

Christmas in the Village

A Note of Thanks from the Event Chair

I would like to congratulate everyone for a very successful event. Whether you toiled with site preparation, worked in a booth, or just shared your happy spirit while attending Christmas in the Village, we are so glad you were there. We could not have hoped for a more beautiful day to showcase Merry Mountain.

While our main goal was to build community ties both within and outside Merry Mountain Village, we also wanted to raise funds to make improvements to the MMV office and picnic/event area. We earned \$1678 toward that goal! These funds are being earmarked for the purchase of a new printer for the office and our own portable tables and chairs that can be used in future events. As the funds are spent with Board of Directors approval you will be informed about the purchases.

I would like to thank some key people who ensured the site was ready on December 4 including Judy Goldberg, Maria Pugnilin, Ed Lane, Robin Smith, and Dennis Chesney. I would also like to thank the people who took charge of portions of the event; Brenda Padilla and Tamara Welton (drinks booth), Peggy Sue and Rodney Ames (hayrides), Mary Lou Hauck (choirmaster), Steve and Sherry Curran (Santa photos), Rodney Ames (Raffle Announcer), and Mike Padilla (the Ugly Sweater contest). A special thanks to Jennifer George who donated all her booth earnings to the event fund. Thanks also to Rand and Leslie Collins for lending us their bench for Santa, for Mike Saia accompanying the choir on the hayride, and for our wonderful cooks Stacey and Sara! I am also thankful for those of you who helped me by contributing to the items sold at the Merry Mountain Crafters booth (Brenda Padilla, The Pettigrews, Stephanie Mc Michael, and Jill Mc Carthy). I hope many more crafters will prepare home-made items for next year's fair! Lastly, I am immensely grateful for the generosity of the village members who donated wonderful raffle baskets whose ticket sales earned the majority of our funds.

In 2022 we will begin working on the fair a little earlier to allow people more time to make crafts and prepare, so look for a message from me around the time of our Annual Meeting in July. Merry Christmas to all and remember to support your neighbors and friends. We can only be a better community by working together.

Best Wishes,
Kathy Lardizabal