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Dear Artist/Crafter:

Heartfelt & Handmade Ornament Competition

Hello from Friends of the Muscatine Art Center! The Friends organization is a non-profit that financially supports educational programs at the Muscatine Art Center. The "Heartfelt & Handmade" Ornament Competition is one of three annual events that helps Friends reach its annual fundraising goal of \$30,000.

We are asking artists, crafters, and craftsmen to participate in this year's Ornament Competition. Your donation of handmade ornaments and holiday decorations will be exhibited at the Muscatine Art Center and sold to raise funds for the cause.

A panel of judges will award prizes with first place receiving \$100, second receiving \$50, and third receiving \$25. Through public voting, a People's Choice Award of \$100 will also be given. Material(s) of your choice may be used so long as the contributing individual crafted the ornament or decorative item. All ornaments will be exhibited in showcases near the Muscatine Art Center's front desk from November 7th through December 6th.

Sales of ornaments will begin on Saturday, December 7th as part of a new event, the Heartfelt & Handmade Family Festival & Market. Admission to the event is free of charge. During the 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. event, visitors will enjoy a crafters' market, art projects for kids, the opportunity to visit with Santa, and a free-will donation hot chocolate bar.

In addition, the Friends organization is seeking vendors for the Market. Booths will be set up in the Music Room, historic house, and the hallway near the Stanley Gallery. Space is limited to 12 vendors, and payment of a \$30 fee is needed to secure space. Crafters, artists, bakers, florists, and other types of vendors are needed.

All ornaments/decorations must be received by the Muscatine Art Center no later than 4:30 p.m. on November 1st. Artists/crafters may donate up to 10 items. Please call Melanie Alexander at 563-263-8282 or email malexander@muscatineiowa.gov for more details and/or to let us know you plan to participate. A response by October 20th would help with our planning.

Thanks for your consideration!

Melanie Alexander
Director, Muscatine Art Center

Name/Business _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

YES, I plan to complete _____ (# of items) and deliver them on or before November 1st.

Description of item(s): _____

My ornament should be sold at this price point: (Circle one) \$5 - \$10 - \$15 - \$25 - \$40 - Other: \$ _____

Please submit this form when you deliver your ornament. Deadline for delivery is November 1, 2024.