



Decorating for the holidays is not only time consuming, but a lot of hard work. Just ask any of the four Briarcliffe Mall employees pictured here. Once completed, however, it's worth it. Children would certainly agree with that.



Customers Love Decorations

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very year as Thanksgiving nears, Christmas is inevitably on most everyone's mind because it comes soon after the turkey is eaten.

And when one thinks of Christmas, trimming the tree, putting up that specials wreath or Christmas scene usually comes to mind. That's the really fun part of the holidays that is reserved for family and close

This year, Briarcliffe Mall wanted everyone to have a chance to get in on the finishing touches when the mall was decorated for Christmas Nov. 14 and 15.

Actually, decorating the mall has been an ongoing affair since late October/early November. It began after Halloween when garland began appearing in the mall interior and court areas.

The 40-foot lighted tree was also completed by the first of November and has is loaded with Santa's little helpers. been on display in front of the mall ever

decorations - Santa's Secret Shop for chil- dren" is designed to do. dren 12 and under; Santa's Workshop, his trimming of Elf Village.

"We welcomed many Briarcliffe custom- much for Christmas.

ers to watch us decorate and I think it gave them a good feeling about what and how much goes into something of this magnitude," said Kim Fox, marketing director for the mall. "Media Day, A Mall Trimming Experience," was specifically set aside for everyone to see how it is done. It got everyone in the Christmas spirit."

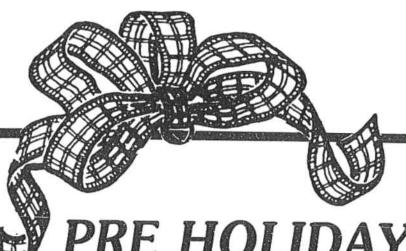
Fox said Santa's Secret Shop, a special area for children to shop without their parents, was completely decorated by Nov.

Santa's Workshop, the area that features Santa during the holidays, is in North Court near Belk. In addition to Santa himself, the area is trimmed with animated characters, elves and reindeer. It's also billed as the biggest workshop in South Carolina with more than 400 square feet designated to a single theme.

Elf Village near the cinemas in Cinema Court has also been completed. It is where "Christmas Is For Children" takes place and

It's only fitting that elves would be present because they are the ones that lend a Then came three of the most important helping hand just as "Christmas Is For Chil-

Gifts of a new toy, a new book or money home at the mall for the holidays and the can be donated, according to Fox, who says the promotion is for those that may not get



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