



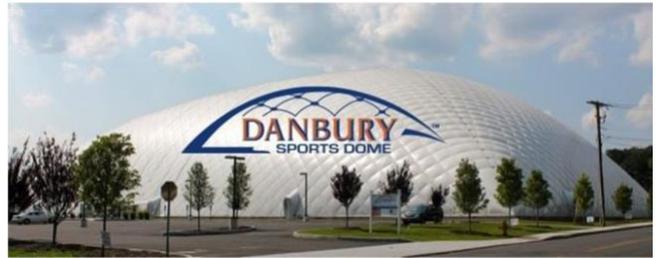
FESTIVAL OF TREES

Benefitting Ann's Place

November 16 – 18, 2018

www.AnnsPlaceFestivalOfTrees.org

Meet us at the Dome!



NEW Location:

Danbury Sports Dome

25 Shelter Rock Lane, Danbury, CT

2018 COMMUNITY TREE DONOR INSTRUCTIONS

The **16th Annual Festival of Trees** is a family event featuring a bountiful array of artfully decorated trees, scores of great raffle prizes, holiday vendors, shopping, (including hand-crafted items) and live entertainment and fun for all ages, all benefiting the tireless work of Ann's Place in our community. Please join us by donating a tree, which will be raffled at the conclusion of Festival on Sunday, November 18th.

Trees can be decorated to reflect Holiday themes, your interests, a hobby, or your business or social organization. You may incorporate products, services, or gift cards* in your theme. We welcome individuals, friends, families, civic and social organizations, schools, businesses, etc. to participate. Tree decorating is a terrific team-building activity!

The only investment for you as a tree donor is the cost of the tree, lights, and embellishments. Your participation enables Ann's Place to provide services without charge to those touched by cancer; all monies raised remain in and benefit our community.

Complimentary General Admission Passes:

Trees 3' tall & under earn 2 passes;

Trees 4' or taller will receive 4 passes.

*Note: Due to the costs of hosting special events within Festival, general admission passes cannot be converted to Taps & Trees night or Gala admission; those tickets must be purchased separately.
Thank you for your understanding.*

REGISTER YOUR TREE:

www.AnnsPlaceFestivalOfTrees.org

Get involved/Donate-a-tree

General Questions:

E-mail: apfot.trees@gmail.com or
Text or call Elizabeth at 203-947-4534.

Decorating Questions:

E-mail: Sue.Chabot@sbcglobal.net



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Mission: We provide comfort, support and resources to people living with cancer and their loved ones. We assist you and your loved ones to create a unique pathway through cancer that enhances your quality of life. Ann's Place is a regional non-profit support and resource center founded in 1991 by cancer survivors for anyone touched by cancer.

Deliver trees to the Dome:

Sun. Nov.11th: **2:00 PM – 7:00 PM** *or* Mon. Nov.12th: **10:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

Please contact us in advance if you cannot deliver on one of these dates.

DECORATING AND TRANSPORTING YOUR TREE

Purchase an artificial tree or construct your own “tree” to decorate.

Be creative: any number of things can be a tree (dress form, tomato cage, wood, paper, fabric, metal, etc.)

You are only limited by means of delivery and your imagination.

Guidelines & Tips:

1. Read tree assembly instructions; assemble and “fluff” the tree by moving the branches to fill open spots. Tape replacement bulbs & directions to the wire near the plug (inside a plastic zip bag works best).
2. Please avoid live trees and edible elements (candy, dog biscuits, etc.).
3. Please avoid breakable ornaments, as they could get damaged in transport. We would like for your tree to arrive in its new home just as you designed it.
4. Please ensure that your tree can fit through a doorway and into a vehicle easily for transport; small and slender trees are often desirable for winners, as they can be placed anywhere then easily stored at the end of the season, but we have space for larger trees this year as well.
5. All ornaments must be securely attached to the tree with craft/floral wire, pipe cleaners, or narrow ribbon. Any ornament hooks should be bent closed so they don’t fall off when the tree is being moved.
 - o Please do not glue items directly to branches.
 - o Color-matched wiring works best, it disappears into the branches. Avoid fishing line & do not wrap wires on the light cords – attach to branches only.
6. When decorating and moving your tree, pick it up by the base, as center attachments often come apart.
7. You may provide a skirt or accessories, however it is not necessary, as bases will be uniformly covered for display purposes. We prefer that accessories not extend beyond the perimeter of the tree, unless it is an essential element to your theme.
8. Valuables such as gift cards* should be photocopied for use on the tree. Actual cards/certificates should be placed in an envelope with tree name and a list including values. Notify us at drop-off that your tree includes gift certificates. This ensures the winner receives the full value of the items you donated.



By following these instructions, your beautiful creation will be easy to transport and enjoyed by its new owners for years to come. Trees in the Festival will be judged by a panel in categories such as Best in Show, Most Festive, Best Use of Materials, Most Clever Idea, Most Whimsical, Best Representation of Christmas.

If there is a special story associated with your tree (your inspiration or a tribute), please provide a brief write-up and permission to use it with your displayed tree. Framed stories are preferred (these can stay with the tree or be returned to the donor upon request).

Prior to delivery, you will receive instructions on where and how to deliver your decorated tree at the Dome. We will have volunteers ready to assist you with unloading and check-in. Thank you for your support which keeps Ann’s Place services available at no charge to your family, friends, and neighbors living with cancer.

Thank you for supporting Ann’s Place!

