

Dear Friend:

You are warmly invited to participate in the *46th Annual Festival of Trees and Traditions* by donating a decorated tree, wreath or topiary. Thanks to your generosity and creativity, this beloved event draws thousands of visitors to experience the Wadsworth Atheneum and delight in the seasonal excitement that you help inspire! Your contribution directly supports the museum as it strives to keep art relevant and celebrated in Hartford and throughout Connecticut.

Your donation of a decorative tree, wreath or topiary will be on display for visitors to enjoy for the duration of the 2019 *Festival of Trees and Traditions*, **Friday, November 29 through Sunday, December 8**. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase your contribution during the event, and many of these purchased items are then donated to local shelters and non-profit organizations. *Festival* is a fundraiser hosted by the Women's Committee of the Wadsworth Atheneum and all proceeds benefit the museum.

Your contribution will be acknowledged by displaying your name on a placard next to your creation. You will be provided with general admission tickets to *Festival* (four passes for trees 4' and taller, four passes for topiaries 4' or taller, two passes for all other items). **The Women's Committee also extends an invitation to participants to attend a Contributor's Reception to be held at the museum on December 7, from 10:30am – 1:30pm.**

Please respond by returning the enclosed contract NO LATER than October 15, 2019.

This helps us with planning and placement of contributions.

If you have ANY questions regarding your donation please contact **GINNY SCHNEIDER of the Women's Committee**. For any questions related to the Wadsworth Atheneum, please contact Tabitha Hujar at Tabitha.Hujar@wadsorthatheneum.org.

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