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## THE WHITE HOUSE Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford will host a reception at the White House today at 1:30 P.M. for the volunteers who assisted in making the handcrafted Christmas decorations for the White House and the florists who helped with the designs. Also included are Mr. and Mrs. Guy Cockburn and their family. Mr. Cockburn is this year's National Champion of the National Christmas Tree Growers Association.

Approximately 150 guests are invited. They will be served Christmas cookies, fruit cake, egg nog, and Christmas punch made with cranberries.

The following volunteers will be demonstrating Christmas crafts to Mrs. Ford:

- --Don Watts, Security Guard at Colonial Williamsburg
  demonstrating making carved wooden Christmas tree ornaments
- --Jerry Carr (age 10)

  demonstrating making ornaments from odds and ends he finds
  on the farm where he lives in Smithfield, Virginia
- --Gail Andrews, Museum Intern, Colonial Williamsburg demonstrating paper cutout (scherenchnitte) and pizzelle cookies
- --Barbara Hansford, Hostess at Colonial Williamsburg demonstrating clothespin hostess doll ornaments
- --Osborne Taylor, Preparator, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection demonstrating nut people and cut-out wood ornaments
- --Adamantia Notaras, Costume Shop at Colonial Williamsburg demonstrating leather ornaments
- --Mrs. Corrie Stalen, Costume Shop at Colonial Williamsburg demonstrating stuffed animal ornaments
- --Viola Simms, Conservator at Colonial Williamsburg demonstrating stuffed felt birds, crocheted stars

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Pick-up for: Photographers--12:30 P.M. Writers--1:00 P.M.

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