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WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA 23185

December 16, 1975

Miss Fran Paris Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford c/o The White House Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Fran:

I just wanted to drop you a note and thank you for sending me the negatives of those "decorating the White House" pictures for use in the <u>CW News</u>. Although I'm far from being professional, I'll send you a copy of this issue when it is printed so you can see how it turned out.

I was hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you this week, but some complications set in and I was unable to come to the White House. I would like to extend an invitation to you, however. If you ever find yourself anywhere near Williamsburg, please call me and we'll have lunch or dinner or whatever. My telephone number at work is, of course, (804) 229-1000, extension 2435. At home it's 887-5805.

Take care of yourself, have an enjoyable Christmas Season, and again, thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

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Janice Register Editor, CW News

Enclosure

### **Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection**

Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

November 28, 1975

To: Miss Fran Paris Mr. Rex Scouten

From: Beatrix T. Rumford

Re: Information on Tape of Christmas Music Supplied by AARFAC

Since very little commercially-recorded Christmas music is authentic enough for use in the museum's galleries, the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection recently enlisted local performers so we could produce our own tape of 23 traditional 19th century American songs and carols. A list of music and performers will follow.

All of this Christmas music is known to have been written, sung, played or enjoyed by everyday Americans living in rural areas, villages, and towns during the 19th century. The people who sang this Christmas music were also the people who created, commissioned, or enjoyed the children's toys and non-academic portraits from Mrs. Rockefeller's collection on view in the Blue Room at the White House during the holiday season.

Grouped by performers, the songs chosen are:

York High School -- Choral group, unaccompanied.

Oh Little Town of Bethlehem. American 1838 (Hymnal #181) Jesus Jesus Rest Your Head. Appalachian folk song. (Neil A. Kjos Music Co., 1962) I Wonder As I Wander. Appalachian folk song. (Copyright 1941. G. Schirmer, Inc.) Here We Come A-Wassailing. English traditional carol. We Three Kings. American. (Hopkins. 1857 Hymnal #194)

Williamsburg Madrigal Singers -- Acappella.

A Virgin Unspotted. English carol. American music by Billings. (Late 18th century.) The Shepherd's Carol. Billings Boston. Billings. If Angels Sang. Billings. While Shepherds Watched. Read.

Ann Rowe -- Acappella.

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow. Spiritual. Poor Little Jesus Boy. Spiritual.

#### Instrumentalists.

Simple Gifts. Shaker hymn. (James Moore and John Turner, two violins.) Christ Born in Bethlehem. Hymn found in Virginia. (James Moore and John Turner, guitar and fiddle.) Babe of Bethlehem. Hymn. (John Turner, fiddle.) Christ the Lord Most Glorious. Hymn. (Tom Marshall, harmonium.) Away In a Manger. Hymn. (Tom Marshall, harmonium.) God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen. English traditional carol. (Tom Marshall and Charles Hardin, harmonium and recorder.) Christmas Is Coming. English traditional Christmas song, with American tune.

(Tom Marshall and Charles Hardin, recorder and recorder.)

Donna Forbes -- Accompanied by husband, David Forbes, on guitar.

Cherry Tree Carol. Applachian carol. Lulle, Lullaby. Appalachian carol. Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head. Appalachian folk song. Jesus the Christ is Born. Folk carol.

> Beatrix T. Rumford Director

### ABBY ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER FOLK ART COLLECTION

Items from the permanent collection to be loaned to The White House for display in public rooms during Christmas season, 1975.

		Object Acc	ession Number	Measurements (inches)	
I.					
		Dentzel Giraffe Dentzel Horse Dare Camel	69.703.7 69.703.6 67.703.1	OH: 74 1/2 OL: 50 1/2 OW: 17 OH including base: 60 OL: 53 OW: 11 1/2 OH including base: 55 OL: 61 OW: 12	
II.	Por	traits			
	1.	Girl Seated on Bench Attr. to William Prior	31.100.6	26 x 22	
	2	Girl in Landscape	35.100.3	44 3/4 x 31 7/8	
		Brother in Landscape	35.100.4	44 3/4 x 31 7/8	
	4.		31.100.3	43 3/4 x 29 1/2	
	5.	-	36.100.8	33 1/2 x 27	
	6.	·	36.100.14	31 x 25 3/8	
	7.	William Howard Smith By Joseph Whiting Stock	41.100.8	52 1/4 x 25 7/8	
	8.	Rosa Heywood	57.100.3	44 x 29	
	9.		57.100.5	29 x 36	
		Girl with Doll	57.100.4	28 1/2 x 34 1/4	
	11.	The Brown Children Attr. to Joseph Badger	57.100.15	41 1/8 x 49 3/4	
111.	Toys	5			
	1.	Train (5)	59.1200.20	Engine-OH: 16 1/2 OL: 31 1/2 OW: 8 Coal Car-OH: 9 OL: 20 OW: 9 Open Car-OH: 10 OL: 20 OW: 8 Closed Car-OH: 11 OL: 23 OW: 8 Caboose-OH: 12 1/2 OL: 12 1/2 OW: 7 1/2	
	2.	Dolls (4)	x.59.74 59.1200.66 G1971.1736 59.1200.68	OH: 28 OH: 28 OH: 31 1/2 OH: 15	
-	3.	Tea Set Pewter (14)	x.61.2	5 saucers: H: 1/2 D: 2 3/4 1 bowl: H: 1 D: 3 3 cups: H: 1 3/8 D 2 3/8	

3.	Tea Set (continued)	x.61.2	3 teapots and lids: H: 3 3/4 (2) W: 4 1/4 H: 3 1/2 (1) W: 4 1/4 1 pitcher: H: 2 1/2 W: 3 1/4 1 sugar bowl with lid: H: 3 D 1 3/4
۸	Pewter spoons (3)	x.61.1	H: 4
	White Doll's Luncheon		
5.	Colth with Red Trim		
	and Matching Napkins (11)	x 71.1	OL: 30 OW 26 with OL: 6 OW: 6 fringe
ć	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	G1971-782	OH: 15 1/4 OL: 36 1/2 OW: 12
6.	ROCKING HOISES (2)	60.1200.15	OH: 21 1/2 OL: 47 OW: 10 1/2
-		eproductions	OL: 27
7.	Whips (2) R	eproducerons	OL: 25
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8.		C1071 F14	OH: 19 1/4 OW: 20 OL: 9 1/4
	Wicker Settee	G1971-514	OH: 26 3/4 OW: 10 3/4 OL: 9 1/4
	Wooden Chair		
	Wooden Settee		OH: 27 1/2 OW: 21 OL: 10
	Wooden Table		OH: 19 1/2 OW: 24 3/4 OL: 11 1/2
	Cradle	G 1971-777	OH: 12 1/2 OW: 12 1/2 OL: 27 1/2
		Reproduction	OH: 8 1/2 OW: 10 1/2 OL: 18 1/2
	Baskets (2) F	Reproduction	OH: 9 OW: 9 OL: 13
9.		59.1200.72a	OH: 15
		59.1200.72b	OH: 15

IV. Weathervane

1. Leaping Deer

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OH: 25 1/2 OL: 31 3/4 OW: 3 3/4 (including base)

white House Trae

Outside Group and Institutional Participation:

Cazenovia Garden Club c/o Mrs. Ellen Bogardus 3169 Oran-Delphi Road Manlius, New York 13104

Mrs. Peterson Eastern State Hospital Dunbar Farms Williamsburg, VA 23185

popcorn and red peppers strings

Friends of Mansfield Public Library c/o Mrs. J. Edward Taylor 64 College Avenue Mansfield, PA 16933

23 ornaments

Girl Scout Troop #339

Cazenovia, New York 13035

22 felt and cloth ornaments

Lincklaen Service Unit of the Central New York Girl Scout Council c/o Mrs. Ellen Bogardus 3169 Oran-Delphi Road Manlius, New York 13104

Charlotte Frye, Director of Volunteers Michele DeHart, Director of Patient Recreation Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center 1275 York Avenue New York, New York 10021

quilt applique adaptations in felt

Owagena 4-H Club c/o Mrs. Karl Ammann Temperance Hill Road Cazenovia, New York 13035

12 burr trees

Elizabeth S. Wright Dorothy N. Duke Patrick Henry High School Ashland, VA 23005

60 clay painted ornaments

Pompey Hollow Porcupines (4-H) c/o Mrs. Robert Vanderpool Bethel Hill Road Cazenovia, New York 13035

13 yarn dolls

Pompey Hollow Peaches (4-H) c/o Mrs. Wallace Roher Oran-Delphi Road, R.D. 2 Manlius, New York 13104

12 material braided wreaths, 24 blown eggs painted and in macrame cases, 24 pine cone/ milkweek pod angels

Public School #54 c/o Mrs. Carole Teller 195 Sandford Street Brooklyn, New York 11205

Pompey Republican Women's Group c/o Mrs. Ellen Bogardus 3169 Oran-Delphi Road Manlius, New York 13104

11 elephants, 4 pine cone wreaths, 1 Teddy bear, 6 snowmen, 3 stockings 1 crocheted snowman, 1 crocheted bell, 1 Santa head, 1 crocheted Xmas tree

#### Outside Group Participation

Dr. Carolyn Bogardus, Director Health and Related Services State University of Buffalo 19 Diefendorf Annes Buffalo, New York 14214

The Gingerbread Men Club c/o Mrs. Charles Thwaite, III 341 Pine Forest Road, N. E. Atlanta, GA 30342

12 sandpaper gingerbread men

Walsingham Academy Tower School Art Classes Jamestown Road Williamsburg, VA 23185

12 stuffed ornaments, 3 walnut head ornaments, 1 God's eye

Williamsburg Garden Club c/o Mrs. Bobby Thorpe Charlton House Williamsburg, VA 23185

flower arrangements in baskets

Williamsburg Girl Scout Troop, #328 c/o Mrs. Marlene Simmons 105 Bowstring Drive Williamsburg, VA 23185

18 pairs of yarn dollies, 9 corn husk dolls, 11 stuffed animals

"The Workbasket" 1406 3rd Avenue Spring Lake, New Jersey 07762

needlepoint ornaments

Mrs. Richard Ekins 8915 - 26th Ave. NE Seattle, Wash. 98115

pine cone, as and dollars and starfish



Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection Drawer C Williamsburg, Virginia 23185



Thanksgiving, please see daily listing. WHERE TO SHOP HISTORIC AREA — Jeweler & Engraver, Geddy Silversmith, Prentis Store and Raleigh Bakery, 9 to 5. Tarpley's Store, 9 to 5 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday; 9 to 8 Thursday, Friday and Saturday. CRAFT HOUSE - for approved Williamsburg Reproductions, unusual gifts and distinctive souvenirs. Open Monday, 9 - 5; Tuesday through Saturday, 9 - 9; Sunday, 11 - 9.

GIFT SHOPS - in lobbies of Williamsburg Inn, Lodge, Motor House Cafeteria, Cascades Restaurant, Merchants Square, and Shopping Centers; Sport Shop in Golf Course Clubhouse.

#### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - Jewish, 7:30 P. M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 — Catholic, 7 P. M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 — Baptist 11; Catholic, 7:30, 9, 10:30, 12; Christian Science, 11; Church of Christ, 11, 7 P. M.; Episcopal, 8, 9:30, 11, 5:30 P. M.; Lutheran, 8:30, 11; Christian, 11, 7:30 P. M.; Disciples of Christ, 11; Methodist, 8:30, 11; Mormon, 10:30 A. M., Noon; Nazarene, 11, 6:30 P. M.; Orthodox Presbyterian, 9:15 A. M., 7:30 P. M.; Pentecostal Holiness, 11, 7:30 P. M.; Presbyterian, 9:30, 11; Unitarian, 11.

CAMPBELL'S TAVERN \* - Luncheon, 12 to 2:30; dinner from 5:30. Strolling musicians during lunch on weekdays. ter, 7 A. M. to 8 P. M.

