Festival of Chimes & Lights 2019 Decorated Tree Contest

And now the winners!

Thank you to all the creative participants!

Saturday, at the festival, we announced the winners of the three categories:

Best Vintage Tree: #45 Community Rock Love in Port Orchard







Best Vintage Tree Runner Up: #56 Josephine's Mercantile





Most Creative Tree: #4 Scott McClendon's Hardware







Most Creative Tree Runner Up: #3 Many Paths Acupuncture





Best Business Representative Tree: #34 Cool Vibes Ice Cream







Best Business Rep. Tree Runner Up: #4 Scott McClendon's Hardware





In 2020, we will once again fill every planter with a fresh tree for the decorating. Please watch for the tree sales announcement on the city website in the spring of next year to reserve your favorite location.

Thank you again for all your hard work and dedication to making Port Orchard look beautiful for the holidays!

See below for Trees with a Story & Tribute:

Trees with a story: #46 Olympic Peninsula Antique Tractor and Engine Association Tim Roller Memorial Remembered by Wife – Jana Roller



Tim was an educator, a community volunteer, and above all else, a family man. He was born and raised in South Kitsap, graduated from Western Washington University, and started his teaching career at Vashon High School where he taught Physics, Chemistry, and Biology for 30 years; commuting from Port Orchard to the island for 27 of those years. After that, his love of teaching brought him out of retirement to work at Bremerton High School and later at James Taylor Alternative High School in Belfair. He was an avid member of the Olympic Peninsula Antique Tractor and Engine Association, a member of the Bremerton Elks, and a board member and long-time volunteer for many nonprofit organizations. Tim participated in the Relay for Life in Port Orchard, Bremerton, and Central Kitsap for many years as a team captain and event chairman, raising money and awareness in the fight against cancer. As an American Cancer Society Ambassador, he attended the National Relay For Life in Washington D.C. and worked tirelessly for Cancer Action Network, lobbying to fund research and programs to eliminate cancer. He was a vibrant and enthusiastic man, known for his great sense of humor and wit. His positive and courageous spirit is a legacy that continues to inspire his family and all those who knew and loved him.

#22 South Kitsap Football

As the judges were going from tree to tree, one tree seemed rather bare in places...but upon further inspection, a note was seen that said to take whatever one needed. What a great idea! Considering that several trees had tree topper hats disappear, this tree was actually giving permission for the taking of its goodies.

Everyone thought it a very thoughtful gift to folks, but what really brought this home was at the very end of the freezing time out judging, a woman walking by, without even a jacket on, piped up and said, "you should see the tree down there! See this (and she pointed to her hat) and they even have socks! "
Then off she went.

So hats off to #22 South Kitsap Football team for the generous gifts to those less fortunate! You rock!



Thank you, everyone, for making this a memorable year!

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays!

from the City of Port Orchard & The Festival of Chimes & Lights

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