

CHRISTMAS TREE RAFFLE WINNER ANNOUNCED!

On December 15, 2005, the RNA officially raffled off the Candyland Christmas Tree. Complete with a hand-quilted skirt, tree stand, 300 multicolored lights, hundreds of ornaments (many hand-crafted by association members) and a Santa tree-topper, the tree is a spectacular Christmas Treasure. The raffle ceremony was held at Beaches restaurant, and Greg Kimsey, Clark County Auditor, graciously volunteered to draw the winning ticket. We are proud to announce the winner of this beautiful tree -- the Luepke Senior Center!



Greg Kimsey and the Candyland Tree in the Luepke Center Lobby



The official winning ticket

One of RNA's patrons generously purchased some raffle tickets and donated them to the Luepke Senior Center, part of Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department. Immediately following the drawing, the RNA Chairman went to the Luepke Center and relayed the news to Judy Fowles, with Senior and Adult Enrichment Programs at the Center. Upon hearing the news, Ms. Fowles gave a "high-five" to the Chairman, and plans were made to deliver the tree on December 16. Once again with the help of Mr. Kimsey, the tree was delivered to the Luepke Center, where it was displayed in the lobby of the Center. Ms. Fowles relayed news of the gift of the tree to a large group of seniors who were attending a special luncheon on site. Many remarked that the tree is exceptionally beautiful.

The tree decorations include gingerbread boys and girls, sugar frosted candy canes, old fashioned-ribbon candy, frosted sugar cookies, candy garland, hand painted Christmas balls, ceramic Santas and snowmen, snowflakes and chocolate kisses. Unique designs include "Tildy Whirls" inspired by a famous grandma, candy-filled cones crafted from Victorian patterns, pinwheels, peppermints, and glittering hobby horses. We hope this tree will be cherished for years to come.

The RNA wishes to thank the many patrons who supported our Candyland Tree program. The proceeds from the raffle will help the RNA continue its efforts dedicated to environmental protections in our community. A very special thank you to Greg Kimsey for helping make this event a spectacular success!



RNA's Paul Neigel and Judy Fowles with the Luepke Center put finishing touches on the tree

LIGHTED TINSEL TREES



Your holiday décor won't be complete without the addition of this sparkling 50-light Tinsel Trees. You can use them as a centerpiece for your holiday parties or place two or three in a display at your doorstep. Based on a secret Northwest recipe, these little trees, approximately 24" high and 18" wide, can be used for indoor or outdoor purposes. They may be small but you'll see it provide a splendid appearance for your guests, neighbors and family.



Each of these trees was crafted by members, family and friends of the Rosemere Neighborhood Association, a non-profit organization. Contact the RNA to order your Tinsel tree today! (Suggested donation: \$15)



HAND-CRAFTED "CANDYLAND" CHRISTMAS TREE - FULLY DECORATED



