



Applicant Information - 2013

The Carlinville Christmas Market Board is very excited that you wish to be a part of our 2013 Carlinville Christmas Market. This will be our 24th annual Christmas Market. We are the oldest outdoor event to be held during the Christmas holiday in Illinois. The Market takes place on the historic town Square in the heart of charming Carlinville, the county seat of Macoupin County. Each year this Market and town draws many thousands of people not only from Illinois, but surrounding states as well.

The following "perks" will be available to vendors:

- Welcome packets containing Market info, tax forms, name badges
- Heated tents to display all wares
- Free coffee and donuts upon registration
- Free parking
- Free wi-fi in the tents
- A trailer just outside the tents for recycled cardboard etc.
- Assistance in packing up and carrying at end of Market (courtesy of Carlinville Football players)
- Market Board volunteers to cover your booth if you find it necessary to leave
- Restaurants on the Square where the Market takes place
- Overnight security
- Extensive promotion including press releases, billboards, tourism brochures, radio, and television.
- Hospitality and helpfulness by all on the Market Board

Besides our juried, artisan vendors, our Christmas Market offers many other attractions.

- Strolling musicians
- Magicians
- Ice sculptures
- Tours of our famous "Million Dollar Courthouse"
- Home tours of Christmas bedecked private residences
- Narrated trolley tours of historic Carlinville including
 - o The Anderson Mansion, a Victorian home having thirteen decorated Christmas themed rooms, and the Red Barn serving down home sandwiches, hot soups, and desserts.
 - o Standard Addition, the largest concentration of turn-of-the-century Sears & Robuck kit homes in the country.
- Old fashioned horse-drawn carriage rides
- Bell choirs concerts by area churches
- Santa Claus in his "House"
- Local shops, antique stores, and individually owned restaurants

If accepted into the Market, we are sure you and your family will enjoy your weekend experience in Carlinville. It is truly small town holiday magic.