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**The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center Presents the 30th and Final Annual Living Christmas Tree and the
13th Annual Festival of Trees!**

It's hard to believe that it has been 30 years since the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center and the Glades Campus of Palm Beach State College presented the very first Living Christmas Tree. Back then, the set was very basic...a rugged tree structure that held only a few choir members with some risers on the stage for the rest of the choir. Over the years, that tree evolved into a beautiful engineer-designed structure that held the entire choir and then into a charming village set. This year, the beautiful large tree will return for this 30th and final production and many audience favorites from the past 30 years will fill the program.

Once again, the Young Singers of the Palm Beaches' Choir in the Glades will join with the adult choir to present, "30 Years of Favorites", under the direction of Carol Schmidt and accompanied by Karen Carbin-Wheeler. Bring your family to share in the joys of the season in this traditional Glades holiday classic! The performance will be on Sunday, December 3 at 3:00 pm and tickets are only \$5!

Prior to the show, enjoy 22 beautifully decorated trees and wreaths in the Dolly Hand's 13th Annual Festival of Trees! Twenty local businesses, individuals, schools and organizations have contributed to the success of this event by providing the decorations and the manpower to put those decorations on the trees and wreaths! They are the Bank of Belle Glade, the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, Belle Glade Elementary School, Belle Glade Lions Club, Belle Glade Woman's Club, Carol Brown, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Erickson Farm, Food for Families of Clewiston, Glade View Elementary School, Glades Day School, Gove Elementary School, Holiday Creations & Crafts, Laureate Gamma Zeta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority, the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office, Palm Beach State College Cosmetology Department, PNC Bank, Attorney Shannon J. Sagan, Esq., The Shepherd's School, US Sugar Corporation, Xi Iota Alpha chapter of Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority and the Iota Omicron Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

The trees and wreaths will be sold through a silent auction that closes after the performance of Celtic Angels Christmas on Thursday, Dec. 6, so the purchasers will have the them in their homes to enjoy for the holidays. The Bank of Belle Glade's tree is decorated with \$200 worth of Florida Lottery scratch-off tickets, which will be raffled off during the performance intermission. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at any time...you do not need to be present to win. All proceeds benefit the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center is located on the Belle Glade Campus of Palm Beach State College at 1977 College Drive. For tickets, call the box office at 561-993-1160 or visit www.dollyhand.org (service charges apply). Visit the box office in person Monday – Thursday from 9 am – 4 pm or Friday from 9 am – 12 pm to purchase with no service charge.