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It is time once again for Christmas at the home of Uncle Henry, Auntie Em and Dorothy Gale. The Seward County Historical Society is gearing up for its annual open house from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. According to executive director JoAnne Mansell, the focus this year will be on the gift shop.

“This year, for our open house, we are focusing on our gift shop,”

she said. “We have some really unique items.”

The ladies at the Coronado Museum will be wrapping purchases free of charge. Mansell said another service they will be providing this year is shipping. However, the customer must pay shipping charges.

“We want to encourage people to shop in our gift shop,” she said. “It will be our pleasure to gift wrap items and even see to it that the mailman gets them.”

Those attending the open house will be able to draw for special discounts prior to making their purchases. Mansell said there will be discounts ranging from five to 25 percent off items in the gift shop.

The annual open house event will be complete with entertainment and refreshments. Steve Leete will be on hand to provide the entertainment which will include many Christmas carols.

“I would love for the community to come out and enjoy delectable cookies and seasonal snacks,” she said. “We also ask everyone to enjoy Christmas carolling with Steve Leete.”

## Coronado's open house

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The historical society will also be hosting a booth at this weekend's folk art festival, Mansell said. She urges the community to make a day out of enjoying the scheduled holiday events.

"People will be able to go to church, go eat dinner then come out to the open house," she said. "They can also go on over to Mrs. Santa's Sweet Shoppe at the folk art festival where we will have many seasonal baked goods and craft items available."