MOTOR HOUSE CAFETERIA - At Information Cen-

GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE GRILL - Light lunch, 11 A. M. until 4 P. M. Cocktails and light refresh-

ments in the lounge, II A. M. until dusk.

call 229-2141 between 9 A. M. and 9 P. M. For

\* Dinner reservations are usually required. Please

KING'S ARMS TAVERN \* - Luncheon, 12 to 2:30; dinner from 5:30.

11:30 to 4:30. Dinner from 5:30, cocktails from 5:00 with entertainment by costumed musicians. Dinner served in the garden without reservations, weather permitting.

featuring Family Virginia Dinner nightly. Coffee Shop daily 7 A. M. to 10 P. M. Garden Lounge for cocktails and refreshments, 11 A. M. to Midnight, entertainment nightly, 9 to 11:30 P. M. CHOWNING'S TAVERN \* - Luncheon and cocktails

A. M.; luncheon, 12 to 2; dinner, 6:30 to 9:30 P. M. with entertainment during dinner. Dancing Friday and Saturday, 9 to 11:30 P. M. Regency Cocktail Lounge, 11:30 A. M. to 11 P. M. Entertainment in the Lounge 5 P. M. to II P. M. WILLIAMSBURG LODGE – Breakfast, 7:30 to 10 A. M.; luncheon, 12 to 2; dinner, 5:30 to 8:15 P. M.

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#### WHERE TO DINE (Admission Ticket not required.) THE CASCADES \* - Breakfast, 7:30 to 10 A. M.;

## **SATURDAY - NOVEMBER 29**

CASCADES HUNT BREAKFAST — a hearty meal served

7:30 to 10 A. M. The Cascades Restaurant. in the tradition of the Chesapeake Bay Country,

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INFORMATION CENTER ( The Cooper's Craft, show-

the Williamsburg Baptist Church, Richmond Road.

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in the tradition of the Chesapeake Bay Country,

HOW TO SEE

Williamsburg

THIS WEEK

November 24 - November 30, 1975

The Palace

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THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 27

Noon to 8:15 P. M., without reservations.

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6 P. M. Call 229-2141 for reservations. The Cas-CASCADES BUFFET SUPPER — a sumptuous table, \$2, children \$1.

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**TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 25** 

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SEVEN-DAY TICKET: Adults \$10, children (6-12) \$7.

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CAPITOL BY CANDLELIGHT  $\widehat{\mathbb{T}}$  8 to 10 P. M. An evening tour of the Capitol.

BRUTON BY CANDLELIGHT - Harpsichord recital in the historic church by James Darling, 8 P. M. Church opens at 7:30 P. M.

MUSIC FOR DANCING — The Cascades, 9 P. M. to Midnight; Williamsburg Inn, 9 to 11:30 P. M. in the Regency Room.

SUNDAY BRUNCH - a festive buffet. The Cascades Restaurant, 8:30 A. M. to 3 P. M.

INFORMATION CENTER (T) A Williamsburg Sampler, showing the richness of detail of colonial life. Films start at 7, and 8 P. M. Seating limited to 250.

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CASCADES BUFFET SUPPER - a sumptuous table, 6 P. M. Call 229-2141 for reservations. The Cascades Restaurant.

MUSICAL MEMORIES — featuring Cecil Houck, ban-joist, Williamsburg Lodge during the dinner hour.

#### ART EXHIBITIONS

ABBY ALDRICH ROCKEFELLER FOLK ART COLLEC-. TION - Sheldon Peck Show - American Historical Decorated Stoneware. Open daily and Sunday Noon to 8 P. M.

TWENTIETH CENTURY GALLERY - Paintings by Roy Woodall. Open Tuesday through Friday, Noon to 5 P. M. Merchants Square.





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### HOURS OF OPERATION

INFORMATION CENTER - 8:30 A. M. to 10 P. M. daily, 9 P. M. Sunday. Admission Ticket may be purchased here.

WILLIAMSBURG — THE STORY OF A PATRIOT (7) is shown daily at The Information Center 8:45 A. M. to 6:05 P. M.

COLONIAL HOMES, SHOPS AND EXHIBITION BUILDINGS T Open daily 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

JAMES ANDERSON HOUSE T Archaeological exhibit. Open daily 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

BUS SERVICE (1) 71/2 minute schedule from Information Center to Historic Area. Buses also operate in the Historic Area from 8:50 A. M. to 10:15 P. M. Buses operate on a 15 minute schedule after 5:30 P. M. Show driver Admission Ticket.

VISITOR SERVICE DESK - At the Information Cen-Reservations for accommodations at Wilter. liamsburg Inn, Lodge and The Motor House and dining in Colonial Williamsburg Restaurants.

VIRGINIA TRAVEL DESK - Information on Jamestown, Jamestown Festival Park, Yorktown, Berkeley and Shirley Plantations and other attractions is available, 8:30 A. M. to 5 P. M., at the Information Center.

SERVICE STATION - at Information Center, daily 8 A. M. to 8 P. M., and throughout the community. VIRGINIA'S BURIED TREASURE - Exhibit of artifacts

from ancient ages. Wren Building, north entrance. Monday through Friday, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

#### WILLIAMSBURG TOURS

CARRIAGE AND WACCON RIDES T a leisurely drive through the Historic Area by reservation on day of ride. Tickets at Courthouse of 1770. Carriage \$1.50, Waggon \$1, 9:30 A. M. to 3:40 P. M.

LANTHORN TOUR T of selected Craft Shops, Court-house of 1770, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:30 P. M. Tickets available at Information Center, \$2. Limited to 20.

### CARTER'S GROVE PLANTATION

This historic mansion called by Samuel Chamberlain "the most beautiful house in America," is open daily 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. It is located six miles east of Williamsburg on Route 60. Admis-sion, adults \$2, children \$1, children under 6 free.

# EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN WILLIAMSBURG

#### MONDAY - NOVEMBER 24

CASCADES HUNT BREAKFAST - a hearty meal served in the tradition of the Chesapeake Bay Country, 7:30 to 10 A. M. The Cascades Restaurant.

INFORMATION CENTER T The Gunsmith of Williamsburg, documenting the handcrafting of a rifle of the eighteenth century. Films start at 6:30, 7:40

and 8:50 P. M. Seating limited to 250.

WILLIAMSBURG THEATRE - Monty Python and the Holy Grail, starring Graham Chapman and Terry Gilliam. Rated PG. Shows at 7 and 9 P. M. Adults

\$2, children \$1.

CASCADES BUFFET SUPPER - a sumptuous table, 6 P. M. Call 229-2141 for reservations. The Cascades Restaurant.

#### **TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 25**

CASCADES HUNT BREAKFAST - a hearty meal served in the tradition of the Chesapeake Bay Country, 7:30 to 10 A. M. The Cascades Restaurant.

INFORMATION CENTER T English Silver — A Re-flection of Eighteenth Century Elegance, slidecommentary by John Davis, at 8:30 P. M. Seating limited to 250.

WILLIAMSBURG THEATRE — Monty Python and the Holy Grail, starring Graham Chapman and Terry Gilliam. Rated PG. Shows at 7 and 9 P. M. Adults \$2, children \$1.

VIRGINIA SEAFOOD DINNER - fresh from coastal waters. The Cascades Restaurant, 6 to 9 P. M. For reservations call 229-2141.

BRUTON BY CANDLELIGHT - Organ recital in the historic church, 8 P. M. Church opens at 7:30 P. M. OPERATIC HIGHLIGHTS - Presented by the William and Mary Concert Series, Phi Beta Kappa Hall, 8:15 P. M. Admission \$4.

#### WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 26

CASCADES HUNT BREAKFAST - a hearty meal served in the tradition of the Chesapeake Bay Country, 7:30 to 10 A. M. The Cascades Restaurant.

INFORMATION CENTER (T) Basketmaking in Colonial Virginia, artful creation of useful items. Films start at 7, 8 and 9 P. M. Seating limited to 250.

WILLIAMSBURG THEATRE — Return Of The Pink Panther, starring Peter Sellers and Christopher Plummer. Rated PG. Shows at 7 and 9 P. M. Adults \$2, children \$1.

VIRGINIA SEAFOOD DINNER - fresh from coastal waters. The Cascades Restaurant, 6 to 9 P. M. For reservations call 229-2141.

the Williamsburg Baptist Church, Richmond Road. TT A. M. Other entrees available.

THANKSGIVING DINNER - will be served by ad-Room) and The Cascades. The Lodge Dining Room and Coffee Shop will serve their usual Noon to 8:15 P. M., without reservations.

INFORMATION CENTER T The Cooper's Craft, showing the development of a barrel, from the forest to the artisan's hallmark. Films start at 7, 8 and 9 P. M. Seating limited to 250.

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CANDLELIGHT CONCERT (1) at Governor's Palace, Charles Hardin and his Musicians, 8:00 and 9:30 P. M. Palace opens at 7:30 P. M.

#### FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 28

CASCADES HUNT BREAKFAST - a hearty meal served in the tradition of the Chesapeake Bay Country, 7:30 to 10 A. M. The Cascades Restaurant.

INFORMATION CENTER (T) Williamsburg - Its History, Houses and Horticulture, slide-commentary by Mrs. David Holmes, at 8:30 P. M. Seating limited to 250.

WILLIAMSBURG THEATRE — Return Of The Pink Panther, starring Peter Sellers and Christopher Plummer. Rated PG. Shows at 7 and 9 P. M. Adults \$2. children \$1.

CHESAPEAKE BAY FEAST - a delicious meal of favorites from the sea, 5:30 to 8:15 P. M. Williams-burg Lodge. Reservations are not required.

COLONIAL MUSIC AT THE CAPITOL () Featuring Balladeer Tayler Vrooman and Madrigal Singers, 8 and 9:15 P. M. Tickets at Information Center; \$2. Limited to 130.

