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## From the community: Brushwood Center puts a new spin on "Over the River and Through the Woods"

 NORTHSHORE DERMATOLOGY CENTER



Sleigh ride photo, January 1958 by Edward L. Ryerson in what is now Ryerson Woods. See this and more photos from the Ranney/Ryerson family collection on December 12th. (Posted by info00000707, Community Contributor)

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**R**IVERWOODS, IL - Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods announces a new program seasoned with Christmases past. On Saturday, December 12, 4-6pm Brushwood Center is hosting a Brushwood Christmas. Enjoy Christmas the old-fashioned way and join the Brushwood family as they harken back to simpler times at the historic Brushwood Center located in the Ryerson Woods Forest Preserve. This free event will include a carol sing, ornament making, cookies and cocoa. Sing-a-long Music Books will be provided and will include Brushwood family favorites. Brushwood Christmas is designed to give the public an opportunity to celebrate the holiday season together, see the Botanical Art exhibit, and enjoy the rarely seen photographs from the Ryerson/Ranney family collection. Be part of this free, first-time, annual event.

For those outdoor enthusiasts, plan to participate in the snowshoeing program scheduled earlier that day that will bring you into the woods, past historic cabins and along the DesPlaines River. REI will provide the rental equipment. Snowshoers are invited to warm themselves afterward at Brushwood Center and to join the festivities immediately following.

Registration is required for both events at [www.BrushwoodCenter.org](http://www.BrushwoodCenter.org) or by calling 847-968-3308.

Brushwood Center at Ryerson Woods is a non-profit that seeks to foster care and connections to nature through arts and environmental programs.

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