



County of Prince Edward, Virginia

Christmas Tree Ornament for the Governor's Mansion

- A Juried Contest for County Artisans -

The Executive Mansion, home of Virginia's first family, has announced the 2015 Mansion Holiday Tree theme is "*Celebrating Virginia's Localities*". An invitation has been extended to every county, city and town in the Commonwealth to provide a handcrafted ornament for this tree.

All eligible artisans, 18 years of age and older, and a resident of Prince Edward County or a full-time "resident student" of Longwood University or Hampden-Sydney College, may submit a handcrafted ornament to the County for consideration. All submissions will be reviewed by a panel of local judges. The winning selection will be sent to the Governor's Mansion, where it will represent Prince Edward County on the 2015 Executive Mansion Christmas Tree.

Guidelines for creation of the ornament:

- The theme of the ornament is left to the discretion of the artisan; however, it should represent one or more unique feature(s) of Prince Edward County. For example:
 - High Bridge Trail State Park
 - Three state parks in PEC – all very different
 - History of the county
 - Tobacco and warehouses
 - Civil War history
 - Important Civil Rights Heritage
 - Moton Museum
 - Longwood University
 - Hampden-Sydney College
 - Bottom Line: What does Prince Edward mean to you?
- The size of the ornament shall be no larger than 6". Shape and material is at the discretion of the artisan, however the ornament must be handcrafted (following the 80/20 rule where 80% of the work is "touched" by the artist). Nuances of selection include: authenticity and quality workmanship.
- No purchased ornaments will be accepted.
- The ornament shall include the name of Prince Edward County, and after the winning selection is made, the artist will sign it as well.

The following is the criteria for submission:

- Artisans must be a resident of Prince Edward County or a resident student of Longwood University or Hampden-Sydney College.
- All submissions are due by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2015 at the Heartland Regional Visitor Center in Farmville. Judging will take place in early October and will be a triple process. The final selection will be presented to the Board of Supervisors at its October 13, 2015 meeting.
- Artisans may ship or hand-deliver their submissions, along with the completed Holiday Ornament Submission Form to the Heartland Regional Visitor Center at 121 East Third Street (across from Macado's) in Farmville. The Visitor Center is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Ornaments should be submitted in protected packaging to ensure their safety through the judging process.
- The County assumes no responsibility for ornaments damaged due to lack of proper packaging. Care will be taken with all submissions, but the County accepts no responsibility in the event of an accident.
- When ornaments arrive at the Visitor Center, they will be photographed with the attached Holiday Ornament Submission Form which will include complete contact information. Each submission will be assigned a number which will be used until the judging is complete. This way all submissions remain anonymous until after a final selection is made, at which point, the winning artist will be asked to sign their ornament prior to it being shipped to the Governor's Mansion.
- The winning ornament will remain with the Virginia Association of Counties to decorate future holiday trees, unless the artist would like the ornament returned to them. This must be stated on the Holiday Ornament Submission Form.
- Submissions not selected for the Executive Mansion will remain on display in the Visitor Center through the 2015 Holiday Season, after which, the artists may claim their ornaments for their own.

The mansion officially opens for the Holidays the evening of the Capitol Tree Lighting with an open house for the general public. This year, the date of that event is Friday, December 4, 2015. The tree will be available to view at that time as well as during tour hours throughout the Holidays.

The County of Prince Edward looks forward to your submissions. We encourage you to call Magi Van Eps at 434.392.1482 with any questions. Or email her at mvaneps@co.prince-edward.va.us.

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**OPPORTUNITY TO DECORATE THE 2015 GOVERNOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE
HOLIDAY ORNAMENT SUBMISSION FORM**

Application Deadline: 4:00 p.m. - Monday, September 28, 2015
Heartland Regional Visitor Center (across from Macado's)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Zip: _____

Artist Media: _____

Describe your ornament and how it best reflects the quality of life and attributes of Prince Edward

County: _____

Do you want your ornament returned to you? _____

Please be sure to include this Holiday Ornament Submission Form with your entry.

I agree to the terms and conditions of this opportunity as set forth in the details and conditions as outlined.

Signature

Date