



Dear Community Decorator,

Putting together TreeFest 2021 presents fewer challenges than were faced in 2020 but we are mindful of the continued uncertainties in dealing with the COVID-19 virus.

We are planning on retaining a few of the precautions that we instituted in 2020 – timed decorating appointments, fewer decorators in the building at one time, fewer trees for greater social distancing and increased hours for visitors.

We know that we cannot anticipate every scenario and by the end of November, we may be facing more limitations, or fewer. We intend to do our best to adapt to circumstances and we'll keep you informed as we do.

Many things about TreeFest will NOT change – the trees will still be sourced from local growers, sponsored by area businesses, decorated by community friends and be given to local families referred to us by Columbia County Child Development Center.

If your group is interested in being a community decorator this year, these are the safeguards that will help keep you as safe as possible.

- Masks will be suggested and hand sanitizer will be provided.
- Decorators will choose a time to decorate their tree and will have one hour in which to do so.
- Once you have chosen your time, BTE MAY assign you a tree to decorate if we feel we need to ensure spacing between decorating groups. Your tree will be in as close to the same location as in 2020.
- If your group wishes to create decorations but does not wish to personally decorate your tree, TreeFest volunteers will hang them for you according to your design plan, and your tree will still have your group's name listed as the decorator.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, Cindy Schultz, cindygschultz@gmail.com or Marylil Tombasco, maryliltombasco@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you again this holiday season!