

MontBleu to be transformed into Christmas wonderland



No Place Like Home by Cyndy Brown-Carlton was the 2015 winner of the best themed tree. Photo Copyright 2016 Carolyn E. Wright

Barton Health's eighth annual Festival of Trees & Lights is Dec. 1-4 at MontBleu in Stateline.

All proceeds from the festival will support the expansion of Barton Health's Cancer Wellness Program. The expanded program will address the social, emotional, and functional aspects of a patient's cancer journey through supportive services such as massage, exercise, psychotherapy, and nutrition classes. This program is offered free for community members undergoing

cancer treatment.

Children and adults of all ages can support the cause and attend the festival. Barton Foundation volunteers and staff transform MontBleu's convention center into a holiday paradise with trees and wreaths decorated by local artists and schoolchildren. Attendees may enjoy the Teddy Bear Hospital, a kids' craft area, a Santa photo session, raffle, and live entertainment.

In addition, special events are featured throughout the festival. Seniors, ages 55 and over, may attend the Senior Stroll at no cost on Thursday from 2-4pm. The Teddy Bear Brunch is Dec. 4 from 10am-noon. Special events sell out.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go **online**. or call 530.543.5909.