Christmas Tree Decorations Can Be ‘Frantic’ Fun

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The Christmas season is a joyous one.

And the Christmas spirit prevails over both toys and joy in the bright, gaily-decorated Christmas tree.

Birmingham families have the gamut of ingenuity and originality in this department.

TWO YEARS AGO Mrs. Russell Shickland, 1123 Country Club Drive, Bloomfield Hills, bought a tree with bright baubles and gold tinsel. The family family bought several large branches of preserved evergreen and sprayed them with snow. They decorated them with cardboard cutouts and put the tree in the front yard.

Even before the tree is decorated, it is already a forest effect. They decorated it with sprigs of evergreen and preserved flowers and made a natural forest effect.

EVEN small trees can be decorated to enhance the scene. Often families with small children use small trees in the shrubbery to complement the larger Christmas tree.

LOCAL florists and greenhouse owners have suggested a few hints for preservation and use of preserved flowers and plants in Christmas decorations.

Trees should be kept outside in the cold until just before decorating. It is best to mount it in a large container to keep it from drying out.

"Hey Ma! I Want a Dinosaur!"

"Would you get a load of this?" one-year-old Nancy Sandra Englehardt seemed to be saying when she spotted an eight-foot-long stuffed dinosaur in the toy department of 275 N. Woodward. The huge dinosaur, a Staff original made in Germany, is priced at $200. Though the dinosaur won’t fit under a Christmas tree, it has some detractors who will. In two models, the smaller dinosaurs are the one stop the dinosaur in the picture, sell for $14.98 each.

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