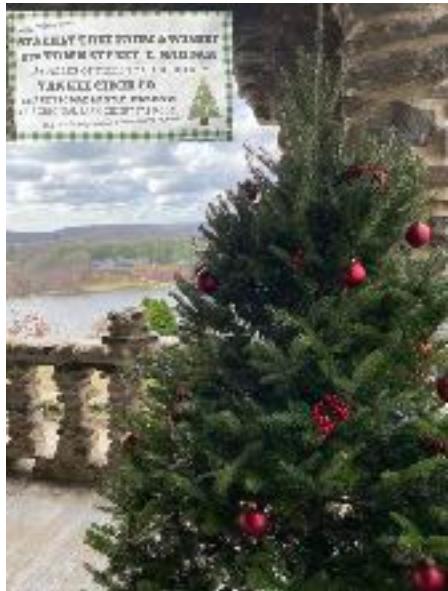


Holiday decorating with Sherlock on the Shelf!



On a sunny November afternoon, Sherlock joined a team of volunteers who gathered together to decorate the grounds of the Castle. He met Laura Borg, who headed up the efforts (center panel), and admired the beautiful greenery from Ballek's Garden Center (right panel) and trees from Staehly Tree Farm and Winery (left panel). Nancy Ballek cheerfully assisted Laura in loading up the greenery for delivery to the Castle (right panel).



As you can see in our photo essay, there was quite a collection of Friends who supported the event. The group included Jack Hine, the park's supervisor (on ladder), and staff member Sarah Lucey (green jacket), as well as Friends members Laura Borg (in red), Lynn Wilkinson (in blue), Dorothy Millen (blue checker shirt), John Sherwood (red checkered shirt), and Vice President Paul Schiller (green sweatshirt). President Wendy Vincent (not pictured) ensured the trees were festooned with decorations.

Paul Schiller and Sarah Lucey also decorated several interior portions of the Castle that are visible to curious visitors who take a peek through the Castle windows. Sherlock himself is featured in the windows to Gillette's workshop on the lower floors of the Castle.

Everyone was COVID-careful, wearing masks, and mindful to minimize close contact. The Castle was transformed in little more than three hours, and everyone involved felt very proud and satisfied to have been a part of this gift from the Friends to our holiday visitors.

The Friends most gratefully acknowledge the support and leadership from Laura Borg, who was the main champion for the efforts and also made a substantial financial contribution towards the purchase of the greenery.



