

Dear area residents,

We want to thank everyone who helped make the first annual "Betty Honigford" Christmas Decorating Contest a success. Thanks to all the enthusiastic and hard-working participants. We were so happy for your involvement and we admired your willingness to enter the contest in its first year. You've spread so much cheer in our community and we've heard so many positive comments about all the houses. The decorations were wonderful! Each decorated house had special elements and they were all so beautiful in their own way.

Thanks to all of our judges, for doing such a difficult job in such a thoughtful manner. We were grateful we did not have the unenviable task of selecting the winners. Thanks to Nancy Spencer for her help, encouragement and willingness to provide coverage of the event. Nancy, you went out of your way to generate interest in this event and support for us. Thanks for running all over town with us to take pictures and present prizes. Your pictures absolutely captured the artistry of the houses.

Thanks to Jennifer Moenter for inviting us to participate in the Hometown Christmas Celebration.

Thanks to Annette Brown for helping to design and make the People's Choice banner.

Thanks to the employees of the banks and the city building for spreading the word about the contest, helping with the registration forms, and providing such a cute space for people to vote for their favorite.

Christmas isn't always a happy time. We know we are not alone in missing someone at this time who was so central to every holiday and all the happiness associated with it. The life of one person does affect the lives of so many others. Mom would have loved the lights! Thanks for your help in keeping her bountiful kindness and irrepressible spirit alive. We can all make a difference in the life of someone else.

Glad tidings and good cheer,

We hope to see you again next year!

Bev Jettinghoff and Meghan Ryba