual attraction at the Carter Presidential Library since 1992. It will be on display until January 3, 2006.

The Carter Presidential Library and Museum is currently hosting “*First Ladies: Political Role and Public Image.*” This exhibition, created by the Smithsonian Institution, features more than 150 items that depict the changing role of the first lady. There are elegant gowns, china, silver, and jewelry, as well as personal and political items. The exhibit includes materials from Martha Washington to Laura Bush and should not be missed. “First Ladies” runs through January 16th, 2006.

The Carter Presidential Library and Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 4:45 pm and on Sunday from noon to 4:45 pm. The museum is closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day.

For more information, call 404-865-7101 or visit www.jimmycarterlibrary.org.

Editors Note: Images of the 1980 White House Christmas tree and the First Ladies exhibition are available by contacting the Carter Library Public Affairs Office.