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**The Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center Presents the 29th Annual Living Christmas Tree and the
12th Annual Festival of Trees!**

It's hard to believe that it has been 29 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 and some risers set on the stage. Over the years, that tree evolved into the beautiful engineer-designed structure that held the entire choir, and then eventually into the charming village set that is used today.

This year, the Young Singers of the Palm Beaches' Choir in the Glades will join with the children and adult choirs to present, "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year," under the direction of Carol Schmidt. 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 20 beautifully decorated trees and wreaths in the Dolly Hand's 12th Annual Festival of Trees! 20 local businesses, 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, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Erickson Farms, Glade View Elementary School, Glades Day School, Gove Elementary School, Holiday Creations & Crafts, Laureate Gamma Zeta Sorority, the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office, Palm Beach State College, Rosenwald Elementary School, Attorney Shannon J. Shagan, Esq., The Shepherd's School, US Sugar Corporation, Xi Iota Alpha Sorority and the Iota Omicron Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

The Bank of Belle Glade's tree is decorated with \$200 worth of Florida Lottery scratch-off tickets! That tree will be raffled off at the performance. Raffle tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at any time...you do not have to be present to win. The remaining trees and wreaths will be

sold through a silent auction that closes after the performance so the purchasers will have the them in their homes to enjoy for the holidays...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.