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City Seeks Handmade Ornaments

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg is again partnering with the Arts Council of the Valley to seek local art.

The Virginia Municipal League (VML), of which Harrisonburg is a member, is collecting ornaments from Virginia cities and towns for the tree that is displayed in Virginia's Executive Mansion. This is the second year that the collection of ornaments has taken place.

From the local ornaments submitted, the city and the Arts Council will pick one to be sent to represent the city of Harrisonburg on the tree in the Executive Mansion. All other ornaments submitted will be displayed on the tree in the main lobby of City Hall.

Guidelines for ornament submission:

- Each participating locality is asked to submit one holiday ornament for the tree in the Executive Mansion. All other ornaments will become the property of the city for annual display on the Christmas tree.
- The preferred size of the ornament should be no larger than six inches in any dimension and the material used is up to the artist/artisan. Be mindful that the ornament is not too heavy to hang on the tree. The finished ornament should be sent along with the name of the locality and artist placed on the back of the ornament or on a tag hanging from the ornament.
- The artist/artisan should reside in or near the locality.
- No purchased ornaments.
- Deadline for submitting the ornament to the Arts Council of the Valley is **Wednesday, October 26**.
- Submissions can be sent to the Arts Council of the Valley by mail or in person to 311 S. Main St. Harrisonburg, VA 22801. The Arts Council of the Valley is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

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Last year, a handmade wooden bell (*pictured below*) that was crafted by Donald Voas was selected to go on display in the Executive Mansion.



All ornaments must be submitted to the Arts Council by Wednesday, October 26.

Questions? Contact Mary-Hope Vass, public information officer for Harrisonburg, at 540-432-7701 or by email at MaryHope.Vass@HarrisonburgVA.gov.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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