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Students in the Natural Resources Technology (NRT) Shop at Lenape Technical High School have been spreading joy and holiday spirit this season.

NRT students used the skills they acquired from their shop class in order to make decorations and put together a Christmas display around their school grounds.

Included in the Christmas display are wooden snowmen figures, swags, and beautiful poinsettia arrangements.

But what are swags? For those who aren't sure, swags are arrangements made of pine tree branches using spruce and juniper. The students made a red wooden

Lenape Tech Students Use Shop Skills to Deck the Halls

sled and used it to display the swag.

Natural Resources Technology Instructor Steve Misera explained what the NRT shop does to give back to the community.

"We've been working with the swags for two years. This is new for (us to do) the poinsettias, but this year they did a great job with the poinsettias. Every year we do some work at the Crooked Creek's Environmental Learning Center, we help to do some clean up there," Misera Said.

Misera went on to explain what work went into making the swags.

"We were working with the (Kittanning Garden Club) to help do their heavy lifting for making these swags. One of the first things we did was to go out and pick up the Christmas trees that they had ordered from the nursery," Misera said.

"We sent students back up to help trim the branches off the Christmas Tree so they could use them to make the

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Lenape Students (from left to right) Abbey Laux, Morgan McFadden, Sonja Morhac, Matthew Kersten, and Chace Fisher posing with the swags and other Christmas decorations that they made and put on display.

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