

# 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 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 physicist from Caltech, Ken Libbrecht. Snowflake photography will be displayed in Lower Court and featured on exhibit artwork in MSI’s Rotunda. You can even take a snow-inspired photo in Lower Court!

# Photos with The Grand Tree and Santa

At MSI, the holidays are truly the most wonderful time of year! We invite you to create memories by visiting Santa in his festive photo studio in *Yesterday’s Main Street*. The whole family can pose for a fun photo with the jolly man himself and bring home a souvenir photo. Our professional photographers will also be in the Rotunda this season to take your group’s photo in front of our grand tree. *This activity requires a timed-entry ticket and is not included in Museum Entry. Capacity is limited and subject to availability.*

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						18
19	20	21	22	23 CLOSED THANKSGIVING	24	25
26	27	28	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	2	3	4	5	6
7	Santa at MSI					

**MSI Holiday Hours**

Extended hour days, when the Museum closes at 5:30 p.m., are noted in white.

**Santa and Grand Tree Photo Packages**

Photos with Santa or in front of our Grand Tree start at just \$25 per group (MSI Members receive 10% off). Purchase timed-tickets in the Entry Hall, Santa’s Studio, or Rotunda.

# Christmas AROUND THE WORLD & Holidays OF LIGHT 2023 Exhibit Guide

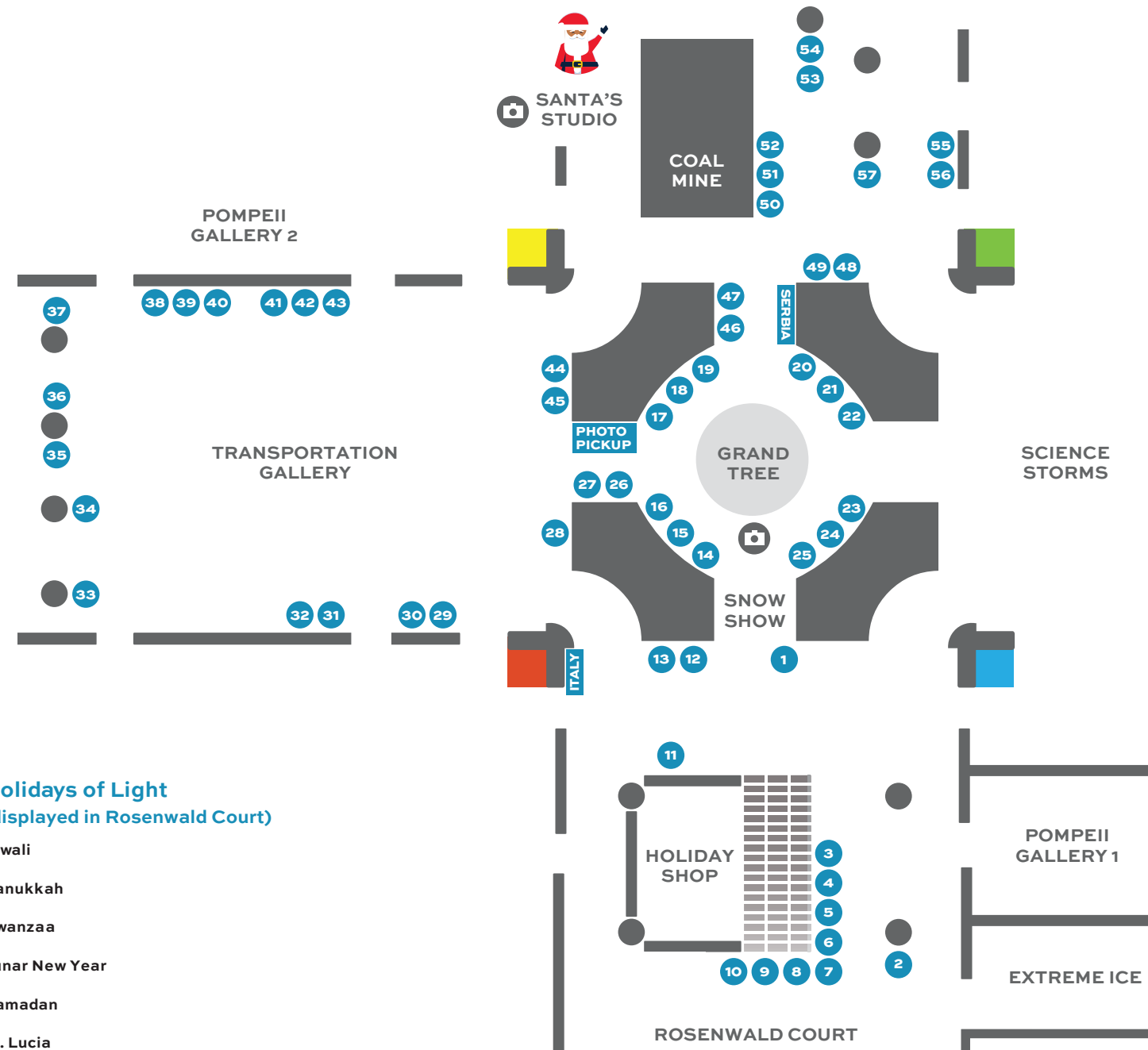


## Tree and Display Map

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|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 52 | Armenia              | 17 | Italy             |
| 33 | Assyria              | 24 | Japan             |
| 53 | Australia            | 4  | Korea             |
| 27 | Austria              | 9  | Latvia            |
| 12 | Belarus              | 54 | Lebanon           |
| 48 | Belgium              | 32 | Lithuania         |
| 18 | Belize               | 47 | Luxembourg        |
| 21 | Bolivia              | 36 | Mexico            |
| 41 | Bosnia + Herzegovina | 42 | Native America    |
| 8  | Bulgaria             | 57 | Nigeria           |
| 22 | Canada               | 25 | Norway            |
| 56 | China                | 45 | Philippines       |
| 29 | Colombia             | 1  | Poland            |
| 35 | Croatia              | 50 | Puerto Rico       |
| 11 | Czech Republic       | 31 | Republic of Kenya |
| 55 | Denmark              | 23 | Romania           |
| 38 | Ecuador              | 44 | Russia            |
| 19 | Egypt                | 26 | Scotland          |
| 13 | England              | 28 | Slovakia          |
| 39 | Estonia              | 20 | Slovenia          |
| 15 | Finland              | 2  | Social Works      |
| 51 | France               | 7  | Sweden            |
| 40 | Germany              | 46 | Switzerland       |
| 6  | Greece               | 16 | Thailand          |
| 10 | Guatemala            | 37 | The Netherlands   |
| 30 | Hungary              | 5  | Ukraine           |
| 34 | Iceland              | 49 | United States     |
| 14 | India                | 3  | Wales             |
| 43 | Ireland              |    |                   |

**Holidays of Light**  
(displayed in Rosenwald Court)

- Diwali
- Hanukkah
- Kwanzaa
- Lunar New Year
- Ramadan
- St. Lucia
- Visakha Puja
- Winter Solstice



## Give the Gift of Science

## HOLIDAY SHOP

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

## A MEMBERSHIP KEEPS ON GIVING!

Membership to the Museum of Science and Industry is the perfect gift for a year full of discovery. Find the level that's right for the science enthusiast of any age in your life, purchase online, and they'll receive digital membership cards immediately. It's never been easier to give a gift that will be enjoyed all year. Visit [msichicago.org/gift](https://msichicago.org/gift) or stop by the membership desk today.

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