

# ANNUAL TREE CONTEST



Join us at the Christmas Tree & Farm Showcase for the annual tree contest, where Association grower members showcase their finest trees. Winners in each species category will qualify for the 2027 National competition, with the grand prize of presenting a tree to the White House.

Members can vote for their favorite tree on Friday between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm. The Grand Champion of the 2025 tree contest will be featured on the cover of the 2026 Buy-Sell Directory, along with an article about their Christmas tree farm. This directory is distributed across the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Pacific Rim countries.

All participants entering a tree or wreath in the contest will receive an Association hat (*while supplies last*) and ten entries into the Grand Prize drawing.

**NEW  
THIS  
YEAR**

The Grand Champion will have a feature article about their tree farm, and other winners will also be mentioned in the Buy-Sell Directory.

First place winner in the top 5 categories will win a \$25 Cabela's gift card and mention in the Buy-Sell Directory.

## CLASSES

- **Douglas fir**
- **Grand fir**
- **Noble fir**
- **Nordmann fir & Turkish fir**
- **Other Species**  
*Fraser fir, Spruce, Shasta, Silver fir, Pine, etc.*
- **Fun Tree\***  
*Anything goes, decorated or undecorated*
- **Table Top**  
*Maximum four feet from bottom of butt to tip of leader*
- **Undecorated Wreaths\***
- **Decorated Wreaths\***
- **Home Decoration\***  
*center pieces, swags, etc.*

\*Primary ingredient must be evergreens

## CONTEST RULES

### TREE AND WREATH SPECIFICATIONS

Maximum tree height is eight feet from the bottom of butt to tip of leader (except Table Top category).

Three or more trees of the same species must be exhibited for two consecutive years before a permanent category is established. The new category will then be placed on the ballot the third year (Effective 1987).

Wreaths are to be made of real Christmas tree evergreen boughs. Evergreen berries, cones and/or any decoration may not be used on undecorated wreaths. No colorant may be applied. Wreaths may be single or double faced. All wreaths must be made on a 12-inch diameter ring only. Both decorated and undecorated wreaths can be made of mixed evergreens. On decorated wreaths, natural or artificial decorations may be used. Decorated wreaths must have a bow.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Each contestant must set up his/her own tree in the stand provided by the Committee.

All qualified trees must be pre-registered at the Fair and assigned a number by the contest registrars. Growers may enter only one tree per class.

Deadline for contest registration is 8:00 am Friday, August 15, 2025.

Judging will be by members that are present on Friday, August 15, 2025 between Noon - 3:00 pm.  
**Judging closes at 3:00 pm.**

Only current members of the Association are eligible to enter a tree, wreath or decoration in the contest.

Contestants may not socialize in the contest area and try to influence members to vote for their tree. If this happens, the contestant's trees will be pulled from the competition.

Each member is allowed as many entries in the Home Decoration category as they like (*great opportunity for a new grower!*).

Members entering a tree or trees in the 2025 tree contest will receive ten chances in the Grand Prize drawing.

If two trees tie for first place, there will be no second place. If two trees tie for second place, there will be no third place. If two trees tie for third place, both will receive third place. (*This will be so for each of the classes.*)

The president of the Association will pick three Directors who have not entered a tree in the contest. These three Directors will judge the first place winners of all classes and award the Grand Champion tree.

Winners in the Fun Tree, Table Top, Undecorated & Decorated Wreath and Home Decoration categories are not eligible for entry in the Pacific Northwest competition to select a tree for the National contest. However, winners in the undecorated and decorated wreath categories are eligible for entry in the National Wreath Contest.