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The mission of the Skagit Regional Health Foundation is to raise, manage and distribute funds to assure the continued availability of quality healthcare services and programs at Skagit Regional Health. The Foundation will foster awareness of and community support for Skagit Regional Health through the involvement of the people it serves.

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Volunteers are the key to the Skagit Regional Health Foundation's efforts in securing philanthropy. We are pleased to acknowledge the efforts of our trustees who unselfishly give their time and resources as an example to all, and who provide leadership in the Foundation's prudent stewardship of gifts.

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Above: Festival of Trees auction emcee **Dane Boffey** energizes the festive crowd.

Annual Festival of Trees Delivers Holiday Magic!

The Skagit Regional Health Foundation's 37th Annual Festival of Trees brought holiday cheer and extraordinary generosity to Mount Vernon, raising **\$510,000** over Thanksgiving weekend 2025. Proceeds from the beloved community tradition support the Foundation's Family Birth Center Campaign, helping complete the \$1.6 million project to renovate all 21 private maternity suites and enhance care for local families.

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Festival of Trees



■ **What a night!** Guests enjoyed the Festival's annual gala and auction. Dressed up, bidding big, and celebrating together!

■ **Below:** Glowing in the color of the season, **Rad Santa and Mrs. Rad Santa** welcomed guests to the holiday celebration.



"We are incredibly grateful for the creativity and dedication of our designers and the generosity of our sponsors and attendees," said **Linda Frizzell**, Executive Director of the Skagit Regional Health Foundation. "This event truly reflects the spirit and generosity of our community."

In partnership with Title Sponsor **Peoples Bank**, the Foundation hosted a festive weekend of events at the Saint Joseph Center. The celebration kicked off Friday, November 28, with the Gala and Auction sponsored by **Heritage Bank** and **Whidbey Coffee**. More than 550 guests enjoyed an elegant evening featuring a live auction of 22 beautifully decorated Christmas trees, a dozen exclusive experience packages, a tree raffle sponsored by **Private Lending Investments – Jeff and Shelly Langness**, designer wreaths sponsored by **Bellingham Anesthesia Associates**, and mini tabletop trees sponsored by **Skagit Farmers Supply**.

Top auction highlights included a tree titled "A Cozy Christmas Morning," a Pappy Van Winkle Bourbon Tasting for Twelve, a tree titled "Glinda's Beauty Wardrobe" and a Sitka, Alaska fishing trip for four.

Family-friendly fun continued throughout the weekend with Family Festival Days, sponsored by **Pacific Woodtech**. More than 1,000 visitors enjoyed kids' activities sponsored by **Banner Bank**, a gingerbread house contest sponsored by **Savi**, powered by **Harborstone Credit Union**, live entertainment from local performers and special visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"Family Festival Days truly showcase what makes this community so special," said **Brent Thompson**, President of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

At the Designer Appreciation Event, sponsored by **Blade Chevrolet & RV**, the Foundation recognized several outstanding designers across several categories, including Designers' Choice, President's Choice, Most Traditional Theme, Public Choice, Best Children's Theme, Best Tree Topper and Team Spirit.

"It's remarkable to see what our community can accomplish when we come together," said **Michelle Knutzen**, Foundation Trustee and festival co-chair alongside **Sandra Nootenboom**. "Every designer, donor, sponsor and guest played a role in making this year's Festival of Trees our most memorable yet."

Save the date: The 38th Annual Festival of Trees returns Thanksgiving weekend, **November 27–29, 2026**.



■ Above: "Ho, ho, ho! Community spirit and festive fun were shared by all at Family Festival Days."

■ Award winning trees L to R: "A Cozy Christmas Morning," "Merry, Bright and Bubbly" and "Christmas at the Cannery."



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■ The "Throwback UW Husky Tree" won Design Sponsor's Choice Award.