



BERMUDA INSPIRED ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

The Bermuda inspired alternative Christmas trees depicted in these festive stamps were all made by talented floral artists belonging to the Garden Club of Bermuda who participated in one of its floral craft competitions. In accordance with the rules, the trees were mostly crafted out of local plant material treated in a variety of ways.

\$.50c Susan Conyers glued together pittosporum twigs to create her tree. She cut the hanging star decorations out of palm boot taken from a royal palm tree, sprayed them with silver and red paint and covered them with glitter.

\$.15 Sylvia Outerbridge decided on an ocean theme for her tree. She painted fronds from Bermuda's endemic palmetto blue and green while also creating fish hanging ornaments.

\$.135 Sheila Semos used layers of dried leaves from Bermuda's native bay grape tree to create her tree. She then painted it in a variety of metallic colours and decorated it with dried painted walnuts and chestnuts, as well as painted agapanthus and hypericum berries.

\$.155 Susan Conyers crafted her second tree out of a triangular bamboo tomato cage, which she painted gold. To create the tree effect, she used a variety of juniper, pittosporum plant material and bridal fern, some of which she painted gold, while adding green and gold decorations.

FDC Karen Smith constructed a reusable, triangular wooden frame for her tree. While using cedar, dracaena and holly to form the base, she created the illusion of a Christmas tree by decorating the sides of the frame with asparagus fern. She also used dried pine cones, berries and red ornaments to add to the festive effect.



TECHNICAL DETAILS

DESIGNER	Sheila Semos
ARTISTS	Susan Conyers, Sylvia Outerbridge, Sheila Semos, Karen Smith
PRINTER	Brebner Print
PROCESS	Lithography
STAMP SIZE	28.5mm X 52mm
PERFORATION	13.33 Per 2cms
PANE	50 (2 X 25)
PAPER	CASCO Crown Watermarked
VALUES	.50c, \$1.15, \$1.35 and \$1.55
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