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## 19TH Annual Festival Of Lights and Fireworks Christmas Show Rocks So Cal On Black Friday

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**iReport** — Roberta and I attended the 19th Annual Festival of Lights in Riverside, CA, at the historic Mission Inn Hotel on Black Friday 11.25.11.

It's a show that must be seen to believe - The keepers of the inn, Duane and Kelly Roberts, have put together what is now considered to be the number one privately funded fireworks and light show performed in the United States.

It's their way of giving back to the community - especially the children.

Over 65,000 people - a new record - attended the event from around Southern California, the west - and the world.

Although this ceremony and the fireworks display are only on opening night, the show runs until Jan 8 this year. Over 250,000 people are expected to visit during the holidays.

Riverside Mayor Ron Loveridge kicked off the event, with Duane Roberts addressing the masses next. "Its all about the children in his heart" he said, choking back a tear.

The event includes an outdoor skating rink, live entertainment, 3.6 million lights, and over 400 animated displays.

While in Southern California, don't miss this one of a kind event - at a world famous one of a kind hotel, The Mission Inn.

Merry Christmas from AI & Roberta!