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Library Critter Tree

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Photo provided

What does Moraga have in common with the White House, Smithsonian and the Brandywine Museum in Pennsylvania? A Critter Tree - that is a Christmas tree decorated entirely with critters, made from scratch from natural materials growing in our yards, nearby trails and fields, and even the seashore, and assembled into fanciful, beguiling little characters that hang on the Moraga Library Christmas Tree.

Teasels, nuts, dried weeds, pine cones, are all grist for our glue guns. The Moraga Garden Club has created this special tree with its ornaments each year and occasionally get together to make new additions or replacements for worn decorations.

Originating at the Brandywine Museum in Chester County, Pennsylvania back in the early 1980's the idea for the tree was brought here from the east coast by a mother of one of the Garden Club members, Jamie Bonetto. This year Phyllis Reed, who is in charge of decorating the library, gathered members to create new ornaments and put up the tree which will be on display during open hours at the library.

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