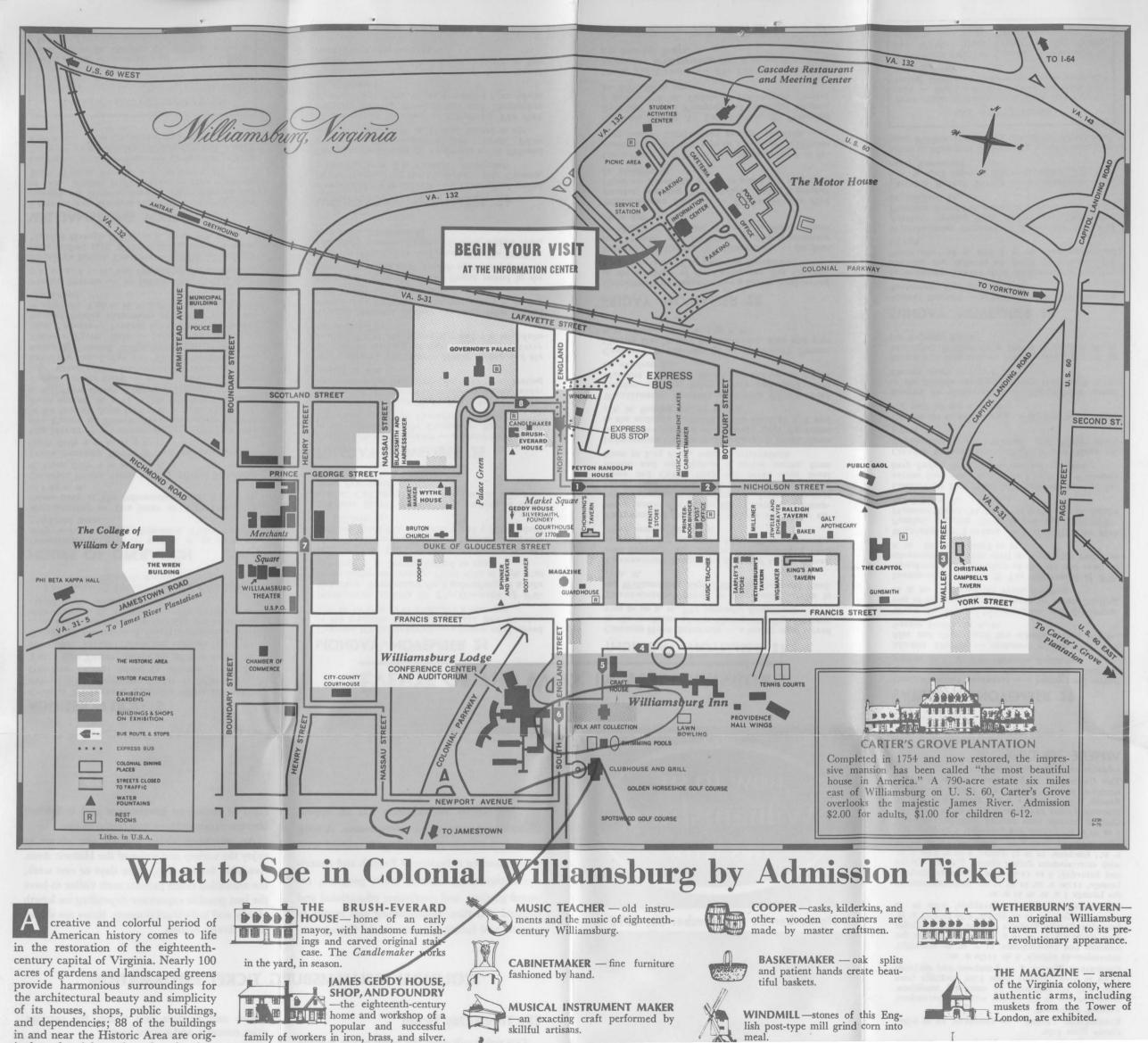
MUSIC FOR DANCING - The Cascades, 9 P. M. to Midnight; Williamsburg Inn, 9 to 11:30 P. M. in the Regency Room.

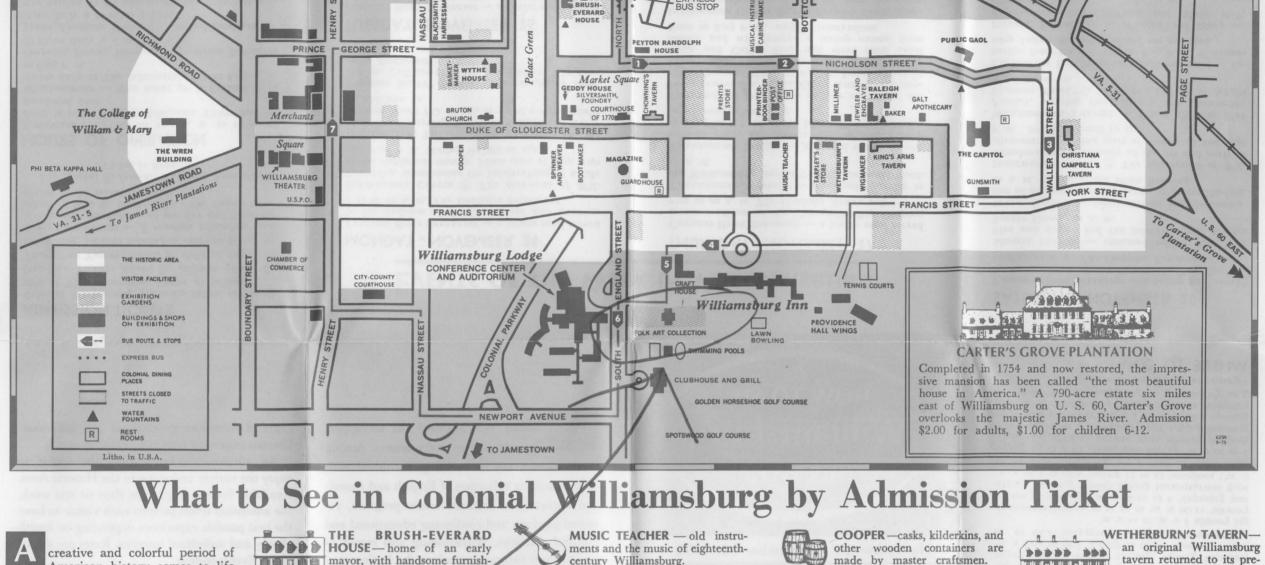
STREETS WITHIN THE HISTORIC AREA ARE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 A. M. TO 6 P. M.

THANKSGIVING SPECIAL - A special turkey dinner, with beverage and dessert, will be served from II A. M. to 8 P. M. at the Motor House Cafeteria.

vance reservation, at the King's Arms and Campbell's Taverns, Williamsburg Inn, Lodge (Virginia menus, and will feature a turkey entree, from

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 30





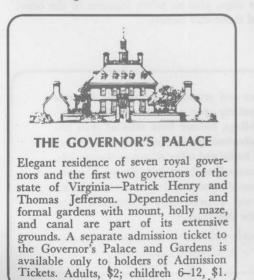
American history comes to life in the restoration of the eighteenthcentury capital of Virginia. Nearly 100 acres of gardens and landscaped greens provide harmonious surroundings for the architectural beauty and simplicity of its houses, shops, public buildings, and dependencies; 88 of the buildings in and near the Historic Area are original to the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

These are the exhibition buildings, homes, and shops open to holders of the Admission Ticket.

#### **COLONIAL HOMES**

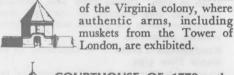


ton Randolph, longtime speaker of the House of Burgesses and first president of the Continental Congress.





revolutionary appearance. THE MAGAZINE — arsenal



COURTHOUSE OF 1770 - the seat of local government and a symbol of law and order for two centuries. Ticket not required.

THE WREN BUILD-ING - oldest academic structure in America in continu-ous use, it has served ous use, it has served the College of William and Mary since 1695. Ticket not required.

**BRUTON PARISH CHURCH** -one of America's oldest Episcopal churches, in continuous use since 1715, is open daily to visitors. Ticket not required.



#### **PRENTIS & TARPLEY'S STORES**

Items made for and by the Colonial Williamsburg crafts program may be purchased at these two colonial shops. The silversmith at the Geddy House and the jeweler at the Golden Ball also have sales items-as does the Raleigh Tavern Bakery. All are located on the Duke of Gloucester Street.

BLACKSMITH — forge, anvil, and hammerman produce a wide variety of iron objects.

**HARNESS & SADDLEMAKER** -equipment and trappings for

**BOOTMAKER** — a leatherworker pursues his ancient craft.

THE CAPITOL - one of colonial America's most important buildings. Principles of self-government, individual liberty, and responsible leadership were developed here by

THE PUBLIC GAOLwhere debtors, criminals, and pirates were im-

**RALEIGH TAVERN**—one BBBBBB of the best-known colonial Barting Wirginia taverns; patriots, planters, and other leaders were among its guests. Gingerbread men and cookies come fresh from the Bakery's

## Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection

Williamsburg, Virginia 23/85

November 20, 1975

To: Linda Baker Rex Scouten Sheila Weidenfeld

From: Beatrix T. Rumford

This is to confirm my November 20th telephone conversation with Linda Baker regarding plans for installing Christmas decorations at the White House. I am attaching an outline of our proposed schedule together with a list of all those apt to be involved in the project either December 6/7 or December 31 to implement clearance for these people well in advance of our arrival. Unless I hear otherwise, we will plan to come and go via the northwest gate.

I am assuming that by the time we arrive on the morning of December 6 the tree will be in place with lights installed and ladders, etc. available and that the furniture and paintings will have been removed from the Oval Room. I would appreciate it if several White House carpenters could be on hand to assist with hanging the children's portraits early Saturday afternoon (December 6). We will also need expert assistance when the exhibit is dismantled December 31.

Suggestions as to where we can find comfortable, modestly priced overnight accommodations convenient to the White House would be welcome. And, to help us make the best use of our time and keep energy levels up, we'd appreciate having sandwiches, coffee, etc. provided at appropriate intervals.

I'll count on you to give me a call if questions arise on any of the accompanying information.

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Beatrix T. Rumford Director

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### Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection

#### Williamsburg, Virginia 23/85

November 20, 1975

To: Maria Downes Rex Scouten Sheila Weidenfeld

From: Beatrix T. Rumford

Re: Proposed AARFAC Schedule for White House Decoration Project

Sunday, November 30:

Wednesday, December 3:

Gail C. Andrews delivers ornaments picked up in New York state. (Gail Camille Andrews, 548-88-5713, 11/4/53, Washington, D.C., AARFAC intern.) Will arrive at northwest gate between 9:00 and 12:00 a.m.

ecember 3: White House collects boxed ornaments, three carousel figures, ten portraits of children, and assorted antique toys from the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection, South England Street, Williamsburg, Virginia. (804) 229-1000, ext. 2423. (See attached map.)

<u>Saturday, December 6</u>: <u>Sunday, December 7</u>: <u>Sunday, December 7</u>: <u>AARFAC staff arrives 11:00 to 12:00 a.m. to trim tree and arrange Blue Room exhibit. Our plan will be to work from the time of arrival until approximately 9:00 p.m. and then return again on December 7 to complete Blue Room project. Tree trimmers will return while greens supervisors (Pennell, M/M Carr, Rumford) will remain until all decorations are in place.</u>

Wednesday, December 31:

Plans to be determined after consulting with Rex Scouten on December 6.

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#### NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

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Read to Tup Rumford 1/3/75

Williamsburg's Beatrix Rumsford will play an important part in the decorating of the White House for Christmas this year. CW employees have a unique opportunity to play a significant part as well.

Trix has been selected by Mrs. Ford to coordinate the decorations. The 20' foot Christmas tree to be decorated will focus on traditional handcrafted items, of the type displayed at the Folk Art Museum last year.

### who is Director of the abby A RFAC, Trix estimates she will need about 1500

items would like to invite CW employees to contribute simple ornaments of press last year's same quality craftsmanship.

Interested? Just use your imagination and the simple, natural materials you'd find around your home or yard. All handmade, each item should measure between 3" and 6". The idea is to use bits and pieces you'd find left over in your sewing basket. To combine such things as nuts, wood, corn husks. Or yarn. Straw.

The traditions old if fashioned feeling will be preserved by using the things that have been traditional to Americans over many years. More modern Christmas innovations -- such as foil, sequins and glitter -- will not be used in this decor. Mrs. Ford hopes to empasize intericant conderasts.

the beauty of individual handwork and imagination at the White House in the decor this year. October 28, 1975

To: Mr. Humelsine

From: Beatrix T. Rumford

#### Re: Progress Report on White House Christmas

The attached material will bring you up to date on the plans for the greens decoration in the Public Rooms and the tape of nineteenth-century Christmas music which Rex Scouten, Chief Usher, has expressed interest in using in the Oval Room while regular tours are in progress.

As long as we underwrite the \$3500 printing cost (for 100,000 copies - good buy!), the Giveaway design I showed you October 3 has finally (October 27) been approved <u>provided</u> we can adapt it for use as an 8¢ fold-up mailer. Messrs. Stinely and Crawford are now working out a solution to this. The White House will pass the Giveaway to special groups only (25,000) and estimates the remaining 75,000 flyers will be needed to mail out in response to written requests on making the hand-crafted ornaments.

Meanwhile with Judy Blood's help, most of the AARFAC staff is working overtime soliciting nicely made ornaments for the tree. By November 8 I will have a better idea of how much company-wide cooperation we can expect.

I will be participating in the Natchez Antiques Forum November 1-6, so if you have questions on any of the above, I'd like to discuss them with you this week.

