

2023 ENTRY GUIDELINES *Festival of Trees*

Thank you for participating!

Designers and decorators use your creativity, talent and imagination to make a tree unique for the enjoyment of the public and the benefit of the Museum.

Your decorated tree will be on display outside on the grounds beginning Thanksgiving Weekend. **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on November 24th—December 17th 10am-6pm**

All proceeds support the Red Mill Museum Village, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization



Judged Categories

\$100 CASH PRIZE FOR WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY

1. **Creative Genius:** most original and clever concept, possibly outside the norm or realm for Christmas Tree decorations.
2. **Best Representation of Theme:** selection of a theme is carried throughout the entire design.
3. **Spirit of Nature:** best represents nature, animals or the outdoors.
4. **Child's Fantasy:** most likely to delight a child
5. **Most Traditional:** best characterization of the traditions of Christmas.

* **People's Choice:** overall favorite by the viewing public determined by the most votes.



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- Each tree will have access to electricity. Use outdoor quality LED electric lights that withstand the elements.
- Trees will be placed outdoors around the museum grounds for 30 days. Design and use decorations that will withstand the elements.
- Decorations must be wired or tied onto greenery so that items will not fall or blow off during the event. If you transport your tree fully or partially decorated this helps!
- Plan to **set-up your tree on November 17, 18 or 19 from 10am-4pm**. Fully decorated trees can be dropped off during this time. You can make adjustments or completely decorate the tree on site. Each tree is secured to a metal stake and may get jostled when we are securing it. We will make adjustments as needed to best present your tree during the event.
- You may use a tree skirt or equivalent to cover the base around the tree, but keep in mind that the tree will be placed on grass, mulch or stones. Make sure it is secured and durable in wind and rain.
- You supply a real or artificial tree between 4 and 8 feet. If your tree is going to be something unique let us know so we can plan accordingly.
- If your tree has a focal point or side that you consider best, please attach a temporary sign that indicates so. However, keep in mind that trees may be viewed from all sides.
- All trees will be display only. **You must pick up your tree at the end of the festival, but not later than January 27.** Call or email the museum to make arrangements. Trees and décor not picked up will become museum property.
- The museum will provide a descriptive label for each tree from information that you provide on the entry form.
- Avoid glass, paper, food items and candy when selecting decorations for your tree.
- Those who donate a tree **will receive a one-time admission pass** to the event that must be picked up on **November 17, 18, 19 or 20 10am -4pm** at the Museum office.
- All trees will be judged and a **cash prize of \$100** awarded to the winners in each category. Winners will be contacted and their information and photo may be submitted to the press and social media.