



1905 W. Morton, Jacksonville, IL 62650

2019 Festival of Trees

*A display of decorated trees, wreaths, centerpieces &
gingerbread creations*

Welcome Designer:

The theme for 2019 is “The Miracle on West Morton.” Dates for the 2019 Festival of Trees are Friday, November 22 – 24, 2019, which is a week later than last year. 2018 was a successful event and also enjoyable for all ages with the addition of a choo choo train for children to ride, the 15’ reindeer that greeted everyone at the entrance and the animated lights synchronized to music. What an event to set into motion the remembrances and joyous feelings Christmas can place in our heart! New for 2019? Mark the dates on your calendar and come see!!

There is no entry fee to design a tree, wreath, centerpiece or gingerbread creation. Artificial trees and wreaths are provided by the Festival of Trees. Designers are responsible for providing all materials used to decorate their entry(s). Designers may choose from any or all of the following categories:

- 6.5’ tree: pre-lit with 250 white lights
- 4’ tree: pre-lit with 100 white lights
- 30” wreath with no lights (the designer may add lights if desired)
- Centerpiece
- Gingerbread Creation – Child, Adult or Child/Adult (eg. house, barn, church, tractor, etc.)

Directions and Instructions

- Artificial trees will be available the day of set-up, unless other arrangements have been made.
NOTE: Trees not decorated at Pathway, you must insert a metal screw (provided) at each of the joined tree sections to secure the sections from coming apart.
- Wreaths will be available for pick up at Pathway beginning Monday, Sept. 9, 2019 on Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Display set-up will be all day Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Additional display set-up will be Sat., Nov. 16 & Sun., Nov. 17 from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Make certain that all additional lights and ornaments are permanently attached for safe movement and delivery.
- Provide appropriate skirting for under your tree.

Our new feature to the Festival of Trees is handmade gingerbread creations. Children and adults are invited to design their own entry.

On Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon, Pam Martin and Marilyn Sorrill will be the instructors for a class on how to make a gingerbread creation. Adults and children ages 8 and older may participate in the class. The class will be held in our Community Room at Pathway. Registration cost for the class will be \$25 for the materials to make a gingerbread creation. Registration deadline is September 21, 2019. Limited reservations. Call Deb Boston at 217-479-2300 to make your reservation.

Gingerbread Creation (specific instruction guidelines available)

Gingerbread creations are handmade of edible materials. Only gingerbread entries constructed of all edible materials can be bid on through “silent auction” during the Festival of Trees event. Children and adults are invited to create an entry for the Festival of Trees. Designers will be listed in the program booklet and each structure will have identification signage.

The designer entries, along with identification signage, will be displayed throughout the entire Festival. All entries available for auction may be pre- bid through placing a “silent bid” during the Festival. Festival of Trees designers will be listed in the program and on identification signage.

Registration forms for your designer entry(ies) are available on our website at www.pathwayservices.org by clicking on the “Festival of Tree” button (also you can view the pictures of the entries from 2018). Or if you wish, contact our office at (217) 479-2300 and we will mail the registration entry form(s) to you. **Please return your entry form(s) no later than Monday, November 11, 2019.**

Again, thank you for your participation in the Festival of Trees. All the beautiful designer entries and activities at the Festival of Trees are a perfect beginning to the holiday season. The proceeds of the Festival benefit the unfunded needs of individuals with disabilities receiving services at Pathway Services Unlimited. Happy Holidays!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Suelter".

Dr. Barbara L. Suelter, Past President
Board of Directors