

Holiday Travel Requires Extra Time at the Airport

To avoid lines, traffic congestion, and missed flights, PDX travelers are urged to:

- Obtain airline tickets prior to the travel date.
- Verify flight information before leaving home.
- Arrive at least an hour before flight time.
- Use the parking hotline - 288-PARK.
- Utilize curbside baggage check-in if possible.
- Use the economy lot to save money and avoid traffic congestion.
- Try an alternate form of transportation like taxis or buses.

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Living Christmas Trees Available

If a living Christmas tree is your choice for holiday decoration, it's time to start thinking about making your selection.

"A living Christmas is preferred by many people, because the tree isn't discarded after the holidays," said Ray McNeilan, Oregon State University Extension home gardening agent. "The tree is moved outside to become an attractive addition to the home landscape."

Living Christmas trees are now available at many nursery stores and other retail outlets. These trees usually come in a tub of soil or in balled and burlapped condition.

If the tree is in a tub, keep it watered until the time comes to move it outdoors. If the tree is balled and burlapped, set it in a large tub or other container and keep the burlap moist until the tree is to be moved outside.

McNeilan warns against keeping a living Christmas tree indoors too long. A living Christmas tree is in a dormant state, and if kept indoors where temperatures are much higher than outdoors, the tree will break dormancy and begin active growth.

This will be a problem when the tree is finally moved outside again, McNeilan said. The sudden temperature change may cause the tree to die.

When moving the tree outdoors, move it into a garage or onto an unheated porch first for a few days. This will help the tree acclimate itself to outdoor temperatures gradually.

The pine, fir and blue spruce trees that are available as living Christmas trees in Oregon will eventually grow to be 30-35 feet tall. Avoid planting them too close to homes because their roots may cause damage to cement foundations.

A living Christmas tree can be used in the landscape as a windbreak tree, or as a barrier tree to divide the yard or add to the privacy of the home.

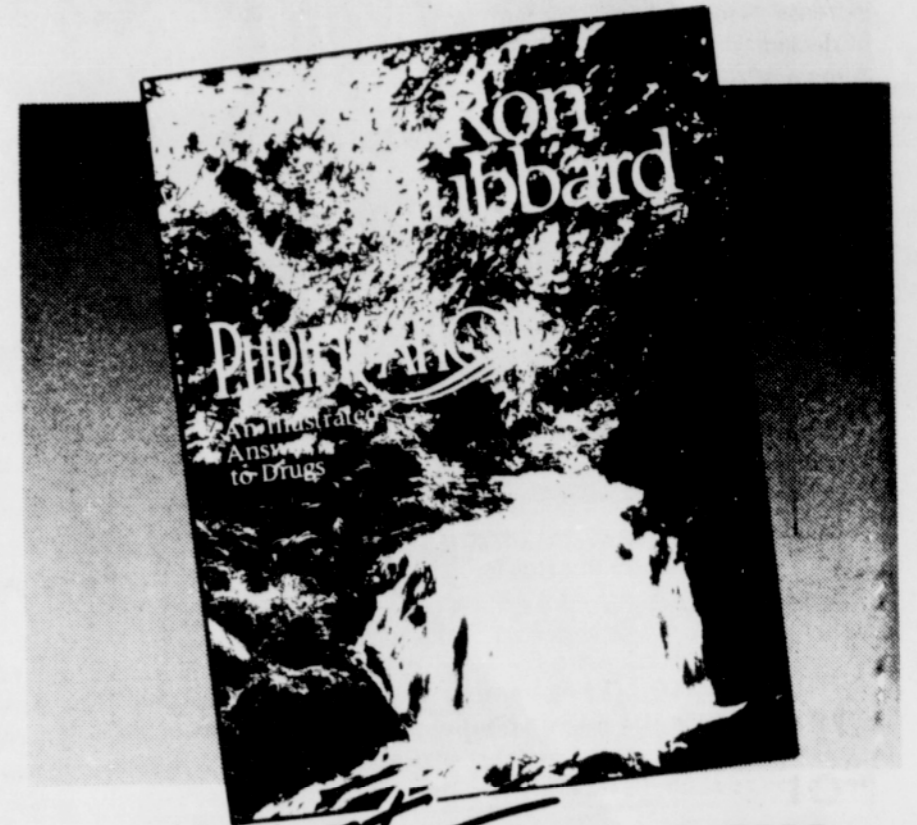
Christmas at the John Palmer House

Decorated inside and out with garlands, poinsettias, and wreaths, the Palmer House will have five trees on display during this holiday season. One of the most unique will boast a collection of over 200 horse ornaments on loan through the courtesy of Carol Ramsey, Vancouver Teacher and VEA President. Other toys visiting the nursery this year include Mr. Tibbles, an antique toy horse from the Clark County Museum and dolls from the collections of Christie Meadows and Prudence and Peter Farrell.

Tours of the house are Thursday through Sunday 12:30 to 1:30 and cost \$3.00 per person. Tours with a High Tea are Thursday through Sunday with seating at 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. for a cost of \$10.00 per person. Tea fare includes Tortes, Sweets and Savoies — all homemade. Doug Dugaard and Fred Teifel will be playing the 1860 Gaveau Grand Piano.

As a special treat on Sundays a short program of Christmas music will be performed by the Jubilee Singers at 1:30 p.m. Guests are welcome to join in Christmas Caroling at 5 p.m. — a reminder when this historic house was known as the Multnomah Conservatory of Music.

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