



**2007 US Capitol Christmas Tree  
VERMONT – “Bringing an Old Fashioned  
Holiday to the Nation”**

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**Call to Vermont Community:  
Ornaments for Capitol Christmas Tree Still Needed**

As many are trying to figure out what halloween costume they would like to wear at the end of the month, the US Capitol Christmas Tree Committee is thinking Christmas! The Capitol Christmas Tree Committee is still looking to Vermont to help provide ornaments for the US Capitol Christmas Tree going to Washington, D.C. this holiday. Vermont community members, artisans, and students are all welcomed to make their own unique ornament to be hung on the 60' Capitol Tree. Approximately 4,500 large ornaments are needed and many have already been made by members of the community and students. We still need your help.

This year Vermont has selected the theme: Bringing an Old Fashioned Holiday to the Nation, therefore the ornaments need to reflect the spirit of an old fashioned, New England Christmas. There are specific requirements for the ornaments, for example size, material, and theme, so we recommend you view the criteria on the website [www.capitolchristmastree2007.org](http://www.capitolchristmastree2007.org). Those who submit an ornament will be entered into a drawing to attend a free trip to the Tree Lighting in Washington. We hope that everyone in Vermont will be represented in Washington, D.C. with his or her own unique ornament.

Vermont is very happy and honored to be the provider of the 2007 US Capitol Christmas tree in Washington this year. The tree is a balsam fir coming from Bennington County and more specifically from the Green Mountain National Forest. This will be the fourth time Vermont has provided a tree to Washington, DC. Vermont will also be providing about 70 smaller companion trees to give to various dignitaries in Washington and to give out along the caravan route from Vermont to DC.

Vermont takes great pride in its cultural heritage and a large component of that is made up of the state's artisans, craftspeople and community at large. We feel that Vermont treasures and holds on to the “Old-fashioned holiday” and we can certainly represent that effectively with your help.

All ornaments need to be submitted to the designated locations, which are listed on the website, by October 30, 2007 and will not be returned to the maker. Please visit the project website [www.capitolchristmastree2007.org](http://www.capitolchristmastree2007.org) for all information regarding the ornaments campaign, the tree and other events planned in conjunction with this project. You can also call 802-747-7900 if you have questions on the ornaments or need an ornament packet of information.

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Editor note: High resolution photos available.