

Your Della Robbia Wreath

They have been called “the very image of holiday celebrating.” They are Boys Republic’s world-famous Della Robbia Christmas wreaths, distinctive, all-natural decorations that have been an important part of Christmas to families throughout the nation for over 85 years.

Hefty rings of Noble Fir boughs garnished with pine cones, seed pods and burrs and then highlighted with fresh apples and lemons give Della Robbia wreaths the look and smell of Christmas itself. Here are some of the natural materials adorning the Della Robbia:



Lotus Pods



Cotton Burrs



Plumoseum



Liquidambar



Rosette



Bottle Tree Pods



Flowering Eucalyptus



Teasel

The number, selection, and placement of cones and seedpods upon the Della Robbia Wreath may vary, each year, depending upon the availability of these natural materials.

Beginning each January, work parties of boys go into fields, forests and orchards to collect numerous varieties of seed pods, nuts, cones and other materials for use in the wreaths. Each sackful of materials is sorted, cleaned, drilled and stored to await the November/December wreath season. Altogether, an estimated three million individual pods and cones from as many as a dozen varieties of plants are prepared this way.

Hand-Made, Since 1923

Boys Republic’s founder, Mrs. Margaret Brewer Fowler, inspired the Della Robbia wreath program in 1923. Mrs. Fowler had the youngsters in her care make Christmas wreaths as a way for them to earn money for craft projects and to stay busy during the holidays. Within a few years, the wreaths became so popular that they became a source of self-help funding for the school as well.



Margaret B. Fowler

Della Robbia wreaths

are still hand-made, one-at-a-time, providing meaningful after-school and weekend jobs to hundreds of students throughout the year while giving Boys Republic and Girls Republic a significant source of self-generated income.



About Boys Republic . . .

Boys Republic is a private, non-profit, non-sectarian school and treatment center for troubled teenagers. Since its founding in 1907, it has guided more than 28,000 at-risk boys and girls to productive, fulfilling lives.

On its central school and farm in Chino Hills, California, and in residential and day treatment centers in other communities, Boys Republic and its companion program, Girls Republic, help children in desperate need find within themselves the resources and skills to begin meaningful lives on their own.

Founded on the principles of individual responsibility and self-respect, the nationally-regarded Boys Republic program gives its students a formal high school education, broad-based vocational training, extensive professional guidance and — very significantly — meaningful work that lets them learn the demands and enjoy the rewards of earning part of their own way.

The success of the Boys Republic and Girls Republic programs has been dramatic. Virtually all students accepted by the agency are vulnerable, troubled youngsters, the products of childhood abuse, abandonment and neglect. Yet, despite such troubled pasts, the vast majority go on to lead productive, often noted lives.

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Spectacular Decorations, Wonderful Gifts.

Della Robbia Wreaths make spectacular holiday decorations for home and office and wonderful gifts for family and friends. Colorful, fragrant and fresh, they feature lush noble fir boughs, succulent apples and lemons and a rich assortment of natural seed pods, pine cones and evergreen sprigs.



A Merry Christmas for You and Yours — A Second Chance for a Troubled Child

For all their natural beauty and traditional holiday charm, Della Robbia Wreaths are much more than just Christmas decorations. They represent growth, recovery and hope to more than 600 vulnerable boys and girls who each year receive shelter, guidance, education and support from Boys Republic and Girls Republic.

A Gift Within A Gift

When you buy a Della Robbia wreath from Boys Republic, or give one to a friend or associate, you also give troubled teens an opportunity to learn important work-related attitudes and skills.

Della Robbias are produced through a work experience program that teaches disadvantaged students the value of honest labor. From gathering, sorting and preparing seed pods to fastening them to wreath boughs and, finally, to shipping the finished Della Robbia, students experience the stress of adult responsibility.



Chad McQueen Chairs the 2011 Della Robbia Wreath Campaign

Actor, movie producer and automobile racer Chad McQueen has agreed to accept the role of this year's Honorary Della Robbia Wreath Campaign Chairman. As chairman, he will help to promote the Della Robbia program and its value as a work experience project for disadvantaged teenagers.

As an actor, Chad is perhaps best known for his role as "Dutch" in the movies *Karate Kid* (1984) and *Karate Kid, Part II* (1986). Though retired from auto racing, Chad started McQueen Racing LLC, a company which partners with leaders in the motorcycle and custom car industries to create limited edition high performance motorcycles and automobiles.

Chad continues a long tradition of McQueen family support to Boys Republic and Girls Republic. He most recently acted as the chairman and driving force behind the highly-successful Friends of Steve McQueen Car Show, a benefit event held at Boys Republic, each June.

Order now to assure delivery early in the Holiday Season!

Della Robbia wreath orders are processed and shipped in the order received until we are sold out.

An order blank and return envelope are enclosed for your convenience. Additional orders may be listed on a plain sheet of paper, but please be sure to include all of the same information — *especially your own name and telephone number.*

Call 1-800-833-7769 to Order

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Wreath Prices*

22" Diameter Della Robbia \$46.95

32" Diameter Della Robbia \$69.95

* **PRICES INCLUDE APPLICABLE TAXES, SHIPPING, AND HANDLING.**

* **Shipments outside of U.S. Continental limits must go Air Parcel Post or UPS at customer's expense.**

The story of Boys Republic and an informative brochure on the types of cones and pods used is shipped with each wreath. Also included is the name of the sender.

