

Where's the Weihnachtsgurke?

(vie-knocks-gur-ka)



Pickle Ornament Location Guide

NOTE: Please leave all of the pickles ornaments in place so other guests are able to find them during their visit.

TREE NUMBER	TREE NAME	BUILDING LOCATION	WHERE ON THE TREE
Big tree	Home for Christmas	Eli Lilly Hall, Main Level	back middle
5	That Ayres Look	Eli Lilly Hall, Main Level	middle left
20	Have a Holly Jolly Good Time!	Cole Porter Room, Main Level	top left
25	A Wooden Winter Wonderland	Mezzanine, Second Level	top right
37	Teamsters Holiday 'Union'-ty	Mezzanine, Second Level	bottom left
39	Invoking Kindness Because Mission Matters	Mezzanine, Second Level	middle right
48	Comet's Candy	Lanham Gallery, Fourth Level	top left
66	Music of the Season, Folded with Love	Stardust Terrace Café, Canal Level	middle right
70	Earth Day's Charlie Brown Tree	Stardust Terrace Café, Canal Level	bottom right
78	Rewilding Indiana	Multipurpose Room, Canal Level	bottom left

A Little Background on the Tradition

A glass pickle ornament is a German American tradition. Parents hide the ornament in the tree and the child to find it first wins good luck for the next year. Where does this come from? Legend has it that this is an old German tradition. This is a myth, first started in the 1880s by Department stores (Woolworth's was most likely the first) selling glass ornaments from Germany. In order to sell more ornaments, they perpetuated this myth.