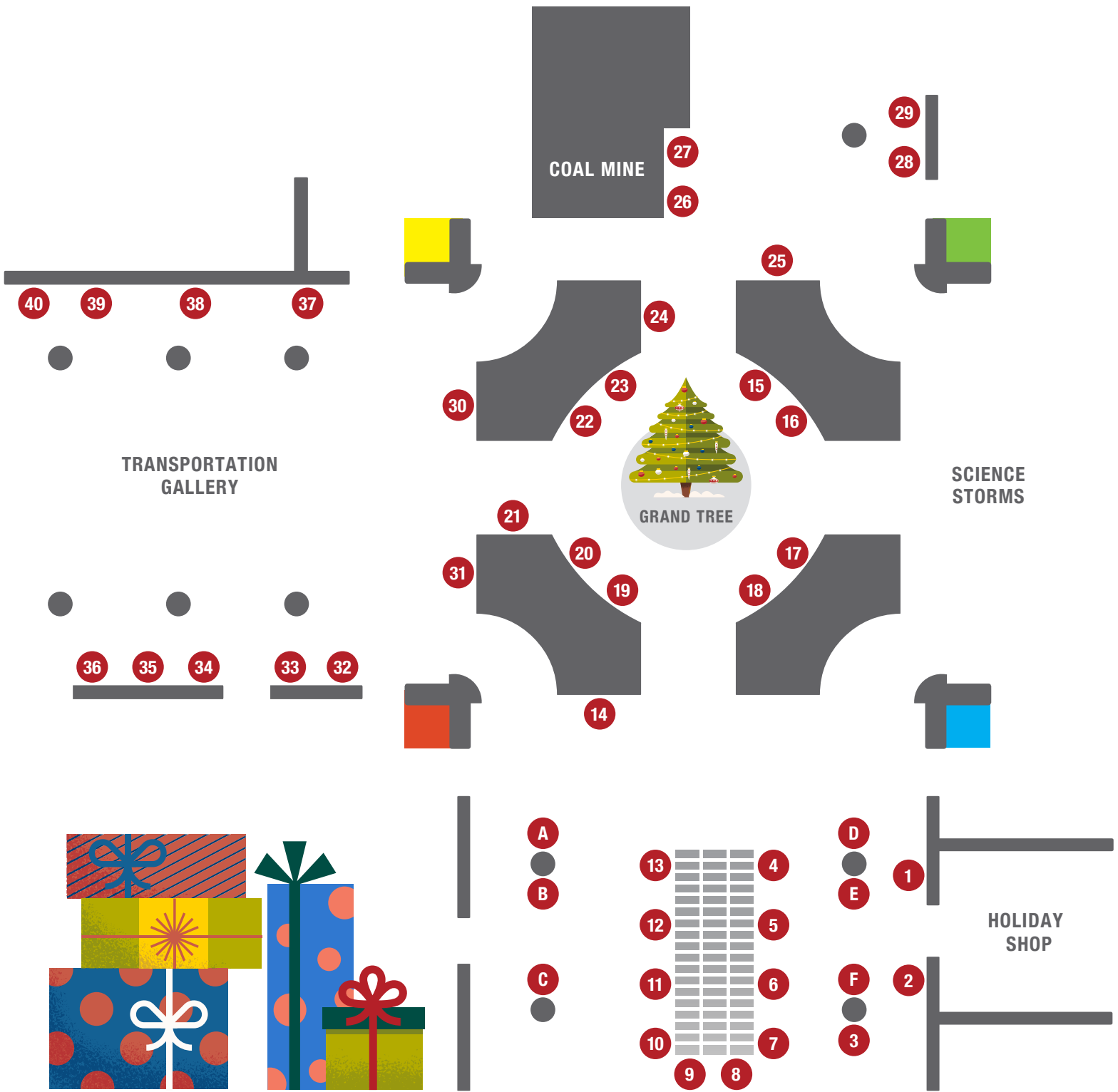


Holiday History

Christmas Around the World began in 1942 as a United Nations Day salute to the Allies during World War II. That first year, a single tree was redecorated each day for 12 days to honor the countries fighting alongside America. A tradition was born. Families and organizations from Chicago’s cultural communities were invited to MSI to decorate individual trees representing their holiday traditions. *Holidays of Light* joined the annual festivities in 1994, providing a multicultural display of holidays celebrating light and enlightenment.

Tree Map



Country Listing

1	Sweden	17	Bosnia and Herzegovina	33	Mexico
2	Romania	18	Italy	34	Belarus
3	Austria	19	Puerto Rico	35	Lithuania
4	Estonia	20	Czech Republic	36	Russia
5	Wales	21	Guatemala	37	Denmark
6	China	22	Philippines	38	Native America
7	Scotland	23	Hungary	39	Ecuador
8	Luxembourg	24	Slovakia	40	Assyria
9	Poland	25	Kenya	A	Kwanzaa
10	Norway	26	Slovenia	B	Lunar New Year
11	Belgium	27	Greece	C	Ramadan
12	SocialWorks	28	Ukraine	D	Diwali
13	Egypt	29	Switzerland	E	St. Lucia
14	Belize	30	Bulgaria	F	Hanukkah
15	USA	31	Ireland		
16	France	32	Germany		