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cc: Mr. Gonzales (nso) Mr. Stinely Mr. Crawford Ms. Weidenfeld



#### October 23, 1975

Beatrix T. Rumford To:

From: Ann Brown

Re:

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#### Progress Report on AARFAC Christmas Tape

Background: Working closely with Charles Hardin and Jock Darling, I have devised the following procedure for recording a tape of Christmas songs for use in the AARFAC galleries.

Dates of Recording: We will be recording both days and evenings, as suits the performers. The tape will be recorded on three successive days in the second week of November.

> Tuesday, November 11 Wednesday, November 12 Thursday, November 13

Location: John Moon has offered to allow us to record in the upstairs courtroom of the Old Courthouse. Mr. Tisdale recorded the "Fifes and Drums" record in this room and both he and Jock Darling feel that this room will be suitable acoustically. It has the additional advantage in that we may leave the recording equipment set up over night.

Performers, Songs, and Schedules: The following recordings are scheduled on these dates:

10 a.m. Tuesday, November 11:

Vera Rathkamp and 15-20 students from York High School. (These students will arrive in school buses and return in time to catch their 2:30 p.m. bus rides home.) Students will sing unaccompanied.

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear - American. Willis, and Sears. 1850. Hymnal #181.

- O Little Town of Bethlehem American. Rednor and Brooks. 1838. Hymnal #187.
- We Three Kings of Orient Are American. Hopkins. 1857. Hymnal #194.

Go Tell It On The Mountain - Spiritual. Copyright 1945. Galaxy Music Corporation.

Go Where I Send Thee - Spiritual.

Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head - Appalachian folk song. Neil A. Kjos Music Company. 1962.

I Wonder as I Wander - Appalachian folk song. Copyright 1941. G. Schirmer, Inc.

Here We Come A Waissaling - English traditional carol.

7 p.m. Tuesday, November 11:

Williamsburg Madrigal Singers - acappella

A Virgin Unspotted - English carol. American music by Billings. Late eighteenth century. The Shepherd's Carol - Billings Bethlehem - Billings Advent - Billings While Shepherd's Watched - Read Christmas - Munson Milford - Stephenson Nativity - Knapp

4 p.m. Wednesday, November 12:

Ann Rowe - acappella

Go Tell It On The Mountain - Spiritual Rise Up Shepherd - Spiritual Poor Little Jesus Boy - Spiritual Behold That Star - Spiritual O Mary, What Are You Going To Name That Pretty Little Boy - Spiritual

7 p.m. Wednesday, November 12:

Instrumentalists

Simple Gifts - two violins - James Moore III and John Turner Jesus Born in Bethlehem - guitar and fiddle - James Moore and John Turner The Seven Joys of Mary - guitar and fiddle - James Moore and John Turner A Period Piece for guitar - guitar - James Moore Christ, The Lord Most Glorious - harmonium - Tom Marshall Away in a Manger - harmonium - Tom Marshall O Come All Ye Faithful - harmonium - Tom Marshall Greensleeves - harp and flute - Charles Hardin and Marian Harding Silent Night - harp and flute - Charles Hardin and Marian Harding God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen - harp and flute (two versions) -Charles Hardin and Marian Harding

7 p.m. Thursday, November 13:

Donna Forbes accompanied by her husband on guitar

Jesus, Jesus Rest Your Head - Appalachian carol Lulle, Lullaby - Appalachian carol The Cherry Tree Carol - Appalachian carol One more - Appalachian carol



#### Break-down of Music:

Traditional Christmas Hymns 9	
Instrumentals	
Negro Spirituals 7	
American Versions of English Songs. 13	

Total

Comments: This is a larger number of songs than originally intended, primarily because the larger number of vocalists allows for a greater number of recordings. Jock Darling and Charles Hardin have checked the music used in each song for authenticity to the period and to see if it fit within the framework of your original memo to Mr. Humelsine of September 15, 1975, i.e., utilizing music which was written, sung, played and enjoyed by nineteenth-century Americans.

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Procedure: Dick Tisdale working under Art Smith of Audio-Visual will record the music. Releases must be signed by each performer and these in turn will be filed with A-V. Copies of each song performed will also be filed with A-V for later release purposes or for copyright checks. Although all the songs mentioned will be recorded, only the best ones will be used on this year's tape.

Cost: For recording on parts of three days and evenings of about 11 hours total -- maximum number of twenty students, seven vocalists and eight instrumentalists.

Таре	\$ 50.
Electricians	100.
20 students (\$10 each)	200.
Madrigal singers (\$30 each for 5 members)	150.
Donna Forbes and her husband	50.
Ann Rowe	75.
Charles Hardin	150.
Tom Marshall (including use of instruments)	75.
Marian Harding	50.
John Turner	50.
James Moore	50.
Vera Rathkamp	75.
Refreshments	100.
Payment for releases	
	28.
TOTAL	\$1203.

The above estimate was based on suggestions made by Art Smith and Jock Darling from their experience with similiar endeavors and their knowledge of what would be a fair and just fee for these performers.

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cc: Mr. Humelsine (per BTR's request) Ar Charles Hardin Joh Jock Darling Die

Art Smith John Moon Dick Tisdale

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#### CHRISTMAS PLANS FOR WHITE HOUSE ARE MADE

WILLIAMSBURG, VA. -- "A Children's Christmas" will be the theme for 1975 holiday decorations at the White House, according to an announcement by Sheila Weidenfeld, press secretary to Mrs. Gerald Ford.

Beatrix Rumford, director of the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection in Williamsburg, Va., will be coordinating the White House decorations this year. Handmade tree trims and some of the 19th century toys and portraits from the Folk Art Collection, a department of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, will be loaned to the White House for display in the public rooms during December.

Focal point of the decorations will be a 20' fir tree in the center of the Blue Room. It will be decorated with approximately 2,000 old-fashioned ornaments which Colonial Williamsburg employees have volunteered to construct of materials that can be found in the home. Some ornaments represent a combination of traditions indigenous to the United States which have been popular over the last hundred years. Instructions on how to make several of these will be available. Other tree trims represent national traditions such as straw stars and yarn dolls from Denmark, corn dollies and gingerbread men from England, thread stars and crocheted snowflakes from Poland, etc.

Williamsburg's folk art collection was established in 1939 by Abby Aldrich Rockefeller to foster an appreciation of the work of American artists and craftsmen who had not been exposed to formal art training. In recent years the museum has earned widespread recognition for the appealing Christmas shows staged annually for local residents and holiday visitors to the historic town.

White House decorations will be installed on December 7 and 8 for press viewing on December 9. Thereafter the White House may be visited .... \* Holiday decorations will be dismantled on December 31.

\*To be filled in by Ms. Weidenfeld.

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#### Education

Wellesley College, 1958-1962; B. A. in English Literature and Fine Arts

State University of New York at Oneonta and New York State Historical Association at Cooperstown, 1964-1965;

M. A. in Museum Training and American Folk Culture Fellow at the Seminar for Historical Administration at Williamsburg, Summer 1965

#### Professional Background

- Director, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection, 1973-present.
- Prior to Colonial Williamsburg, Miss Rumford was art research editor for D. C. Heath and Co.; did freelance research for American Heritage magazine; and was a research associate with the Chicago Historical Society.

### Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection Williamsburg, Virginia 23/85

November 25, 1975

To: Miss Fran Paris

From: Beatrix T. Rumford

Re: Story Ideas for Christmas Project

### Fran -

I enclose some rough drafts of stories relating to a few of the more unusual traditional ornaments we'll be using on the White House tree. If any of this appeals to you, I can easily arrange to stage appropriate photos during the tree-trimming operations December 6th and 7th, but will have to count on you for a photographer!

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Beatrix T. Rumford Director

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December 4, 1975

Dear Ms. Paris:

Enclosed are four more black and white photographs of people from Colonial Williamsburg who made ornaments for the White House Christmas tree.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Patricia LaLand Staff Writer, Press Bureau

Ms. Fran Paris White House, East Wing Washington, DC

#### Cookie Cutter Tree Toys

#### Materials:

1" Dress-maker's straight pins
Colored threads
Sewing needle
Scissors or pinking shears
Cookie cutters
Construction paper
Pencil

Colored fabric, cottons, calicos, printed or plain Heavy thread or yarn Cotton, fiberfill, stockings, or other light-weight filler Colored yarn Buttons

#### To Make:

Trace cookie cutter or draw a figure of your own on construction paper. Cut out paper figure and pin to two pieces of fabric with wrong sides of fabric facing inward. Using scissors or pinking shears, cut out fabric following lines of construction paper model.

Method I: Sew right sides together stitching around edges 1/4" from border, leaving a space of 1" to insert stuffing. After trimming edges with scissors, turn the fabric so that right sides are out and stuff with fiberfill, stockings, or other light-weight filler. Stitch up stuffing hole. Sew on eyes (buttons may be used), tail, wings, or mane using extra scraps of fabric or yarn in matching or contrasting colors. Sew on heavy thread or yarn loop for hanging the ornament on the tree. Contrasting blanket stitching around edge lends an attractive finishing touch to these toys.

Method II: Place right sides of the fabric facing outward and sew around edges, leaving a 1/4" border. Leave 1" space for stuffing. Stuff with fiberfill, stockings, etc. Stitch stuffing hole, and sew on eyes and other decorations as suits you. Sew on heavy thread or yarn hanging loop. This is a faster method, but pinking shears should be used in the original cutting of the fabric because of the exposed edges. PLEASE USE Cottons, Calicos, courduray: Ctc. Rather than the Newer polyester Knits as the Natural Materials LEND themselves better to the "mountain" theme than do synthetics.

