



A FARMER'S CHRISTMAS

2026 Village Decorating Contest



**“Red, White & Blue Holiday Traditions
250 Years of American Christmases.”**

This year's decorating contest invites participants to create a patriotic vintage Christmas display inspired by 250 years of American holiday traditions.

Decorating Suggestions:

- Create a Period-Specific Display: Colonial era, Victorian era, Depression/WWII, Post-War, Mid-century Modern, Wild West, etc.
- Tree Decoration: Use small red, white, and blue bottle-brush trees on tables, or decorate a tree with red, white, and blue garland and vintage ornaments for a classic Americana look.
- Americana Elements: Incorporate old books, wooden crates, and antique toys like vintage airplanes or trains. Use old pop bottles and tins for table centerpieces.
- DIY Projects: Create a rustic red, white, and blue wreath with wooden stars, red, white and blue gift-wrapped packages or feature a patriotic nutcracker.
- Festive Textiles: Use red and white check tablecloths with blue dishes. Use flannel, denim, and burlap fabrics.
- Patriotic Displays: Gather vintage finds such as aged flags, old photos, and patriotic books.
- Ornaments & Decor: Incorporate patriotic-themed ornaments, clothing, hats, boots, gear, ID tags etc., along with patriotic symbols like the Statue of Liberty or Mount Rushmore.
- Vintage Posters: Use vintage holiday military recruitment posters or product ads.
- Have fun with it!