

OLDE FASHIONED CHRISTMAS AND WINTER FESTIVALS

Interactive- Types of Christmas Trees

Location: Anywhere in the Museum

Instructions: Show patrons/students the difference between fir trees, pine trees, and spruce trees using needle samples (found in xmas tree lots) and the information below

- **Fir:** Needles are flat, flexible, and friendly to the touch, and grow singly and upward on the branch. The undersides of the branches are flat (flat, friendly fir).
- **Pine:** Needles come in bundles, or packages and have a poky end. Bark smells like vanilla (pokey, packaged pine).
- **Spruce:** Needles grow individually on the branch and are stiff, square, and sharp to the touch (sharp, square spruce).



Find more info here: <http://blog.balsamhill.com/2011/11/evergreen-everlasting-the-differences-between-fir-spruce-and-pine/>