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## A Christmas tea party at RumRiver Art Center

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Children were able to get their faces painted and dressed up for the fairie tea party at the RumRiver Art Center.

Photo submitted by RumRiver Art Center

The RumRiver Art Center, Anoka, celebrated the holiday season with a traditional English tea party.

The Fairie Tea Party, which is the traditional English spelling, was held the evening of Dec. 4.

Larry Weinberg, director of the RumRiver Art Center, said they had to cut off participation at 35 people, including children and adults. There was more interest, but he wanted to keep the numbers low since this was the first time the center has done this particular event. He hopes it can become an annual tradition.

Weinberg is always looking for creative ideas for new events.

“We want to be a resource for the community for different events that involve art and families,” he said.

Weinberg said the idea for the Fairie Tea Party came from Linda Lawrence, president of Artists Del Norte. This group regular meets at the RumRiver Art Center.

The participants drank tea out of fine china donated to the art center and dined on appetizers such as cucumber sandwiches. Kids were also able to get their face painted.

While the finest china was kept for future events, which will include a Mother’s Day tea party, Weinberg said there was another 10 to 15 boxes of lower-grade china that can be broken into small pieces for mosaic artwork. The guests at the Fairie Tea Party worked on mosaic artwork during the two-hour tea party on Dec. 4. In particular, they worked on polymer clay ornaments.

Loving Cup Teas, an Anoka business, provided the different tea blends for the 35 guests to sample.

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