



Creating Holiday Memories Since 1942

Christmas Around the World began in 1942 as a United Nations Day salute to the Allies during World War II. That first year, a single tree was newly decorated each day for 12 days to honor the countries fighting alongside America. A tradition was born. Families and organizations from Chicago's cultural communities were invited to Griffin MSI to decorate individual trees representing their cultural holiday traditions. *Holidays of Light* joined the annual festivities in 1994, providing a multicultural display of holidays celebrating light and enlightenment.

SNOWFLAKE SCIENCE

Themed around the science of snow, this year's *Christmas Around the World and Holidays of Light* exhibit will feature photographs of real snowflakes taken by a Caltech physicist, Ken Libbrecht.

Griffin MSI Holiday Calendar

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 CLOSED THANKSGIVING	29	30
DEC 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	 13	14
15	 16	 17	 18	 19	 20	21
22	23	24	25 CLOSED CHRISTMAS	26	27	28
29	30	31	JAN 1 MUSEUM OPENS AT 11 A.M.	2	3	4
5	6	 Santa at Griffin MSI				

Extended hours: 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (noted in blue)

Regular hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. (noted in white)



Christmas AROUND THE WORLD & Holidays OF LIGHT

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2024 Exhibit Guide



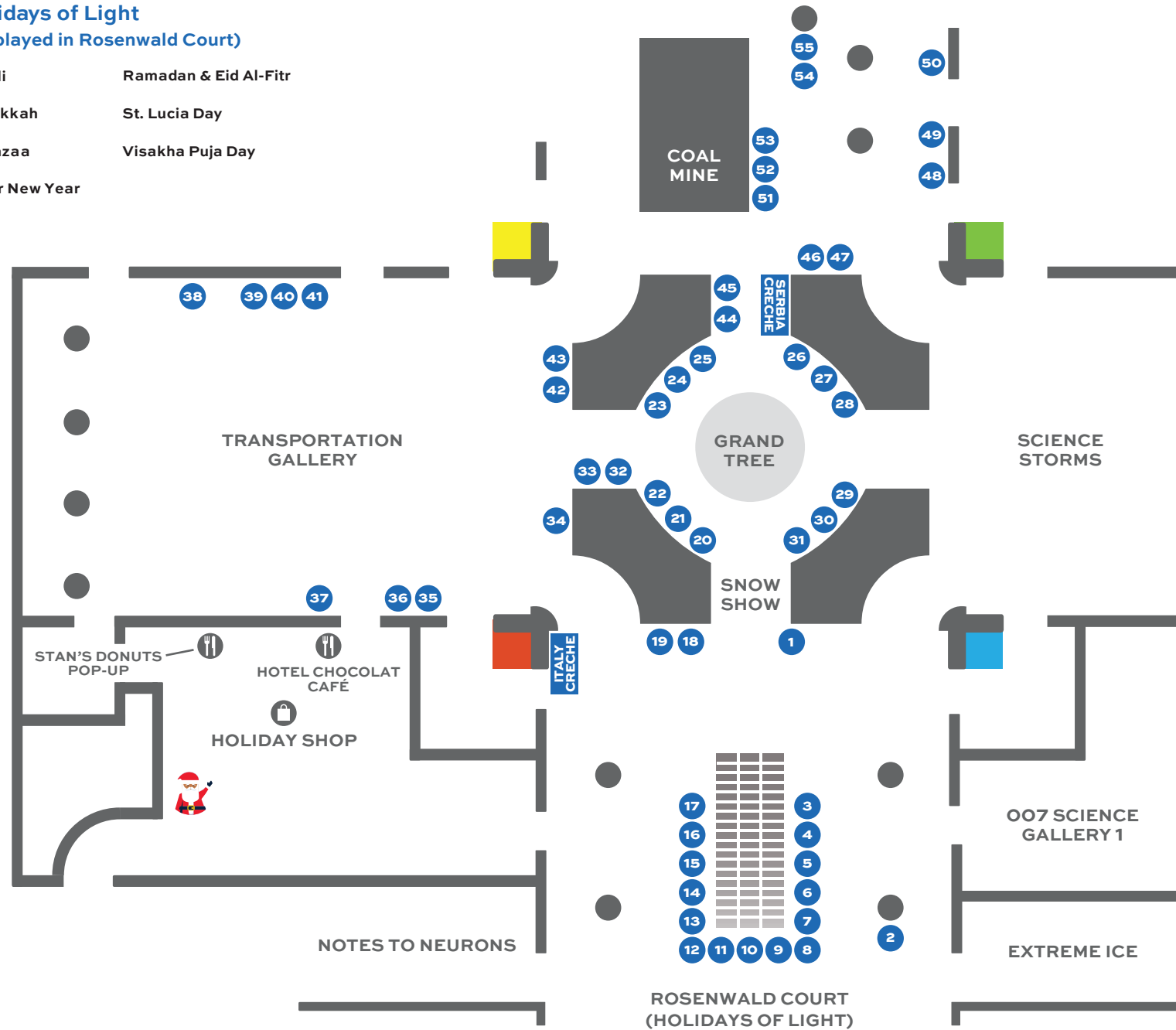
Tree and Display Map

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 43 Assyria | 35 Italy |
| 8 Australia | 38 Japan |
| 16 Austria | 54 Korea |
| 33 Belarus | 29 Latvia |
| 31 Belgium | 12 Lebanon |
| 32 Belize | 37 Lithuania |
| 34 Bolivia | 22 Luxembourg |
| 4 Bosnia + Herzegovina | 28 Mexico |
| 20 Bulgaria | 40 Native America |
| 39 Canada | 9 Nigeria |
| 42 China | 2 Norway |
| 19 Colombia | 23 Philippines |
| 46 Croatia | 36 Poland |
| 6 Czech Republic | 30 Puerto Rico |
| 27 Denmark | 1 Republic of Kenya |
| 52 Ecuador | 49 Romania |
| 53 Egypt | 18 Russia |
| 5 England | 11 Scotland |
| 13 Estonia | 45 Slovakia |
| 15 Finland | 55 Slovenia |
| 7 France | 50 Sweden |
| 17 Germany | 21 Switzerland |
| 24 Greece | 47 Thailand |
| 3 Guatemala | 44 The Netherlands |
| 10 Hungary | 48 Ukraine |
| 26 Iceland | 14 United States |
| 41 India | 51 Wales |
| 25 Ireland | |

Holidays of Light

(displayed in Rosenwald Court)

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| Diwali | Ramadan & Eid Al-Fitr |
| Hanukkah | St. Lucia Day |
| Kwanzaa | Visakha Puja Day |
| Lunar New Year | |



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HOLIDAY SHOP

Stock up on holiday ornaments in our Holiday Shop. There, you'll find festive decorations representing cultural traditions from around the world. Whether you're looking for a special holiday gift or something unique to add to your collection, this is a must-see destination during your visit. Griffin MSI members receive 10% off all purchases.

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