

AE/MS Students Create Ornaments For State Tree In DC

NH Dept. of Cultural Resources
press release

Andover artist Kristine Lane and students from Andover Elementary/Middle School have collaborated to create New Hampshire's official ornaments that will be featured at this year's National Christmas Tree Lighting event. The lighting took place on Thursday, December 1, on the Ellipse at Presidents Park in Washington, DC.

Kristi and the seventh- and eighth-grade students of AE/MS spent two days making the ornaments, which capture the essence of New Hampshire during the holiday season. Students used colored tissue paper mounted on clear acetate to create stained glass-like artwork of the Old Man of the Mountain, covered bridges, native wildlife, winter activities, and other images they felt best represented New Hampshire. Each is a one-of-a-kind creation.

One of the ornaments will be displayed on the White House Visitor Center Christmas tree, which showcases an ornament from each US state, territory, and the District of Columbia. The others will be hung from New Hampshire's tree as part of the National Christmas Tree display on the Ellipse.

Kristi, a metal artist who is a juried member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, described the students as "very talented artists. They were excited to work on this project, and the ornaments they crafted not only represent New Hampshire in winter, but also showcase our state's creativity and heart."

Images of the ornaments can be seen at NH.gov/nhculture.

In 1856, New Hampshire's Franklin Pierce, fourteenth president of the United States, became the first president to place a Christmas tree in the White House.

The National Christmas Tree Lighting began on Christmas Eve in 1923, when President Calvin Coolidge lit a Christmas tree in front of 3,000 spectators on the Ellipse. Since then, each succeeding

President has carried on the tradition of what has now become a month-long event presented by the National Park Foundation and National Park Service.

"The decorating of the state and territory trees in President's Park is a highly anticipated holiday tradition," said Neil Mulholland, president and CEO of the National Park Foundation. "We look forward to including New Hampshire's ornaments during the 89th annual celebration."

New Hampshire's Department of Cultural Resources includes the State Council on the Arts, the Film and Television Office, the Division of Historical Resources, the State Library and the Commission on Native American Affairs. The Department strives to nurture the cultural well-being of our state. From the covered bridges and traditional music of our past to the avant-garde performances and technological resources of today and tomorrow, New Hampshire's culture is as varied as its geography and its people. This strong cultural base—which truly has something for everyone—attracts businesses looking for engaged workforces, provides outstanding educational opportunities and creates communities worth living in. Learn more at NH.gov/nhculture.



Adrien Bolte, an eighth grade student at AE/MS, designed this Old Man of the Mountain ornament. Adrien said, "I was honored that AE/MS was chosen for this project. It was fun to stay after school and make ornaments." Photo: Charlie Darling

Photographers Wanted For Northern Exposures In 2012

By Larry Chase

Organizers of the third annual *Northern Exposures* photography exhibit, to be shown in Andover in 2012, are looking for local photographers who would like to share their work with the public. Beginners through professionals are welcome. The sole requirement is that photos should have been taken in the Andover area.

Sponsored by the trustees of Andover's libraries in 2010 and 2011, the exhibits have been shown in the Andover Village Library, East Andover's Bachelder Library, the Salisbury Free Library, and the Wilmot Public Library.

To participate, or for more information, contact Larry Chase at LBChase@aol.com, or 735-5021.

Muster Field Farm Museum Ice Harvest Day

Muster Field Farm press release

The Ice Harvest Day will be held at Horse Beach, Kezar Lake, North Sutton on Sunday, January 22, from 9 AM until the ice is in. Help cut ice blocks from the lake for delivery up to the Farm, where they are stored in the Watters Ice House for use at summer events. Enjoy homemade soups, snacks, and hot beverages in the farm's Ryder Corner School House. Pete Lauridsen and friends will display antique cars converted to snowmobiles at Horse Beach, and the Sutton Ridge-runners will stage an Ice Day ride-in for

all area snowmobilers. Free admission (donations appreciated). Rain date: January 29. Info and directions: 926-4276 or MusterFieldFarm.com.

Warm up beforehand at the annual pancake breakfast sponsored by the Sutton Historical Society, in North Sutton's Free Will Baptist Church, from 7 to 10 AM. They will be serving all you can eat pancakes, orange juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids. A \$1 discount if you come by snowmobile, x-c skis, or snowshoes. Rain date: January 29.

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Discussion of parking at the Irving gas station and locating replacement granite posts will be postponed until a future meeting. Grafton County should also be part of the granite marker project.

It was suggested that we consider shifting our priorities and spending to Franklin projects rather than a push to build the last nine miles. Alex proposed we allocate \$300 for Billy Hurd to repair the turntable, and this proposal was seconded and passed.

Maintenance: Cathie Lisk sent an email to interested parties to establish a maintenance committee. She received some responses and will proceed.

Signage: Charles noted that access to the trail is difficult in Franklin but his sign proposal for \$350 for signs in West Franklin might wait, given the possibil-

ity of parking behind the Irving gas station. Charles suggested a sign at Holy Cross Road to identify the current start/end of our trail. Action on signs is postponed until the spring.

Wednesday, December 14 pot luck supper is confirmed for 6:30 PM at The Highland Lake Inn. Pecco noted that organizing the food takes all the fun out of the event.

Offer of bike racks: Lindy will request three bike racks from the company that is considering the donation.

Plymouth State tourism project and other promotional ideas: Pecco discussed his work to build a network of innkeepers offering packages around the rail trail as well as another dinner event to help FNRT connect with the New London community. The rail trail has been adopted as part of New Hampshire Tourism.

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