

CHRISTMAS TREE SHOW

Sponsored by the Georgia Christmas Tree Growers Association

DIVISION 619

Heritage Hall, Georgia National Fairgrounds

Show Chairman: Judy Brewer, Midway • 912-884-5292

Exhibits Received: October 6, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. and October 7, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Enter North or West Gate, drive through Lot 2 Service Gate to the rear of the Miller-Murphy-Howard Bldg.

RULES

1. Mail entry form by September 20 for early registration.

2. Read general rules for exhibitors at the beginning of this book. **IMPORTANT ENTRY INFORMATION GOVERNING ALL DEPARTMENTS WILL BE FOUND THERE AND MUST BE FOLLOWED CLOSELY.** Please use separate entry forms for each department.

3. Only commercial growers in Georgia are eligible to exhibit and all Christmas trees must have been grown in Georgia by the exhibitor.

4. No exhibitor shall make more than one entry in a single class, either in their own name, the name of the farm or company or the name of some other person (exception, class 11).

5. Judging shall take place on Saturday, October 7, 1:00 p.m., and shall be done by a panel of qualified judges. A copy of the scorecard may be obtained by calling 800-987-3247 x553. The scorecard is unchanged from last year. Contestants must leave area during judging or will be disqualified.

6. Judges shall place only those entries worthy of an award. The decision of the judges is final.

7. The Georgia National Fair is NOT obligated to display all entries submitted. Every effort shall be made to display all entries submitted according to space available. USDA

#1 grade standards will be used as a guide to determine which trees will be displayed.

8. Trees shall be placed in water holding stands which will be provided by the Georgia Christmas Tree Grower's Association. The stand will not be considered by the judges.

9. All trees shall be cut from their roots.

10. The height of the tree shall be measured from the base of the handle to the top of the main leader, excluding that portion of the leader that extends more than 4 inches above the apex of the cone of the taper applicable to the tree (USDA). The width of the tree shall be measured from branch tip to branch tip at the widest part of the tree. Height not to exceed 9 1/2 feet.

11. Entries in Classes 12 & 13 shall not be counted toward any special award.

12. Entry registration tags shall be provided by the Georgia National Fair. These tags **MUST** be properly filled out and securely affixed to the leader of any tree exhibited. Any entry without a registration tag shall be eliminated from the competition.

13. Growers may display identification no larger than 12x18 inches after judging is complete. Sign must be free-standing, designed to sit under the tree. Any tree identified before judging will be disqualified.

14. Standard Christmas Tree colorant may be used on species entered that normally require the use of a colorant to maintain desired color during Christmas.

15. NCTA Christmas Tree and Wreath Judging guidelines (effective 1988) will be used.

1st	2nd	3rd	RIB.
\$30	\$25	\$20	

Judges will be asked to award \$15 to those trees of merit that do not place in the top three in each class.

Classes

- 1 Virginia Pine (5 to 7 feet)
- 2 Virginia Pine (7 to 9 1/2 feet)
- 3 White Pine
- 4 Pine/Other
- 5 Leyland Cypress (5 to 7 feet)
- 6 Leyland Cypress (7 to 9 1/2 feet)
- 7 Carolina Sapphire
- 8 Blue Ice
- 9 Eastern Red Cedar
- 10 Burkii Cedar
- 11 Other Trees not listed
(includes Fir, Spruce, Castelewellan, Silver Dust, Neylor's Blue, etc.)

This class may have more than one first place.

- 12 Wreaths, Undecorated
- 13 Wreaths, Decorated

(Wreaths must be constructed of all natural materials grown in Georgia with exception of base and decorations. Wreaths will be judged hanging on a wall or lying on a table.)

The Grand Champion will be selected from 1st place winners. The Reserve Grand Champion will be awarded to the runner-up. Sweepstakes will be awarded to the exhibitor with the most first-place ribbons. In case of a tie, second places shall be considered, etc., until a winner is declared.

**2005
Christmas Tree Show**

Grand Champion
Matthew Gay, Augusta

**Reserve
Grand Champion**
Budy Emfinger, Manchester

Sweepstakes Champion
Judy Brewer, Midway

SPECIAL AWARDS

GRAND CHAMPION

\$300 & Plaque

RESERVE

GRAND CHAMPION

\$200 & Plaque

SWEEPSTAKES

\$100 & Commemorative Clock

**The Georgia National Fair is
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**GEORGIA CHRISTMAS
TREE GROWERS
ASSOCIATION**

**The association has a complete
listing of their choose and cut
farms on their web site**

www.gachristmastree.com

**Association Contact
770-884-0022**

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION

DIVISION 620

Heritage Hall - Sunday, October 8, 2006

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th-15th</u>
\$100	\$75	\$50	\$35	\$20

First through Fourth Place Rosettes
Georgia National Fair Participation Ribbons

Maximum of 15 trees will be decorated. Trees will be reserved based on postmark of entry form. No phone reservations. Accepted entries will be notified by mail.

Trees to be decorated at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, October 8, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and must be completed by 6:00 p.m. Special parking instructions will be mailed to contestants.

1. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

- Please read all rules carefully.
- This competition is open to individuals or groups, amateurs only. Families, groups and individuals are limited to one tree (individuals may not help decorate more than one tree). Due to space limitations, only two people per group or family entered will be allowed to actually place the decorations on the trees at the time of the contest.
- Trees six - nine feet in height will be provided by the Georgia Christmas Tree Growers' Association; trees will be in a stand and in place for decorating.
- All decorations to be provided by entrants. Any electric lights and extension cords (UL approved) must be furnished by entrant. **NO OPEN FLAMES MAY BE USED.**

6. No Tree Skirts. The trees must be watered during the Fair. Tree skirts interfere with this process and there is a possibility of damage to the skirts.

7. Theme of decorations will be designer's choice. However, theme must promote the spirit of Christmas.

8. Trees will remain on display until the Fair closes, October 15, 9:00 p.m. Entrants will remove decorations from trees on Monday, October 16, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All decorations will be returned to the entrants.

9. Identification signs may be displayed **AFTER JUDGING**. Signs may be no larger than 8" x 10".

10. Trees will be judged on overall beauty (25%), theme (25%), Christmas Spirit (25%) and creativity (25%).

2005

Christmas Tree Decoration Contest

1st - Linda Bolden, Cochran

2nd - Stephanie Maddox, Kathleen

3rd - MaryElise Rosseau,
Warner Robins

People's Choice Award

Priscilla Doster & Katherine
Fletcher, Forsyth