#### Method I

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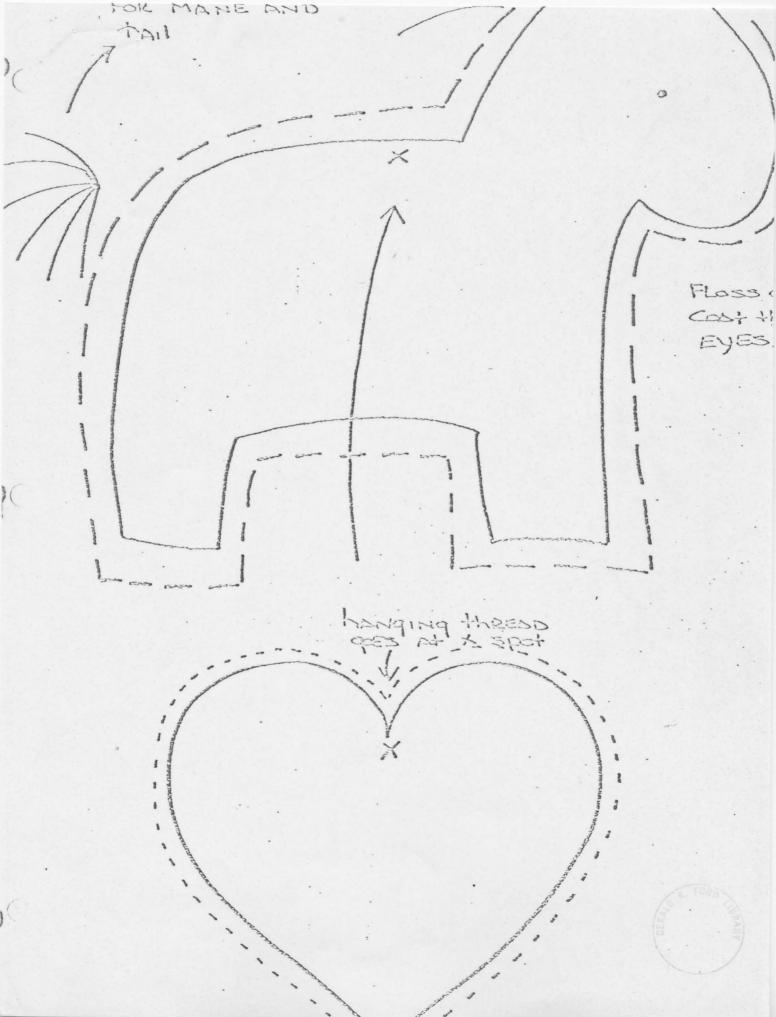
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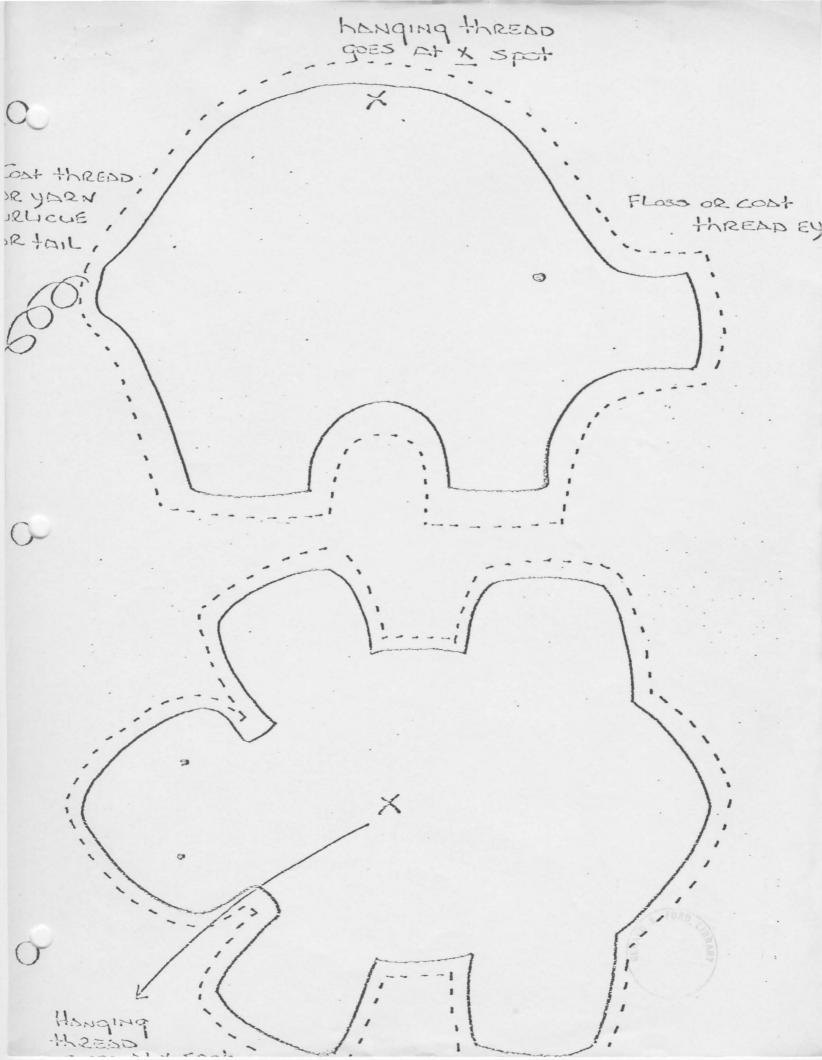
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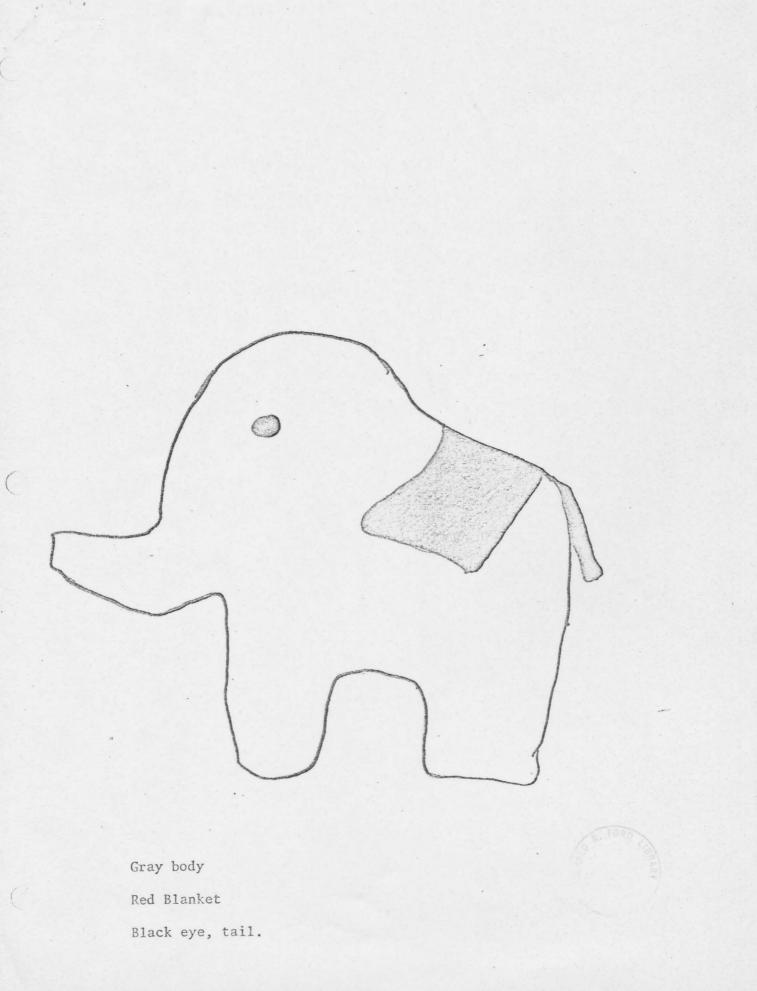
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White felt body

Black hat

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Button eyes

Rug scarf and mouth.

#### PINE NEEDLE MEN

Materials:

pine needles yarn scissors

To make:

Collect 20 to 25 dried pine needles. Assemble a bunch of needles with woody ends together at top. Tie securely with yarn directly under woody ends. Tie another piece of yarn 1/2" below first yarn tie, making sure knots are to the back.

Assemble another bunch to form arms. Tie securely by wrapping yarn diagonally around them. Cut off excess needle ends. Separate the section below the yarn in half. Slip arms into the separation and tie with yarn by criss-crossing the yarn strands to hold arms securely in place.

Divide the needles below the yarn-like vest and tie ends to form legs. Trim excess needles.

#### HEMLOCK STRINGS

Materials: Dried hemlock cones Blunt needle with large eye (sewing needle) Clear plastic fishing line 61b. weight

Thread needle, and push through one hemlock and tie fishing line firmly around that hemlock cone.Simply thread rest of the hemlocks onto fishing line.They may either be strung through the middle of the cone or end to end.Make chain as long as you like.

#### YARN DOLL

Materials:

Optional materials:

woolen yarn (assorted primary or earth colors) scissors

cotton fabric for dress thread needle

To make:

Cut 28 pieces of yarn approximately 24" long. Place strands of yarn neatly side by side to form a bunch. Tie a bow of yarn around the middle section of yarn to hold the strands together. This bow also serves as the doll's head. Divide the yarn below the head into four separate sections with an equal number of strands in each section. Two of these will be used to make the arms and the remaining two strands will form the legs. Braid two of the sections until they are about 5" long. Tie the end of each braid with yarn and cut off excess, making arms and hands for doll.

Make the body by tying the last two sections together with yarn about 3" below the arms. The two remaining sections may be either braided or merely tied together at each end to form legs or left loose to make a skirt. Trim ragged edges.

Details may be added by using different colors of yarn to tie the sections together, sewing fabric eyes and mouth on face, or sewing a simple cotton dress. Take one more piece of yarn and tie a loop through the top of the doll's head for hanging.

This doll has many variations. The proportions of the strands may be changed to suit the maker. <u>The finished doll</u> is approximately one-half the length of the original strand.

# Nut "Soul" People

## Materials:

l" dressmaker's straight pins	Florist wire
3" Tee pins	Drill (for use on nuts pin won't
Elmer's white glue	penetrate)
Natural materials, various acorns, buck-	Clear plastic fish line
eyes, walnuts, hemlocks, red peppers,	White acrylic paint
and pine cones of various sizes and	Extra fine gauge bailing wire
shapes.	

Nut people are easily fashioned out of natural materials; almost any dry nut or fruit which can be pierced or drilled will work. All these ornaments require is a little wire and a lot of imagination. Experiment with various combinations until you find one which pleases you.

## To Make:

Choose a pine cone or buckeye for body. Arms and legs are made either by pushing a tee pin through soft hemlocks or nuts and then pinning this row of nuts onto the body in the appropriate place, or by stringing some fine bailing wire through tiny holes drilled in acorns. The top of the tee pin will secure small cones, or bend the end of bailing wire so nuts stay put. A walnut, acorn, or buckeye head is then tee-pinned onto body and glued in place. Ears or a nose may be added by pinning red peppers or small acorns onto the head. Paint a face with acrylics and glue on halves of walnuts or bits of pine cones for hats. Suspend ornaments with clear plastic fishline, floris wire, or green twine.

## Clothespin Cardinal

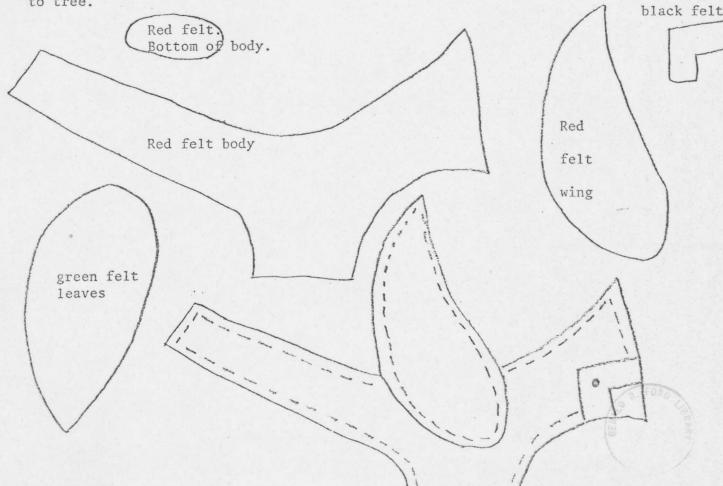
## Materials:

Colored felts - red, green and black Cotton or fiberfill 3" Pinch clothespin White Elmer's glue Black glass beads Sewing needle Thread Scissors 1" Dressmaker's straight pins Pencil

## To Make:

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Trace the pattern onto colored felt with pencil. Cut out felt pieces. Assemble pieces into body shape, sew around edges of cardinal's body, leaving 1" space at bottom open. Stuff bird with cotton or fiberfill; close 1" opening. Sew red felt base onto bottom of bird. Glue three green felt leaves onto top of clothespin. Glue stuffed bird onto top of leaves and glue or sew black glass beads on for eyes, or use tiny squares of black felt for eyes. Attach clothespin to tree.



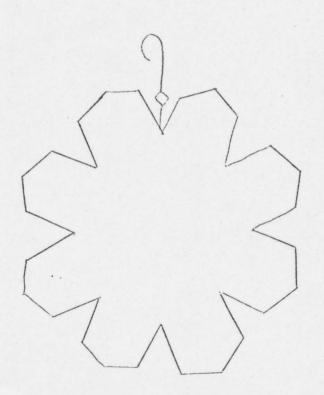
## Soap Snowflake

## Materials Needed:

Bar of soap Knife Hook Wire Acrylic paint (if desired)

## To Make:

Slice soap in thirds with very sharp knife. Carve snowflake design from sliced portions. Insert long, narrow hook into top edge of snowflake. Twist wire into hook, creating a loop at end of wire to enable the snowflake to hang from a branch. If desired, various patterns may be painted onto the snowflake to enhance the design.



