

## The Story Behind the Towers Christmas Tree

Every holiday season and especially as we get older, we tend to fondly remember Christmas's past. For residents of the Towers at Laguna Woods Village this is especially true. One ongoing memory however focuses on the magnificent Christmas tree erected each year in the Towers' main lobby with its original, handcrafted ornaments.

Back in the summer of 1995, a group of ladies from the Towers met in a small empty suite on the sixth floor to create holiday ornaments for this tree. With a donation of funds from Mutual Fifty, the group also donated jewelry, scraps of silk and satin, and trim. The supplies were organized by color, which included sequins, beads and trim. Everyone participated in creating their own original designs. Each of those designs contributes to making the ornaments unique and beautiful.



The ladies spent four to six hours to complete each ornament. Eight dedicated ladies worked on the project, meeting once a week from July to November to finish at least 200 individual ornaments.

The Towers maintenance team erects the 18' tree over two days in the main lobby and carefully arranges these priceless ornaments. The tree also has over 1,300 lights which sparkle among the elegant, handmade ornaments contributing to those special Christmas memories that we all cherish forever.