

Tree Radiates Yule Meaning

The Christmas tree, a of the merriest season, universally recognized symbol radiates the meaning of the

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O, HOLY NIGHT

They gathered around Him and a spirit of hope and happiness pervaded the Earth. May the joy of that Night be yours.

JACK & VERA COOKE
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Christmas story. For many people, the tree recalls the atmosphere of the holiday home and thus reflects the joyful warmth of the season.

As a religious symbol, the tree with its lights and greenery represents both the story of the garden of Eden and the belief in Christ as the "Light of the world."

Although only a century and a half old in America, the custom of the tree has a history that is measured in many centuries.

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At about the same time, people also decorated for the Christmas season with pyramid-shaped frames of light, symbolizing the birth of Christ as the Light of the world.

Early efforts to combine the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Light pyramid are recorded in manuscripts from Germany dating to the 16th century, collected by the Hallmark Cards research library.

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BOTH ELEMENTS THAT LED TO TODAY'S Christmas tree - the Paradise Tree and the Christmas Light pyramid - are shown in this antique Christmas card of 1880's. The card was published by Opbacher Brothers, Munich, Germany, and is part of the Hallmark Historical Collection.

evergreen with glass, plastic or metal balls hanging from it is the Paradise Tree with its apples. Lights, tinsel, angels, a star on top, ornaments and other "good things" reflect the Christmas Light. Caroling Everywhere In every country Christmas is celebrated, and are a part of the celebration.

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CLOSED WED. Dec. 24 to Give Staff Christmas Eve With Their Families

Thurs. Fri. Sat. Dec. 25, 26
"PLAY DIRTY" Adult - Color Michael Caine
"TRACK OF THUNDER" Color

Sun. Mon. Tues. Dec. 28, 29
"A MAN CALLED GANNON" Adult - Color Tony Franciosa Michael Sarrazin
"I LOVE YOU, ALICE B. TOKLAS" Peter Sellers Adult - Color

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Greetings

The exchange of Christmas greetings among friends is one of the happiest traditions of this season. We extend our greetings to all of you... along with a heartfelt thanks.

O, Holy Night

On this anniversary of the birth of our Blessed Saviour, accept our most sincere good wishes for a joyous Christmas to you and yours.

our friends and customers

Jack and Gerry VANDERSCHAAF and Family

Hagersville, R.R. 2
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It's Christmas, and we're so glad to chime in with our own good wishes to you, your family and friends. For your loyal patronage, accept our warm thanks. We shall continue in our sincere endeavor to please you, our dear customers.

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JARVIS ONTARIO



A Claus Has Origins In America

They're according to the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana. Add to this the oldest, happiest, and most loved traditions of the Christmas season.

Santa was first brought to this country by the early Dutch settlers, who called him Sinterklaas. These Dutch burghers portrayed him as a merry old man, sometimes with a wife they called Molly Grietje.

Santa also looked a little different then, and he wore a wide-brimmed black hat, short Dutch breeches, and smoked a long clay pipe.

Later, the British brought their own Father Christmas to America - a happy, roly-poly Falstaffian figure.

Inevitably, Sinterklaas and Father Christmas became one. Add to this the Norwegian's Kriss Kringle with his sleigh and reindeer, and the picture is nearly complete.

It was finally the task of American artists and writers to create an image of Santa Claus such as we know today.

Washington Irving, among others, contributed to the concept of Santa as a jolly holiday figure, while Clement Moore, in his famous "Visit from St. Nicholas" ("Twas the Night Before Christmas"), added to the concept.

Illuminating Your House

For outdoor decorations, buy decorative lights and equipment which have been tested and approved by the Canadian Standards Association and identified by the CSA label for outdoor use. Outdoor lights have weatherproof sockets and heavier wiring than required indoors.

For outdoor lighting, parallel-wired strings with an intermediate base are best. These are the largest of the decorative bulbs; each one consumes about 10 watts.

When an outdoor bulb burns out, be sure to use the rubber washer when replacing it. These make the sockets waterproof.

Some plastic trees, made from styrene materials, may burn violently. Metallic trees conduct electricity, and must not be decorated with strings of electric lights. Use flood lights instead.

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eping th spirit of season, may extend the very of the Christmas loliday to all... also, r thanks for everything.

THE IMPORT SHOP
King W. - Hagersville

Joyous Christmas Wishes

In the happy spirit of the holiday that abounds, we thank our faithful neighbors and friends.

JACK'S AUTO BODY
Jack Marr Proprietor

Joyous Christmas

filled voices ring out in song, heralding the message of that first Christmas. To you, best wishes and sincere thanks.

ONEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT
Young Street SIMCOE

Renton Personals

The Christmas meeting of the Renton W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Tisdale in Simcoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Iliffe spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Parkin and family, east of Willow Grove.

The evening auxiliary of Knox Church in Jarvis, held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Paul Weinendorf on Tuesday night. A pot luck supper was served at seven o'clock with thirty-one in attendance.

Several from this district attended the funeral of the late Wm. Montrose held in Simcoe on Wednesday of last week.

The Mount Zion U.C.W. met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Andrews for their Christmas meeting.

PEACE

The ever-lasting meaning of the Christmas season lives in a single word - peace. As we all celebrate with merriment of the season, let us pause also to recall its timeless message of peace and good will toward men. And let us thank you for your kind patronage all year long.

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