

Frequently Asked Questions:

What are the general rules?

- Decorate the building's interior.
- Exterior decorations are encouraged.
- Artificial trees are permitted. Unlit artificial museum trees are available.
- Live greens (not trees) are OK if periodically checked for freshness.
- DO NOT use nails, tacks, hooks, or tape on any surface.
- DO NOT use real candles. Battery-operated or electric candles are permitted; museum staff will not turn decorations on or off.
- Permission must be obtained from museum staff before removing or covering any museum items in your selected building.
- The Museum is not responsible for damaged or lost articles installed by contestants.
- Once your building is complete, you will not need to return until decorations are removed in early January

What is the timeline for registering and decorating?

- Contest registration is open now and will continue until all buildings have been selected.
- Decorating can be done anytime between November 1st through November 23rd during regular business hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Decorating must be completed by close of business November 23rd.
- Decorating teams are responsible for removing all decorations between January 6th and January 17th.

Are prizes awarded?

- Cash prizes will be awarded to the three teams with the most votes.
- Decorating teams increase their chances of winning by encouraging family, friends, and supporters to purchase ballots and vote for them.
- Voting ballots may be purchased at the museum or on-line November 28 through December 13.
- Winners will be announced at a reception tentatively scheduled for the evening of December 16th.

Is there an application fee?

- There is no application fee.

How can I register?

- To enter the contest, complete the registration form on the museum website: [Village-Decor-Registration-Form-2026.pdf](#)
- Buildings are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Please indicate your 1st and 2nd building choices on the form.

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