

Holiday Enchantment Returns with the 9th Annual Festival of (Giving) Trees!



Start your holiday season off with a walk through an enchanted forest. Enjoy the beauty of ninety sparkling and uniquely-decorated holiday trees. Take raffle chances to win one! The 9th Annual Festival of (Giving) Trees returns to Notre Dame Hall in Southbridge for four exciting days from November 30th to December 3rd. This joyous annual event is actually a fund-raiser to fight cancer. The proceeds support the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition, the Silent Spring Institute, and the Harrington Memorial Hospital's Health Education Resource Center.

This year, be sure to enter the \$20 raffle to win a 2007 Toyota Corolla. For more information, or to inquire about purchasing a car raffle ticket, call Ron or Elaine Cooper at 508-347-4449 or email them at rcooper1210@yahoo.com. Winner of the raffle will be announced Sunday. If minimum raffle sales do not reach 1,000, raffle will revert to a 50/50 cash raffle.

Thursday, November 30th is "Premiere Night". A \$5 donation admits you to the "Choral Premier" and the tree viewing. The Choral Premiere is held at the magnificent Notre Dame Church where the beautiful voices of talented community choral groups will lift your spirits from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Tree viewing in Notre Dame Hall immediately follows. Throughout the event, you can take chances to win a tree. A car raffle will also be taking place.

The donation for the remaining days is \$3 per person or two admissions for \$5. However, children under 12, accompanied by an adult, are always free.

Friday, December 1st is "Opening Day", and the doors are open from 10 AM to 6 PM. It's also "Senior Citizen Day!", so admission is free for anyone sixty-two or over. A reduced-price, senior lunch menu is also available. There will be entertainment throughout the day!

Friday's events end with the festival's annual "Gala", a celebratory party from 7 to 11 PM. The Gala includes live entertainment; hot and cold hors d'oeuvres; fantastic, holiday-gift inspired Auctions (one "live" and one "silent"); a cash bar, and tree viewing. Tickets are \$20 per person and only sold in advance. For ticket information, contact Lorraine Moreno at Targeted Marketing at 508-347-3591.

Saturday, December 2nd is extra special because it is "Children's Day". Tree viewing is open to all from 10 AM to 5 PM. There will be entertainment, storytelling, and face-painting throughout the day. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus will be visiting from 11 AM to 2 PM with children's gifts (while they last).

Sunday, December 3rd is the final day with tree viewing and entertainment running from 10 AM to 3 PM. At 3 o'clock, the lucky winners of the tree raffle will be announced, and the sparkling trees will move on to brighten homes and businesses throughout the area. The car raffle winner will also be announced.

Join the festivities and join the fight against cancer!