



# Festival of Trees

The *Festival of Trees* at the **Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens (ANSG)** is one of the holiday season's premier events for adults and children. Presented by **Sentient Jet**, this year's theme, *Celebrating Design through the Decades*, will illuminate the importance of design throughout history and the great context it brings for the culture and temperament of the times. The two acres of ANSG are transformed into a winter wonderland featuring more than 25 professionally decorated trees sponsored by area patrons and businesses.



Sarah Benitz and Regan Rupp

Interior designers, artists and florists volunteer their services and work together to interpret the annual theme, cleverly dress the trees and carry the storyline through vignettes staged around each tree. Each evening, visitors enjoy choral, instrumental, dancing and theatrical performances offered by

more than 20 local school and community groups. A dazzling light and music show illuminates two of Ann Norton's monumental sculptures as it reflects into one of several ANSG ponds.

The storied kickoff event for the 10th annual *Festival of Trees*, the *Gala Evening in the Gardens* is an elegant evening from 7pm - 10pm, filled with music, dance, theatrical performances and amazing food provided by the best restaurants in town. Don't miss the chance to enjoy this enchanting holiday extravaganza with family and friends.

Start your own family holiday tradition and come out for the 4th annual *Children's Gala* on Sunday, December 11th from 5pm - 7pm. This will be a night of mini-merriment, special performances, music and surprises around every turn in the garden. Child-friendly refreshments will be on hand for children and their parents (children must be accompanied by an adult).

The ANSG welcomes the community to delight in the magic of the *Festival of Trees* each evening. See what has been called the "#1 Holiday Tradition in Palm Beach County" as you explore the tropical winter wonderland. The 10th annual *Festival of Trees - Community Days* starts Saturday, December 3rd through Saturday, December 10th and Monday, December 12th through Wednesday, December 14th.

Honorary Chair is **K.C. Pickett**. Co-Chairs are **Sarah Benitz** and **Regan Rupp** and Design Chair is **Jennifer Garrigues**.

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