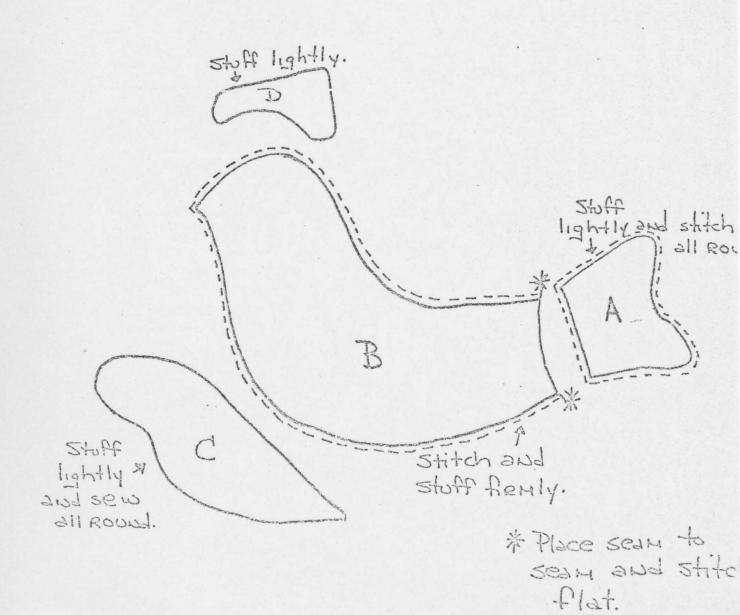
TAIL	-	А	2	pieces	
BODY	-	В	2	pieces	
WING	-	C	4	pieces	
CHEST	-	D	2	pieces	

Oversew all round body.

Leave tail open and stuff firmly with cotton balls.

Sew tail end closed.

Placing seam to seam, oversew wings, tail, and crest into place.



BIRD

STATE BIRDS

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Alabama: Alaska: Arizona: Arkansas: California: Colorado: Connecticut: Delaware: District of Columbia: Florida: Georgia: Hawaii: Idaho: Illinois: Indiana: Iowa: Kansas: Kentucky: Louisiana: Maine: Maryland: Massachusetts: Michigan: Minnesota: Mississippi: Missouri: Montana: Nebraska: ... Nevada: New Hampshire: New Jersey: New Mercico: New York:

Flicker Stellar's Jay, Ptarmigan Catus Wren Mockingbird California Quail Lark Bunting Robin Blue Hen Chicken Wood Thrush Mockingbird Brown Thrasher Mountain Bluebird Cardinal Cardina7 Goldfinch Western Meadowlark Cardinal Brown Pelican Chickadee Baltimore Oriole Black-Capped Chickadee Robin Scarlet Tanager Mockingbird Bluebird Western Meadowlark Western Meadowlark Mountain Bluebird

Purple Finch Goldfinch

Road Runner Bluebird North Carolina: North Dakota: Ohio: Oklahoma: Oregon: Pennsylvania: Rhode Island: South Carolina: South Dakota: Tennessee: Texas: Utah: Vermont: Virginia: Washington: West Virginia: Wisconsin: Wyoming:

Cardinal Western Meadowlark Cardinal Bobwhite Western Meadowlark Buffed Grouse Bobyhite Mockingbird Ring-Necked Pheasant Mockingbird Western Mockingbird California Gull Hermit Thrush Cardinal Willow Goldfinch Tuffed Titmouse Robin Western Meadowlark

## Paper Silhouettes

## Materials:

colored construction paper pencil scissors

## Suggested Shapes:

animals - all sorts boys and girls angels clowns

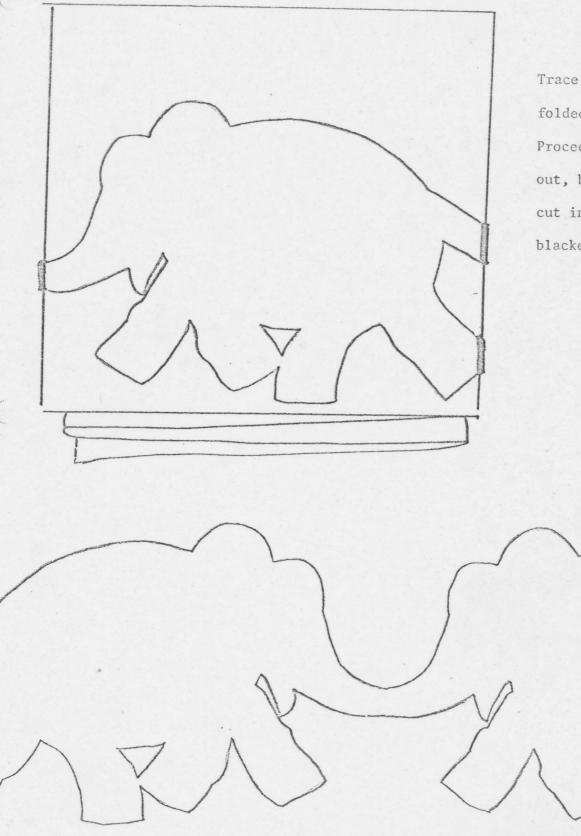
A chain of dancing paper animals or other figures around the branches of the Christmas tree are a festive addition as well as being easy to make!

To Make:

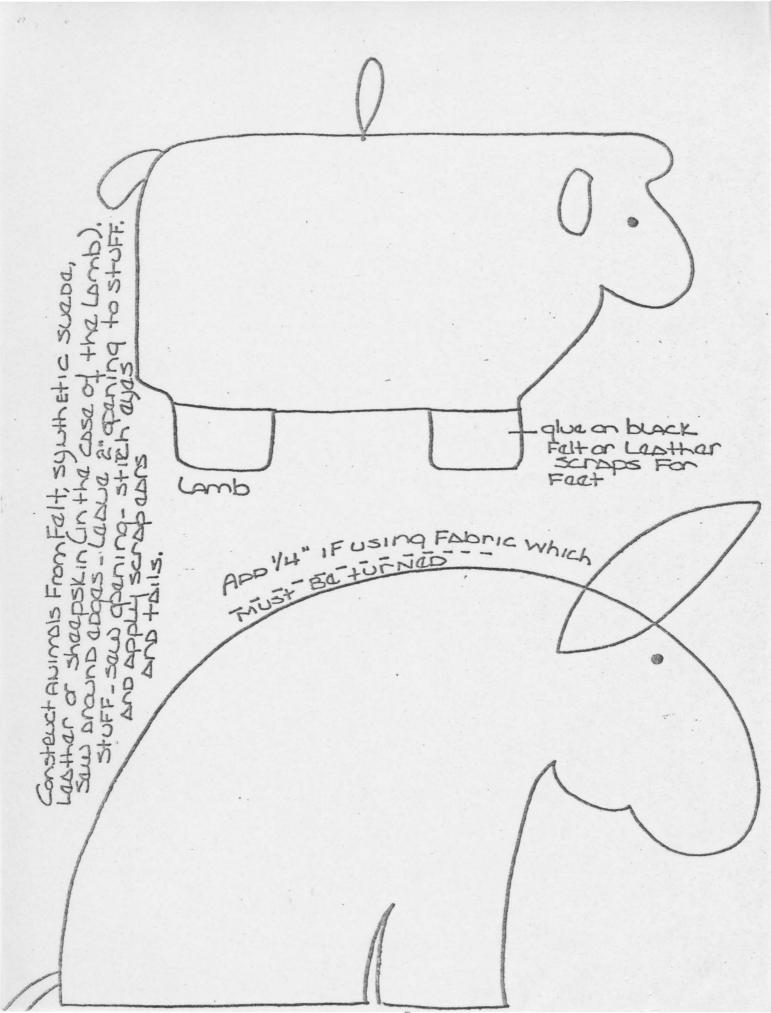
Decide upon the figure to be made. Fold the construction paper into several layers, wide enough to accommodate the figure, and thick enough to make the chain the desired length.

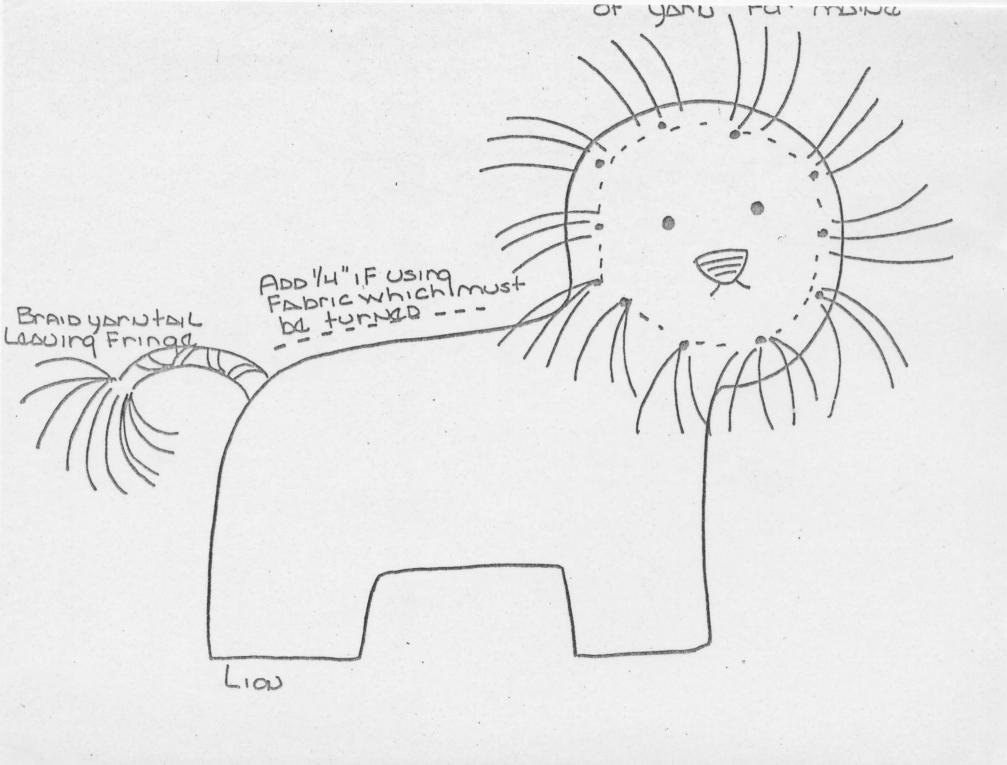
Trace the chosen shape onto the folded paper then cut it out being careful to leave a segment of the folded area on each side of the shape intact. If the folds are cut through entirely, the figures will not form a chain and will instead be separate and unattached.

