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**Abilene Downtown Association announces plans for
5th Annual “Deck the House” Gingerbread House Contest and more!**

The Abilene Downtown Association is pleased to announce the 5th Annual “Deck the House” Gingerbread House Decorating Contest.

The grand prize winner will be awarded \$500 in Downtown Abilene Dollars. **Grand Prize sponsors** are: Steve Butman Photography and Davis Kinard & Co., PC. All other prizes awarded will also be in Downtown Abilene Dollars. Sponsors are: Domino’s Pizza, Joe Spano’s Italian Restaurant, KTXS TV, Jessalyn Claire Studios *Fine Art & Photography*, Cockerell Galleries and Studios and the Abilene Downtown Association.

“Deck the House” gingerbread house entries will be on display at McKay’s Bakery, 266 Cypress Street, from Dec. 1-8, 2009.

Entry forms are available:

- McKay’s Bakery; 266 Cypress St.
- Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau, 1101 North 1st
- Online at www.abilenevisitors.com/media/press-releases.html

The gingerbread house decorating contest and display is a part of the 21st Annual Abilene Downtown Association’s City Sidewalks celebration on December 1, 2009. City Sidewalks begins at 5:30 p.m. and is a great way to kickoff the Christmas season with an evening of family fun.

- City Sidewalks features: Museums; Shopping; Dining; Entertainment provided by Abilene Independent School District choirs and hand-bell choir, Celebration Singers, Abilene’s Own Memory Men and the Abilene Community Band; and the gingerbread house display.
- New Reindeer Game. Entry forms will be available at Monks Coffee Shop, 233 Cypress starting at 5:30 p.m. on December 1, 2009. — Win \$200 Downtown Abilene Dollars
- Kids Coloring Contest sponsored by the Abilene Downtown Association, Abilene Reporter News and KTXS TV. Look for the coloring contest entry form in the November 4th – November 11th & November 18th Abilene Reporter News’ Abilenian. Prize: Be the deputy grand marshal of the KTXS Parade of Lights.
- KTXS Christmas Lights Parade at 6:30 p.m.
- Community Christmas tree lighting, Abilene Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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City Sidewalks: Capt Flynn Advertising, 325-676-8321

KTXS Christmas Lights Parade: David Caldwell, 325-677-2281

Tree Lighting: Abilene Civic Center, 325-676-6211

Coloring Contest and Reindeer Game: Wilma Butman, 325-676-2556

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