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## **2013 Champion Wreaths Named by PCTGA**

HARRISBURG, PA – The Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association (PCTGA) recently announced the winners of the 2013 wreath contest. The entries were displayed at the organization’s winter meeting and attendees voted on the wreaths based upon specific criteria.

The winners of the decorated wreaths were:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Bustard Tree Farm

2<sup>nd</sup> place – McClellan’s Tree Farm

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Becktree Farm

Honorable Mention – Berkey Nursery

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The undecorated wreath winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Sitko Tree Farm

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Draus Tree Farm

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Berkey Nursery

Honorable Mention – McClellan’s Tree Farm

The criteria for the wreath contest is as follows:

- The exhibitor entering the wreath in the contest must be a current PCTGA member. Wreaths must have been made by the PCTGA member or farm and cannot have been made by contract help or others not directly related to the PCTGA member or farm.
- In no case, shall one person, family, or farm enter more than two wreaths, one decorated and one undecorated.
- All wreaths must be submitted in person or sent to be received by 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 17.
- Securely tied to each wreath should be a sealed envelope containing the maker’s name, address, telephone number, and source of greens. Entrants will receive a number for their entry and that number will be placed on the envelope as well as the record sheet. The record sheet will remain confidential and outside of the judging area until the judging is final and the winners announced.
- Scoring will be under the PCTGA/NCTA Guidelines.
- Wreaths must be made on a 12-inch ring, of natural greens grown within the state, and the outside diameter must not exceed 24 inches. The weight of the wreath may not exceed 5 pounds. Wreaths may be single or double-faced.
- Decorated wreaths must contain a bow and may contain dried or other decorative materials and ornaments.
- Undecorated wreaths will be judged on foliage, color, workmanship (including uniform density, uniform center hole, uniform outside, construction quality, placement of materials, and overall appearance.) Wreaths in the undecorated category can be made with mixed greens; however, we suggest no other materials such as berries or leaves.
- Decorated wreaths will be judged on craftsmanship, originality, arrangement of decoration, and quality of bow.

For more information, contact the PCTGA office at 717-238-9765 or via e-mail at [communications@christmastrees.org](mailto:communications@christmastrees.org). You can also visit the organization’s website at [www.christmastrees.org](http://www.christmastrees.org) for general information about the association, its members, and Christmas trees.