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Christmas Trees: A Forgotten History

The history of the Christmas tree is rather interesting, being both surprisingly ancient, and surprisingly new, with a host of different traditions, and many innovations, one involving a toilet brush. The History Guy recalls the forgotten history of Christmas trees.

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In the News

Park Falls Paper Mill Gets Sold in Parts; Auction Dismantles Plant, Cuts Off Chances for a New Owner to Run it Again

Since early summer the community of Park Falls has been hoping for a boost from the state of Wisconsin that would enable the city's shuttered paper mill to hang on, find new owners and reopen. Last week the door closed on that option as machinery and equipment from the Park Falls Pulp & Paper plant was auctioned off. Invoices from the auction have gone out and winning bidders have begun to pick up their purchases, Park Falls Mayor Michael Bablick said Monday. [Read More](#)

Struggling to Save the Park Falls Paper Mill

Over three days in the middle of November, online auctioneers sold off bits and pieces of the paper mill that for a century has anchored the city of Park Falls in northern Wisconsin. The auction began just days after the Wisconsin Assembly passed a bill to steer a \$15 million loan guarantee to prospective buyers who Park Falls officials and others hoped would keep the Park Falls Pulp & Paper mill intact and reopen it with a new business plan that could preserve some of the highest-paying jobs in Price County. [Read More](#)

Milwaukee Will Soon be Home to the Tallest Mass Timber Structure in the World

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee will soon be home to the tallest mass timber structure in the world.

That will be a reality when contractors top off the new Ascent apartment building next month. The structure is slated to be complete by August of 2022. The building will be 284 feet tall and contain 259 apartments. But the most notable aspect of the structure is that it is built from mass timber, meaning it was constructed using a variety of pieces of wood slabs connected together - instead of the traditional concrete and steel. [Read More](#)

'Hometown for the Holidays' Themed-Ornaments Sought for Capitol Holiday Tree

A Wisconsin holiday tradition is back. Children and families are now encouraged to begin creating homemade ornaments to decorate the Wisconsin Capitol Holiday Tree, Governor Tony Evers stated. The Capitol Holiday Tree is filled with handmade ornaments each year and is located in the rotunda of the building. Gov. Evers announced the theme of this year's tree is "Hometown for the Holidays," meaning each ornament should illustrate the creator's hometown, neighborhood or community. [Read More](#)

Christmas Trees are on the Way as Growers Prepare for 'Green Friday'

Holiday shoppers may want to move their search for that perfect Christmas tree to the top of their to-do list. Supply chain issues, wildfires in the Pacific Northwest, shipping delays and a pine tree pest infestation in the South are all contributing factors to a nationwide Christmas tree shortage, according to the American Christmas Tree Association. Despite the gloomy reports from other parts of the country, Wisconsin tree farmers say there should be enough Christmas trees to go around for consumers living in the Badger State but recommend buying early. [Read More](#)

Monitoring The Condition Of Wisconsin's Forest Regeneration

Have you ever wondered how Wisconsin's forests are monitored for regeneration? Forest regeneration, the process of renewing tree cover by establishing young trees, is one of the most basic and important elements of sustainable forest management. After a harvest or disturbance event, like a fire or heavy winds, successful regeneration is crucial to developing healthy, productive forests that can provide sustainable economic and ecological functions. Forest regrowth patterns must be well understood to manage Wisconsin's forest resources sustainably. [Read More](#)



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