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## **CANDY-LIS THEME TREE, SANTA AT LOUISIANA STATE ARCHIVES**

Secretary of State Tom Schedler invites the public to kick off the holidays at the Louisiana State Archives' Christmas open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5. The event will include a performance by the Baton Rouge Center for Visual and Performing Arts Children's Choir directed by Patricia Doney, a visit from Santa Claus and treats for children.

This year's décor, named Candy-Lis for its handmade candy fleur-de-lis ornaments, adorned the tree along with handmade candy canes, poppers and garland. A handmade gingerbread house and gifts accompany the tree.

Aside from the tree, the Louisiana Room showcases nostalgic antique toys conjuring childhood memories for many Archives visitors. Items on display include metal roller skates, handmade Raggedy Ann dolls, airplanes, trains, G.I. Joe action figures and Barbie dolls. Also showcased are handmade pirogues by Ike Dugas; a Mickey Mouse collection on loan from J.A. Allen of Opelousas; and the original artwork for Linda Sale's *Louisiana: What's So Special About You?*

The public can view the exhibit through Sunday, Jan. 30, during regular Archives hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and the building is wheelchair accessible. For more information about the Louisiana State Archives, visit our website at [www.sos.louisiana.gov/archives](http://www.sos.louisiana.gov/archives).

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