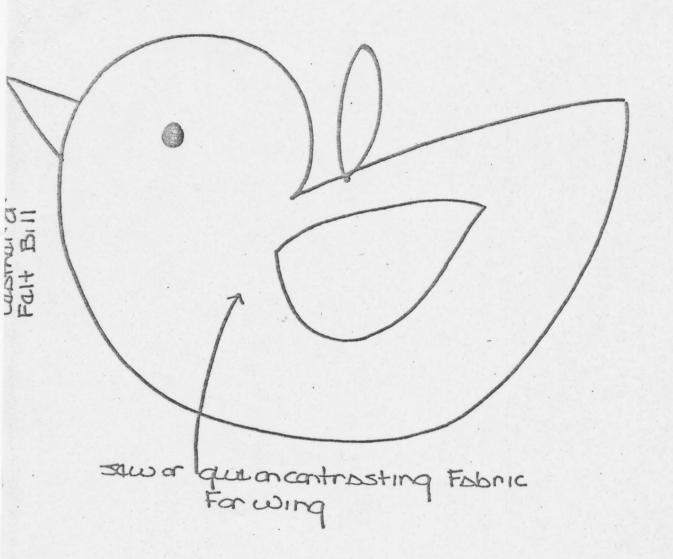
After the cutting is complete, open the paper figures to find a chain to surround the tree limbs! Paper Silhouettes



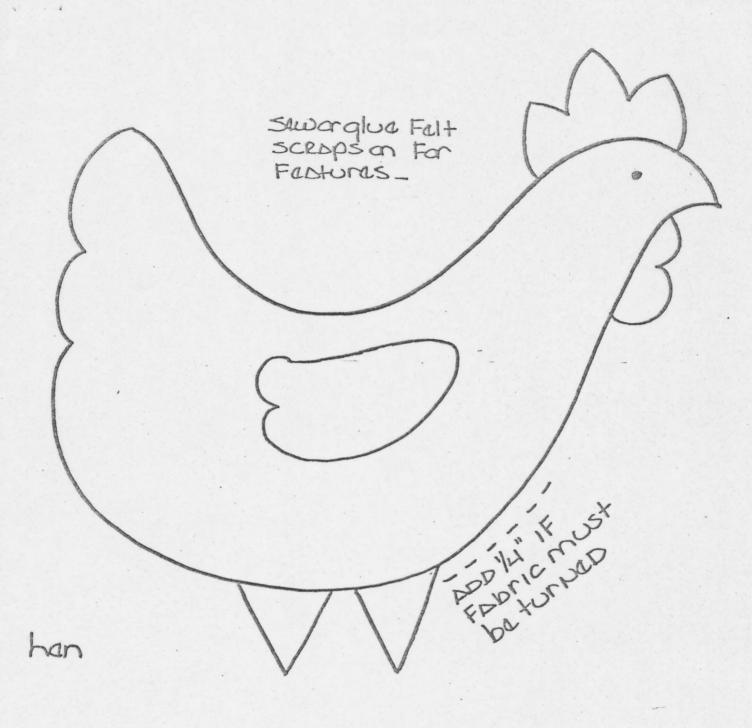
Trace desired shape onto folded construction paper. Proceed to cut the figure out, being careful not to cut into folded area, i.e., blackened area of drawing.







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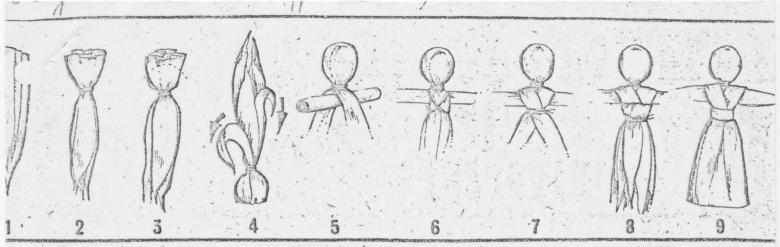
## Corn Husk Doll

## Materials:

10-12 Dried corn husks Cornsilk Heavyweight thread Grocery twine (for hair) White glue (optional) Scissors Cotton Black acrylic paint or ink

## To Make:

Soak husks in water for at least five minutes until pliable, then wrap in a wet towel to keep damp. Select four of the longest shucks and place them against each other, smooth sides to the inside. With heavy thread, tie the ends together (tightly!) about 1" down from top. Turn upside down and peel completely back in two sections, with two shucks on each side so that smooth sides are outside. Wrap cotton around the 1" end to form a ball about 1" in diameter. Tie the long ends of shucks securely below the ball to form a head. Roll two other long shucks to form a long round stick shape. Tie each end with thread. Insert this stick between the two sections of shucks at right angles to doll's head and tie again below the roll, thus making doll's arms. While arms are still wet, they may be bent into any position and will remain there when dry. Take two narrow shucks and wrap them diagonally, one across each shoulder to form the bodice and to hold arms in place. The loose ends may be tied at the waist. Extra skirt may be added by bending some husks in half and tying at doll's waist. When doll is dry, paint on face with acrylic paint or ink. Add hair by gluing cornsilks or unraveled twine on top of doll's head. Other accessories may be added to suit your imagination with extra pieces of cornshucks, tassels, or kernels.



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with husks which have been soaked in water for several minutes to "melt" the stiff texture and make them pliable. Illustrations aid in constructing each project. To show movement in the arms and legs, parts should be bent and tied loosely un-

From The Corn Husk

 Choose 6 large husks and lay on top of each other with wide edge at top.
 Gather husks 1 inch from top and tie tightly with string.

3. Cut off top of husk and round it into head.

4. Hold head in hand, peel

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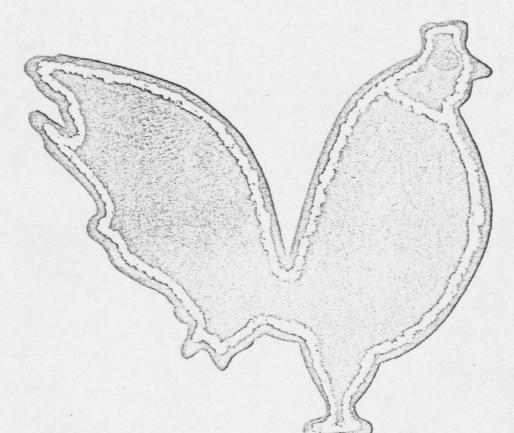


Christmas Tree Gingerbread

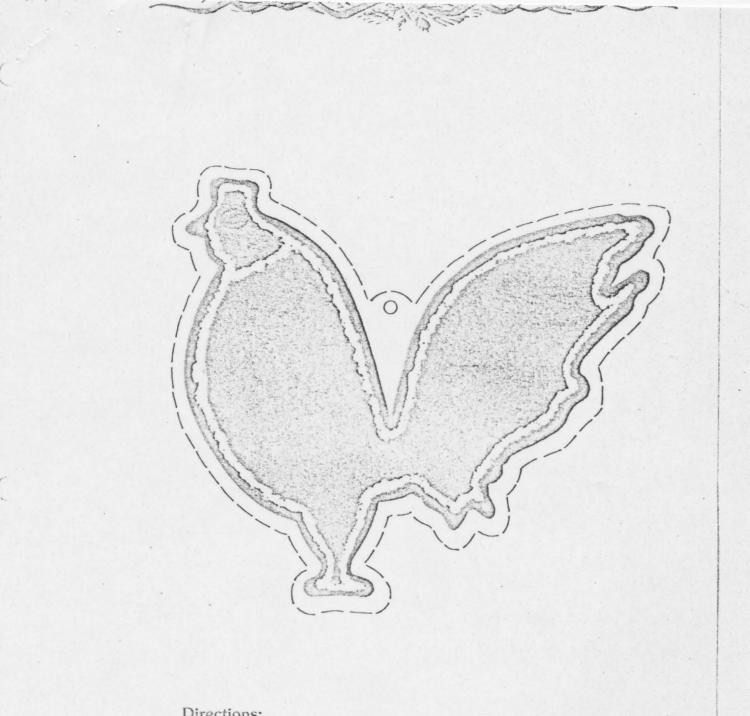
1 cup shortening 1 cup light brown sugar 3 eggs, well beaten 1½ cup molasses

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6 cups bread flour 1½ tablespoons ground ginger 2¼ teaspoons salt 1½ teaspoons baking soda 1 teaspoon cinnamon



Cream shortening and add sugar, eggs, and molasses. Sift dry ingredients and add them to the first mixture. Chill and roll out, not too thinly. Cut into shapes with cookie cutter or trace around rooster cut out with sharp knife. Bake on flat sheets in 350° oven until dry but not crisp, about 15 minutes. Decorate with white frosting.



Directions: Cut along black lines and punch holes where indicated. Thread a knotted string through holes in star and rooster and you will have a pair of ornaments to hang from your tree.

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September 22, 1975

- To: Mr. C. H. Humelsine
- From: Beatrix T. Rumford

Re: Summary of our discussion with Mrs. Ford, 1975 White House Christmas decorations.

THEME: "CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS"

## AARFAC Responsibilities

- 1. To provide approximately 2000 ornaments handcrafted of natural materials for use on a 19' tree in the Blue Room.
- 2. To decorate tree on December 7 and 8; be prepared to discuss making of ornaments at Press party on December 9; dismantle tree on December 31.
- 3 3. To loan 8-10 of our best children's portraits and supervise their installation in the Blue Room.
  - 4. To provide a mock-up of a give-away (broadside or booklet) summarizing theme of '75 White House Christmas decorations and providing instructions on how to duplicate some of the simple old-fashioned ornaments which are easy to make and economical, as they are based primarily on what can be found in the home.
  - 5. To select and loan a group of large-sized children's toys for use on mantels and tables in other public rooms to serve as foils for arrangements of holiday greens utilizing natural materials.
  - 6. To recommend designs and materials for greens and holiday decorations used in the other public rooms. These other decorations should carry out the theme of a simple old-fashioned children's Christmas established in the Blue Room and at the same time must be massive enough to look effective in the huge rooms.
  - 7. Supply a tape of traditional 19th century Christmas songs and carols for use as background music in Blue Room as desired.

## White House Responsibilities

- 1. Provide tree wired with tiny bee lights. Supply 20' ladders and any other paraphernalia necessary for decorating a 19' tree.
- 2. Hang portraits supervised by AARFAC staff.
- 3. Provide greens and other natural materials necessary for the decorations (White House greenhouse -- National Park Service) and a team of arrangers to carry out agreed-upon designs (supervised by CW consultant?).

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# Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection Williamsburg, Virginia 23/85

September 11, 1975

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To: Ms. Sheila Weidenfeld

From: Beatrix T. Rumford (804) 229-1000, × 2422

Re: 1975 White House Christmas Tree (Background for Press Release)

## NUTSHELL HISTORY OF AMERICAN CHRISTMAS TREE

Many of the Christmas traditions familiar to modern Americans have developed since 1840. In fact, the tree-trimming ritual wasn't widespread in the United States until after our Civil War. In 1850, the English novelist Charles Dickens referred to the Christmas tree as that "new German toy".

Although undocumented, some claim that Hessian soldiers, hired by England's George III to quiet his rebellious colonists, introduced the custom here. Researchers have definitely established that Charles Follen, a refugee who taught German at Harvard "dressed" a tree for his young son in 1832, while living in Boston. Ten years later in Williamsburg, Virginia, Charles Minnigerode, a German immigrant teaching at the College of William and Mary, shared the traditions of his youth by decorating a tree for the children of a friend and colleague, Professor Nathaniel Beverley Tucker. The first White House tree occurred in 1889, during the term of Benjamin Harrison.

By 1850, city people could purchase toys and shiny glass ornaments for Christmas use. But in the 19th century many everyday Americans lived simply in rural areas. Life was often hard. However, at Christmas time, using spare bits of cloth, various nuts and vegetables, wood scraps and plenty of imagination, these folk managed to create a Christmas every bit as warm and gay as their wealthy, worldly neighbors living in towns.

#### 1975 WHITE HOUSE TREE

For a second year, the White House's Christmas tree decorations reflect Mrs. Ford's interest in traditional, homemade ornaments. All the trimmings are hand crafted and constructed of such readily available, inexpensive materials as acorns, peanuts, dried fruits and vegetables, straw, pine cones, gaily-colored scraps of fabric, yarn ribbon, etc. No plastic, foil, or metal has been used. Most of the simple handmade ornaments have been created by volunteers in Williamsburg, Virginia, supervised by staff from the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection. Ms. Weidenfeld

In our increasingly synthetic world, it is reassuring to know that it is still possible to make special things from ordinary ones through the combination of imagination, skillful handcrafting, and time.

## PROPOSED ORNAMENTS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED

Balsam wood bird with feathers
Stitched & stuffed "cookie cutter" toys (fabric scraps)
Dressed clothespin dolls and soldiers
Paper cornucopias with candy
Popcorn strung with red peppers
Iced sugar cookies in traditional shapes
Gilded walnuts, milkweed pods, sweet gum balls,
and teezles
Strings of cut-out paper silhouettes
Wreaths of peanut husks tied with picot ribbon
Gingerbread men with raisin eyes and buttons
Knit yarn balls and bells
Pine cones tied with red ribbon
Salt box drums
Tin toys
Wood-shaving icicles and stars

## NATIONAL TRADITIONS REPRESENTED IN ORNAMENTS SELECTED

Denmark:	Straw stars Yarn dolls	Mexico:	Tin toys Papier-mache figures
England:	Corn dollies Gingerbread men	Poland & Ukraine	Crochet snowflakes Eggs
Finland:	Thread star	Sweden:	Straw goats

Germany: Sugar cookies Pine cones with red ribbons

Other ornaments represent a melange of traditions indiginous to the United States which have been popular over the last hundred years.

