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### THREE NEW CHRISTMAS BOOKS FROM GOOSEBERRY PATCH!

The joyous celebration of feelings shared throughout the holidays are found in three new Christmas books from **Gooseberry Patch**.

**Gooseberry Patch** began 13 years ago when two Delaware, Ohio neighbors, Vickie Hutchins and JoAnn Martin, met by chance and discovered a shared love of antiques and country decorating.

What started as a fun and exciting way for two young mothers to work out of their homes and still enjoy their pre-school children has evolved into a thriving multi-million dollar mail-order catalog and publishing business.

All of the 29 titles from **Gooseberry Patch** are available in 2000 stores around the country, in the **Gooseberry Patch** catalog or by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-85-GOOSE.

Christmas was the inspiration for the first of the **Gooseberry Patch** books, published in 1992, **Old-Fashioned Country Christmas**. A bestseller, now in its eighth printing, it's as much a "must have" gift from devotees to newlyweds as other classic books.

**Welcome Home For The Holidays** and **Homespun Christmas** followed. All the books serve up keepsake recipes, memories and traditions to inspire and preserve the holidays in our hearts.

This year, **Coming Home For Christmas** and **Family Favorites** join the festivities, along with the first **Gooseberry Patch** coffee table book, **Old-Fashioned Christmas Favorites**, co-published with Friedman-Fairfax.

Each uniquely illustrated book offers warmest country wishes and gentle reminders to pause and take in all of life's tender moments in a world where days seem to pass us by.

In **Coming Home For Christmas**, Vickie, JoAnn, their customer friends and employees share memories from Christmases of old, and traditions cherished. Ideas abound for decorating, and special foods in "Gifts From The Kitchen." Down-home edibles as

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Cranberry Snow Candy and Chocolate Covered Spoons are sure to tempt. The classic Gingerbread Man lives here, too.

**Family Favorites** is stuffed to the brim with all-day delightful, delectable recipes and thoughtful gestures from chapters titled, *Rise and Shine* with "Dad's Saturday Waffles," *to Save Room For Dessert* with "Chocolate Sunday Pie," "Noodle Kugel" and "Tin Can Ice Cream."

**Old-Fashioned Christmas Favorites**, a feature of the Book-Of-The-Month Club, is a collection of the "Best of **Gooseberry Patch**" special memories, cozy kitchen recipes treasured for generations, and homespun gifts made from the heart.

Throughout the books, JoAnn and Vickie suggest simplicity and ease to help further the enjoyment of the holidays with family and friends. They believe *decorating* can be as simple as preserving precious little mittens now out-grown to personalize the tree.

Remembering stockings hung with care, reds and greens and brightly ribboned packages, the sounds of favorite carols, tinkling bells and laughter, the smell of pine and cinnamon, and the sight of sparkling lights...these are the images Vickie and JoAnn bring to us in their books.

Christmas is filled with traditions and warm memories. **Gooseberry Patch** is glad to be a part of it!

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