



Scenes from the 2007 Festival of Trees, clockwise from top: Judi Watson decorates the Sea Island Co.'s tree; Festival coordinator Whitney Butler and florist Edward Armstrong; Liz Slapikas, owner of Take Too.



# Festival OF trees

December 4, 2008

## 2008 FESTIVAL OF TREES

An Elegant Evening Among the Trees Dinner and  
Live Auction of the Magnificent Trees 6:00 PM

**Deck the Halls Luncheon Holiday Décor  
Demonstration** presented by Edward Armstrong  
Friday December 5, 2008 12:00 PM

**Jingle Bells & First Noels Public Presentation of  
the Trees Saturday**, December 6, 2008 10:00 AM  
to 4:00 PM

Call 912-265-1455 for more information, or visit  
our website at

[www.goldenislesfestivaloftrees.com](http://www.goldenislesfestivaloftrees.com)

All festivities are being held at Sea Island's  
Clubhouse at Retreat on St. Simons Island  
Proceeds benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of  
Southeast Georgia.

### Festival of Trees Spotlights a Worthy Cause

The Golden Isles' finest interior designers and decorators will create winter wonderland magic at Sea Island's Clubhouse at Retreat on St. Simons Island when the 2008 Festival of Trees lights the way for three days of celebration beginning Dec. 4.

This year's festival will feature holiday styles by area designers including Harrison Design Associates, Oglethorpe Antiques & Interiors, Mary Bryan Peyer Designs, Judi Watson of The Cloister Flower Shop, Libby Britt of The Tortoise & The Hare, Edward Armstrong of Edward on St. Simons, Liz Slapikas of Take Too and more.

The Festival of Trees was born of a need to sustain the programs offered to some 3,000 youths served by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Georgia. That agenda includes construction of the new Elizabeth Correll Teen Center at the intersection of Georgia Spur 25

and Cypress Mill Road in Brunswick.

"The location is ideal and is very close to our original targeted area. We believe that this location will allow us to best serve the teens from both the mainland and the islands," says Brian Dolan, chief professional officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs.

Benefactor and former Golden Isles resident Pete Correll says an investment in its youth is an investment in the community's future.

"Our commitment to this project is not just financial. We want to see the future potential of Glynn County realized through the growth and development of our teens," Correll says.

This year's festival kicks off Dec. 4 with the gala event, "An Elegant Evening Among the Trees." Set amongst the majestic trees, guests will enjoy an extravagant dinner followed by a high-spirited live auction of the trees by celebrity auctioneer Steve Melnyk.

The festival continues the afternoon of Dec. 5 with the "Deck the Halls" ladies' luncheon with guest speaker and renowned designer Edward Armstrong. Ladies will be entertained with a holiday décor demonstration that promises to inspire grand ideas for their own homes during the holidays.

The beautifully adorned Festival Trees will open to the public Dec. 6 during the "Jingle Bells and First Noels" public viewing. Children of all ages are invited to come admire all the tinsel and trees as local children's choirs perform seasonal favorites and Christmas classics. Holiday refreshments and pictures with Santa will also be available to all who attend.

Seating is limited to these highly anticipated events so festival goers are encouraged to make reservations early. For tickets and more information please call (912) 265-1455 or visit [www.goldenislesfestivaloftrees.com](http://www.goldenislesfestivaloftrees.com).