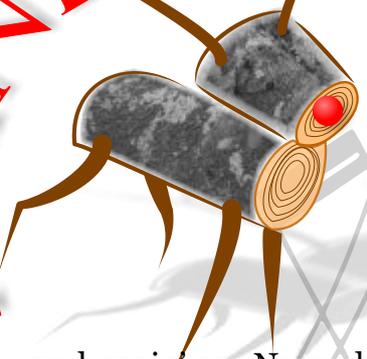


REINDEER



The chainsaw howls, the chopsaw shrieks, drills wail, the axes chop a beat. It's a Rockin' Reindeer Dawn!

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Things were hoppin' one November morning at the Greiner Ranch with Reindeer rockin' to life at the hands of Magnolia Point volunteers. Following on the tradition Al, Jola, and a corp of volunteers started just one Christmas past, the neighborhoods 'round these parts are seeing an explosion of holiday spirit. But first, all those parts have to be chased down, rendered up, and put together one leg, antler, tail and red nose at a time...



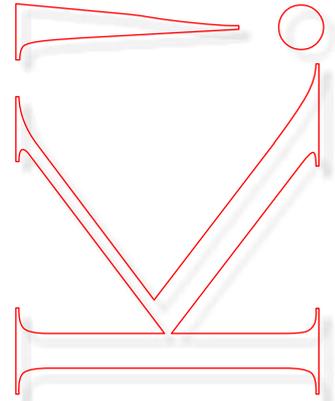
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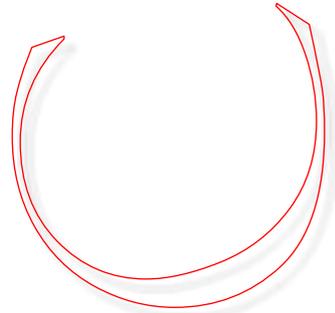


Squad Up!

Jola and Al Greiner have been making Rustic Reindeer for years. All that's needed is a good eye, a steady hand, some power tools, and a creative take on Reindeer anatomy. And some wood. Some scrap firewood will do, but if you have plans to conquer an entire neighborhood, you'll need **lots of it!**

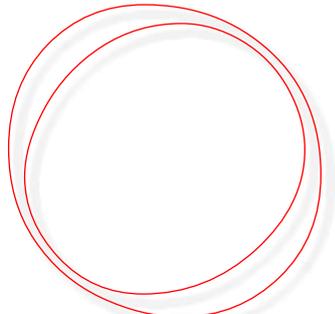


"Roz Arnold had some big branches down in her back yard she let us harvest," Jola says, "Ed Poucher brought crepe myrtle trimmings that make great reindeer legs & necks but most of the wood was from windfalls on the red nine that Trevor kindly allowed me to drive to, cut up and haul out."



Skylar nails a nose.

The finished product does display a dizzying array of specially-sized pieces. To Jola this is the fun part, *"With lots of branches to choose from and a bit of imagination it's fun to try to use what you have to get a little personality and attitude into the final results."*



A leg up.

Plenty of volunteers made pretty quick work of the 40 critters produced for 2022, averaging one completed **every 4 minutes!** After their time in the community, all are promised homes, *"The folks that helped put them together get first pick after the holidays. It is not recommended to bring the deer inside your home. Quite interesting critters live in dead wood. They will emerge and go exploring for moisture as the wood dries out!"*



“CHAINSAWS WANTED” - Instructions Not Required

They have the wood. A lot, maybe half a ton, between all the logs and branches. An a box of donuts. Fresh coffee. Cordless drills, batteries charged, loppers and drill bits.

Head scratching, nervous laughter. And then like a silent starting gun going off, heads went down and the work got underway. Rare was the volunteer who paused to look up. The pace was brisk. *How did so many know so well how to do all that there was to do?*

Untutored, unblinking, suddenly skilled in a deceptively elaborate anatomy of hand-fitted, rendered limbs, it all just *happened*.

Like the look on Lucy's face, when, plopped down just behind a newly-sturdy Reindeer, happy-slapped the critter's rump to the untimed yelp of some personal carol, her own ode to Christmas Present. Corny, but true: *magic*.



Everyone there had that Lucy smile, powerless to avoid showing it off to each other, at regular intervals. To free from the rough wood the essence of an icon of the Season, giddy with the prospect of reproducing rustic little symbols of the Season that caught the community's imagination the year before. To do their part: channeling their inner Rudolphs with a child's eye.



Monty Murphy • Cissy Burnette • Suzanne Foster • Lynn Williams • Paul Tucker • Bill & Marcia Blackwell • Walter & Debbie Shvetzov • Don & Jackie Maneval • Sean & Sheri Walters • Shyann & Skylar • Bill & Patricia Nisley • Andrew & Helen DiGuardia • Cheryl Michaels • Rosalind Arnold Carlton Page • Daniel Glassman • *And with regrets for a name we missed, but know we remember everything else about you!*



HOLIDAY SELFIE FEST!

Your time to shine! Take a selfie with your favorite Magnolia Point Reindeer, Elf-hatted Hydrant, Wreath, Bow, Lighted Tree, Luminary or Parade Cart and send to:
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