

Festival of Trees Wrap Up

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There was a great turn out and lots of holiday joy had by all December 4 - 6 at the Festival of Trees benefiting Friends of Caroline Hospice.

Here are just a few statistics on all the fun that was had:

- 30 Trees were bought and donated to military families by generous individuals
- 50 military families participated in our military tree pick up
- 20 trees were donated by GRAYCO for military families who still needed a tree
- Over 500 school children attended to visit Santa
- Over 300 children entered the coloring giveaway
- 50 attendees participated in the social media scavenger Hunt
- 6 people got zen doing Yoga in the Trees
- 20 books were signed by Kami Khard
- 70 trees were sponsored and sold
- 250 people attended the opening gala
- 1,000 families attended the festival to admire all the beautiful trees
- 6 nursing homes received a donated tree
- 3 hospice patients were brought a fully decorated tree for their home
- 75 volunteers, 30 sponsors, 15 staff members and an entire community came together to put on this wonderful event

And now for all the tree decorating winners:

Best of Show – I'll Have S'Mores

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Decorator: Plum Productions

1st Place Traditional – Bird – A- Full

Decorator: Penny Williams & Janet Thompson

2nd Place Traditional – Beaufort Moose Lodge – The Family Fraternity

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3rd Place Traditional – For the Birds

Decorator: Festival Elves

1st Place Whimsical – I'll Have S'Mores

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2nd Place Whimsical – Dataw GRITS (Girls Raised in the South)

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3rd Place Whimsical – A Reel Christmas (Christmas Movies Through the Ages)

Decorator: Lindsay Baratelle

1st Place Elementary – Elemental Forces

Decorator: Riverview Charter School

2nd Place Elementary – RCS Core Values

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1st Place Secondary – Who-o-o's Having a Merry Christmas

Decorator: Beaufort Middle 6th Grade Environmental Science – Beaufort Soil & Water Conservation District

2nd Place Secondary – The Fruit of the Spirit

Decorator: Community Bible Church

1st Place Collegiate – USC Gamecocks

Decorator: Lorin Siegel

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1st Place Designer – Melissa Florence

2nd Place Designer – M Home & Garden

Best Tree Honoring the Military – Patriotic

Decorator: Festival Elves

Most Patriotic – A Salute to Our Veterans, Past, Present & Future

Decorator: Ladies Auxillary Armvets

Best use of recycled Material – The “Litter” Green Christmas Tree

Decorator: “The Village People” of Port Royal

Most likely to melt – “Frosty”

Decorator: Lowcountry Insurance Services

Most Seuss-ical – “Zesty Stuff to Relish this Holiday Season”

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Decorator: Picklejuice Productions

Best Memory Tree – Friends We Remember

Decorator: Alzheimer's Family Services of Greater Beaufort

Best Representation of Business – The Marketing Tree

Decorator: Spectrum the Graphic Arts Center

Best Tree Skirt – A Bird's Christmas

Decorator: Weezy Alcott

Best Lowcountry Theme – Liz O'Heron

Most Eye-Catching – Vintage Christmas

Decorator: The Red Door

Most Elegant – The Balance Group

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