

# **Capitol Holiday Tree 2004 – Ornament Contest**

## **Contest Deadline: Thursday, September 30 at 5:00 p.m.**

**A contest is underway to find a single ornament, representative of Highland County, to travel throughout Virginia with the Capitol Holiday Tree 2004.\* The contest is open to Highland County organizations, clubs, children and adult individuals.**

**The ornament will be displayed in 34 communities on its way to Washington, D.C.**

**Artists and/or crafters from outside Highland County will judge the ornaments on Monday, October 4.**

### **Criteria for the Capitol Holiday Tree Ornaments**

- Reflect aspects of Highland County's character or cultural heritage (i.e., maple syrup production, sheep, cattle, agriculture, wildlife, birds, Civil War heritage).
- Use lightweight, durable, water-resistant materials (ornaments will be exhibited on a tree located in an outdoor environment for approximately 3 weeks).
- Be 9 to 12 inches in size, and have 12-15 inch heavy gauge (14, 16 or 18 gauge) wire attached for hanging from the tree.
- Use reflective, colorful materials, avoiding dark, dull surfaces.
- Use three-dimensional effects for best viewing from all sides.
- Use a large, easy-to-view design (the Capitol Holiday Tree is approximately 65 feet tall).
- Include the creator's name and city on the ornament itself.
- Be accompanied by a label that includes the contestant's name, address, and telephone number (this label should be attached to the wire hanger in such a way that it will not fall off easily, and yet can be removed before it leaves for Washington, D.C).

\* All ornaments submitted for the contest will travel to Washington, D.C. to be displayed on the Capitol Holiday Tree; however, only the contest winner will be displayed along with the tree as it travels to the Nation's Capitol. Note: ornaments cannot be returned but will be given to Washington, D.C. school children as gifts from Virginia citizens.

**Deliver the ornaments to the  
Highland County Chamber of Commerce  
in The Highland Center on Spruce Street, Monterey  
not later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 30**

**Call (540) 468-2550 with inquiries**