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The Daniel Knight Warren House got a modern spin for the holiday season as the new owners turned it into the foundation of a Christmas light show.



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Drivers can hear songs by tuning into the frequency.



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Warrenton residents Mike and Teale Adelmann make the most of decorating for the holiday season on the interior and exterior of their Victorian-era house.

DK Warren House gets modern makeover with light show to celebrate holiday

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WARRENTON — If you are traveling along Skipanon Drive, look out for the glowing snowflakes, luminous trees and shining decorations in the shape of a Santa Claus Snoopy, an elf and festive penguins.

Mike and Teale Adelmann have put a modern twist on a late Victorian house to celebrate the holiday season.

Fairly new owners of the Daniel Knight Warren House, the Adelmanns wasted no time in carrying on a tradition Mike started about 30 years ago. They created a visual masterpiece with more than 10,000 lights that are synchronized to music. The multistory house, built by Oregon pioneer and early Warrenton settler Daniel Knight Warren in 1885, is the bedrock for the eye-catching display.

The show runs seven days per week from 4 to 10 p.m. The final show will be Jan. 1.

Mike started his decorating hobby with about 1,000 or so lights. From there, the annual tradition of creating a light show for Christmas progressed. He added

more lights and decorations. Teale jumped onboard to help with the tradition when the couple married 11 years ago.

“Ever since I’ve known him, this is what he does,” she said. “So I help him in his creation, and I do the inside stuff.”

They soon started linking the lights to a central control and synchronizing the motion of the twinkling bulbs to music. They switched to light-emitting diode bulbs, which keeps the electric bill in check.

Three songs and some ‘corny jokes’

Usually, the couple likes to use five or six songs, Mike said. This year, the couple modified their plans and kept the show to a conservative three songs and some “corny jokes” delivered by Santa Claus, Teale said. The songs for the show include a techno version of the hymn “Amazing Grace,” the song “Christmas Vacation” written for “National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation” and “Wizards in Winter” by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra.

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