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## MATERIALS USED IN ORNAMENTS

In keeping with the theme of an old-fashioned Christmas, First Lady Betty Ford requested that ornaments preserve a traditional feeling by using natural materials. No foil, styrofoam, sequins or glitter were to be used.

Some of the materials used for ornaments included fabric scraps, seed pods, cones, nuts, dried flowers, brass wire, burlap, cornhusks, carved wood, clothespins, paper, bread and cookie dough, yarn, shells and other seaside materials.

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# Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection Williamsburg, Virginia 23/85

To:

From: Beatrix T. Rumford

### Re: CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS UNITE -- AARFAC NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection has been chosen by Mrs. Ford to coordinate the White House Christmas decorations this year. The focal point of the display will be the 20' fir tree located in the center of the Blue Room. The tree will be decorated with traditional, handmade ornaments, including those which trimmed last year's tree at the Folk Art Museum.

Since the White House tree will be two and a half times larger than the Folk Art tree, I estimate that we still need 2,000 items, and would like to invite CW employees to contribute simple ornaments of the same quality of craftsmanship displayed at the museum last year. Any help you and your colleagues can offer would be much appreciated!

All handmade, each item should measure between 3" and 6". The idea is to be as original and imaginative as possible in using "bits and pieces" found in home sewing baskets, or by combining such materials as nuts, wood, corn husks, yarn, and wire. A traditional old-fashioned feeling is preserved since no foil, styrofoam, sequins, or glitter should be used in making these decorations.

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTERS UNITE

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Original designs are encouraged, but those who would like to refresh their memories as to what was used last year are invited to see the display boards set up in the AARFAC basement/office area on week-days between noon and 5:00 p.m. Or, if interested in attending one of the how-to-make-it sessions being offered by Judy Blood, former projects assistant of Craft Shops, to be scheduled during the weeks of October 13 and November 3, please call Cathy Gibbons (ext. 2423) to sign up. Cathy will be in charge of the display boards showing last year's decorations and for collecting new ones. The ornaments will become the property of the Folk Art Museum and the staff there reserves right of review as to what will be used.

This is a unique and exciting opportunity for nimble fingers and fertile imaginations of our CW employees and the AARFAC staff is looking forward to seeing what thoughtful creations will be contributed for the White House tree. I would be especially grateful for your support of and participation in this project.

B. T. R.



Colonial Williamsburg Departmental Contributions:

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AARFAC Staff Drawer C Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

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coordinated and produced Christmas

Eugene Crain
 Bindery
 Craft Shops
 Colonial Williamsburg
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

lots of good scraps

Mr. Rolf Herion
 Bakery Commissary
 Colonial Williamsburg
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

12 dozen cookies

Mrs. Cabell
 Millinery Shop
 Craft Shops
 Colonial Williamsburg
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

3 dozen small baskets stuffed with nuts, etc.

5. Department of Collections Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

assistance for AARFAC staff

6. Costume Department Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

70 stuffed ornaments

Mr. Dave Lee Craft Shops Department Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

provided boxes, ribbon, prezels, baskets, and candles

Exhibition Buildings
 Colonial Williamsburg
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

provided assorted ornaments

 9. Ms. Libby Hodges Flower Department Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

dried flowers and red peppers

/o. Landscape Department Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

> natural material such as nuts, corn husks, dried flowers

//. Mr. Hubert T. Alexander Manager of Motor House Cafeteria Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

provided all popcorn

/2 Office Services Goodwin Building Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

assorted ornaments

# CW Departments

 /3. Research Library Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

assorted ornaments

 14. Security Department Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

assorted ornaments

Public Affairs Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, Va 23185

Assorted ornaments

Colonial Willliamsburg Employees Contributing:

15. Merry W. Abbitt 416 Parkway Drive Williamsburg, Va 23185

> 10 salt dough cookies - faces made from a mold of a Rhenish brown 7 wooden animals stoneware "Ballarmine" battle mask taken from an archaeological example ca. 1630-50 22.

16. Ceil Babb 414 F Throncliff Drive Newport News, VA

> 3 felt animals, 2 yarn animals 23.

11. Mrs. W. P. Batchelder Mrs. B. E. Newman Route 1, Box 261 Williamsburg, VA 23185

8 stuffed cotton animals

18. Mrs. Erica Benjamin 904 Foley Drive Williamsburg, VA 23185

4 Santas, 2 gold bells

19. Angela Blackwell Reservations Motor House Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

5 stuffed calico animals

20. Mr. William Blair Security Officer Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

> 30 wooden silhouette animals and candy canes

Mr. J. Frank Cross 21. Red Lion Ordinary Duke of Gloucester Williamsburg, VA 23185

Mrs. Jane Davies Craft House Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

3 drums and rocking horse

Miss Barbara Dean Research Library Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

4 stuffed hearts and 2 ducks

24 Brenda Canada 96 Hopkins Street Newport News, VA 23601

8 stuffed doves, boot, horse, elephant

25 Mrs. Charlotte Farmer James Anderson House Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

clothespin men, crocheted snowflakes

26. Mrs. Dot Farrell Craft House Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

soap snowflake

CW Employees

- 27. Bonnie Gall Huxley Place Newport News, VA 23606
  - 2 felt mice
- 28 Mrs. Margie Gill 109 Dogwood Drive Williamsburg, VA 23185

7 stuffed toys, baskets with dried flower arrangements

29. Mrs. Rebecca Goff Williamsburg Inn Golf Shop Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

9 stuffed felt animals

So Mrs. Grace Greenwood Hostess Exhibition Buildings Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

6 felt animals

3/. Barbara J. Hansford
 181 Normandy Lane
 Newport News, VA 23606

10 clothespin women

52. Jane Hanson 327 Merrimac Trail Williamsburg, VA 23185

8 stuffed doves, boot, horse, elephant

 33. Mrs. Erma Henry Center Desk Information Center Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

1 stuffed heart

34. Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Herion Lightfoot House Duke of Gloucester Street Williamsburg, VA 23185

7 felt bears and 3 felt mice

35 Betty Hollyday Conservationist Department of Collection Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

5 pine needle men

36. Mrs. Betty Jacobs Receptionist Goodwin Building Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

6 red and green yarn dollies

37. Mrs. Wilbert Jones
 112 Brookhaven Drive
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

7 stuffed animals

38. Mrs. Norma Lauer Hostess Exhibition Buildings Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

1 cornacupia needlepoint

39 Mrs. K. M. Lemley Hostess 109 Cove Road Williamsburg, VA 23185

6 felt embriodered fish

40 Betty Jean Lendrim 3 Bransford Court Williamsburg, VA 23185

5 quill work snowflakes

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Jean McGinley
 2900 Pocahontas Trail
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

5 miniature felt ornaments

42 Karen MacDonald
 425 Scotland Street
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

8 stuffed doves, boot, horse elephant

✓3. Mrs. Lucille Mikkelson
 918 Colemen Drive
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

4 ceramic angels and 10 felt stuffed animals

イイ Mrs. Bessie L. Mitchell 1313 Oak Drive Williamsburg, VA 23185

4 red bells, 5 crocheted snowflakes

✓ 5 Mrs. John Moon
 132 Quaker Meeting House Road
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

4 yarn puff balls, 1 shell ornament, 1 drum

46 Mrs. Jean Moses Hostess Exhibition Buildings Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

4 stuffed toys

47. Mrs. Paula Opheim
 1018 Capitol Landing Road
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

7 dough wreaths

48 Mrs. Elsie Parker Goodwin Building Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

snowman, straw snowflakes, yarn poodle and lamb

 Mrs. Louise Parker Hostess Exhibition Buildings Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

crocheted snowflakes and felt animals

50 Carolyn Pate Hartwell Perry Kitchen Williamsburg, VA 23185

1 needlepoint angel ornament

5/ Mrs. Helen Rogers Department of Collections Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

paper chains and stuffed animals

52 Mrs. Virginia Roseberg Secretary to Mr. Gonzales Goodwin Building Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

160 knit bells, 10 stuffed animals

55 Mrs. V. E. Rowe 218 Virginia Avenue Williamsburg, VA 23185

18 granny squares

54 Mrs. Marie Samford Goodwin Building Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

> crocheted snowflakes, knit stocking filled with presents, red bell, 2 small straw wreaths

CW Employees

- 55 Mrs. Evelyn Sapienzo 404 Mooretown Toad Williamsburg, VA 23185
  - 12 stuffed animals
- 56 Miss M. Catherine Savedge Benjamin Waller Kitchen Francis Street Williamsburg, VA 23185

24 stuffed animals, balls, and drums

57. Mrs. Joyce Seaman Goodwin Building Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

4 red yarn dollies

58 Mrs. Vi Simms Department of Collections Colonial Williamsbug Williamsburg, VA 23185

75 crocheted snowflakes and felt birds

59 Mrs. Janet Smith Secretary to the Director Department of Collections Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

1 stuffed bird

60 Mrs. Cindy Stiverson Research Library Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

cinnamon sticks and wrapped boxes

61. Mrs. Robert Stubbs 600 Penniman Road Williamsburg, VA 23185

12 knit bells, 1 felt angel

62 Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Sprinkle Landscape Department Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

dried vegetation for arrangements

63 Frances Temple Hostess Exhibition Buildings Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

2 knit bells, 5 stuffed hearts

64 Mrs. Jay Tharpe
 Office Services
 Goodwin Building
 Colonial Williamsburg
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

24 clothespin men

- 65. Gail Turner Microfilm Room Goodwin Building Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185
  - 5 drums, 6 eggs
- 66. Mrs. Helen Vandermark 113 Leon Drive Williamsburg, VA 23185

10 stuffed felt animals

6 7. Mrs. Peg Waite Miss Lou Ann Waite Motor House Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

> crocheted yarn snowflakes, red bell, stuffed animals, and hearts

68 Mrs. Faye Walters Lightfoot Kitchen Duke of Gloucester Street Williamsburg, VA 23185

> 15 abstract circle designs in felt

69 Mrs. Dru Warr Architects' Office Goodwin Building Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

12 stuffed felt animals

Ms. Mary Warren
 Goodwin Building
 Colonial Williamsburg
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

21 pigs and turtles, 12 red and green bells

71. Mr. and Mrs. John Watts Security Officer Security Department Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

> assorted stuffed toys, wooden cradle, jack-in-the-box, carved rocking horse, squirrel, pig and weathervanes

72. Mrs. Gloria White 1805 Meadow View Denbigh, VA 23602

> 1 pine needle man, 1 straw ornament, 2 brown paper fans, 1 sunflower girl, 1 felt ornament, 3 yarn pompoms, 4 yarn hanging ornaments

73. Ms. Donna Wilson Department of Collections Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

felt and material animals and birds

- ADDITIONS -

Mrs. Trudi Moyles and son, Chris
 515 South England Street
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

12 cut-out wooden animals

Mr. Robert Simms
 Bryan House
 Duke of Gloucester Street
 Williamsburg, VA 23185

wood shavings, 12 cut-out wooden animals

 76 Mr. and Mrs. George Crawford Publications Department Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

designed White House give-away

77 Mr. Jack Barber Landscaping Department Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

provided feathers to be used in ornaments

78. Mr. Dick Mahone Landscaping Department Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, VA 23185

provided feathers for ornaments

 Mrs. Shirley Miller Holly Miller Blair Miller 606 Conway Drive
 t, Williamsburg, Va 23185

19 painted wooden animals

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