Willistead Manor was the home of Edward and Mary Walker, and was built in 1906. It was meant to impress as it was also the showplace of the Hiram Walker & Sons Co. It became the heart of Walkerville, and eventually the home of the Art Gallery of Windsor and a public library for the Walkerville area. Many memories were made here. Many more are made every day. We hope that your memories of this holiday season are very good ones.
THE GREAT HALL
ELEGANCE BY DESIGN

All that glitters is GOLD! Woven into the very fabric of the room, it becomes a backdrop of elegance for the massive fireplace and impressive furnishings that are meant to impress you as you enter the manor. The chandelier just drips with gold drops and the tall tree is lit with a flowing river of gold. Angels herald your coming to our open house. A roaring fire welcomes...

THE MORNING ROOM
GAIL DROUILLARD, RUTH REDDAM, BESS ZIVANOVICH (FRIENDS OF WILLISTEAD)

Our inspiration stems from the tudor roses carved into the wood surrounding the fireplace. Gilded roses are incorporated into the garlands and sumptuous decor with a profusion of twinkling lights. Clusters of sparkling beads cascade from the tree and wall sconces. An elegant silver tea service alludes to this room’s original purpose for casual entertaining.

THE BILLIARD ROOM
ST. CLAIR COLLEGE STAFF & STUDENTS (1ST & 3RD YEAR)
SARAH PAPPS, GURSHARN DHILLON, YUGING GUO, SIMON ELTAYAR, KRYSTIAN BUDZIK, JINCHEN JICO & TUN HSUEN LIN

A musical of copper and teal – as you look around the room, the wooden panels hold up chords of copper and teal. Picture the melody rise while the glimmering lights weave a soft, harmonious rhythm.
Upon entering the library you are greeted by a tree decorated beautifully with glittering bronzes, golds and reds. Under the garland draped around the fireplace with the reindeer sitting below, you MUST cuddle up with a blanket, cup of cocoa, and a good book.

A dazzling array of warm and sparkling elements to enhance a delightful holiday dining experience. Sharp greens, rich reds, and glamorous golds all work together.

The SWEET SHOPPE is open and filled with tasty treats and eye-catching decor – the candy train, the gingerbread houses, the sweet ornaments, and the mice trying to steal a nibble all make you feel like you never want to leave this room. This is the stuff of dreams.
THE CONSERVATORY
CAROL WINTERS, BESS ZIVANOVICH & JULIA NELSON
(FRIENDS OF WILLISTEAD)

Pine trees, acorns, deer, snowflakes, winter berries, and birds nesting all combine to form a winter woodland tableau. The skates and sled are reminders that a skating rink was an annual tradition just outside of this very room, with the little hill providing sledding fun.

THE WITHDRAWING ROOM
MARY JANE DETTINGER WITH FAMILY
& ST. CLAIR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Ladies once withdrew to this room that has been taken over by golden deer prancing across the mantel and through the room – even on the ringlets of ribbon cascading down the tree. We hope they don’t nibble on the glorious florals that fill the room as if it were a garden.

STAIRCASE & LANDING
FLOWERS BY PHIL SADI

Magnificent leaded windows, hand-carved newel posts and impressive stairs all set off by greenery and decor that enhances and delights. Swags up the stairs, floral displays on the landings, and we have a place that will welcome the most unbelievable photo opportunities.

LARGE HALL CABINET
BRENDA CLAYTON’S COLLECTION
THE MASTER BEDROOM
KATHIE’S COLLECTION WITH GAIL, BESS & RUTH (FOW)

Edward and Mary would retire to their most private room to relax and talk... and perhaps sip sherry by the fire while sitting in the beautiful needlepoint chairs. An all-white palette allows period pieces to shine and show us what might have been here a hundred years ago.

MRS. WALKER’S DRESSING ROOM
KATHIE RENAUD – LUXURY ON LINCOLN
WITH GAYLE HUSZTI & JANET EASTON (FOW)

This pastel room jumps to life with the introduction of these vibrant greens, blues and purples. The mantle has a collection of crystal and peacock-inspired hues. As part of her religious background, Mary Walker would have kept her very large crèche in her private room.

NORTH & EAST GALLERIES
LOUISE BROWN & COLLEEN GAUDETTE – INTERIOR DECORATORS

Whites and creams and silver and gold fill this large space with elegance and majesty that will make all of this seasons’ parties and weddings have the most glorious pictures. Our most well-known area has been the scene of many happy memories and the decor ensures that this tradition continues.

THE COACH HOUSE

Martha and her elves have gone all out to welcome everyone to Santa’s playroom. Check out this season’s crafters, and sample delicious cider and cookies. Stop by before or after your tour.