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Call for ornaments for State Christmas Tree

Bismarck - The North Dakota Council on the Arts invites artists and crafts people to provide handmade ornaments for the North Dakota State Christmas Tree. The tree will be on display in the Memorial Hall of the State Capitol, and Governor Jack and First Lady Betsy Dalrymple will participate in a lighting of the tree ceremony. The tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted ornaments can vary from traditional to contemporary arts. Items that are commercially produced or made from kits are not eligible. This is a great art project for elementary classes, Scout troops, 4-H clubs, residents of assisted living center, as well as a great family project. This year's motif is snowmen ornaments, but ornaments can also be of any shape or medium of the designer's choosing.

Each ornament should include the name of the person entering it, and a brief one or two-line description of the ornament that includes the art form used and the special circumstances through which it was created, such as a class or senior center project. A descriptive listing will be available at the ceremony and will be mailed to everyone who submits an ornament.

Ornaments must be received in the NDCA office no later than Thursday, November 10, 2016. The ornaments become the property of the NDCA, and may be hung on the state tree in ensuing years. Mail ornaments to: NDCA, 1600 E. Century Ave., Suite 6, Bismarck, ND 58503-0649.

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