



## Christmas In Smithfield 2016 House Decorating Contest Rules and Application Form

All houses within the Smithfield Historic District are eligible to participate but homeowners must fill out and submit this application to the Visitor Center by the deadline of 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2016 in order to enter. See details below.

There is no application fee.

Judging will take place on Friday morning (December 2, 2016) between 10:00 and 12:00 (noon) with ribbons awarded by approximately 1:00 PM.

**There are three categories: Colonial/Federal, Victorian and Contemporary.**

**Houses and front doors will be decorated period appropriate for the house, i.e., a 18<sup>th</sup> century house will be decorated like one would have been in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.**

- \* All materials used should be completely natural and appropriate for the period of the house.
- \* All decorations should be installed prior to the judging day (December 2).
- \* Decorations can include the entire front of the house (not just the doorway) as long as it is period appropriate for the particular house.
- \* Judges decisions are final and in the spirit of the Christmas season. The winners' ribbons will be carefully attached to the front door of their respective house by approximately 1:00 PM on the day of judging (Friday, December 2). No other notification or award will be provided. Houses will be judged from curbside only.
- \* **Ribbons will be awarded for: Best in Show for the overall competition, and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places for each category.**

**Judges will look for the following criteria:** Historically appropriate decorations for the house; use of natural elements; overall appearance and balance; complexity of decorations; artistic effect and originality.

Please cut along this line and return the completed application to Visitor Center (Smithfield & Isle of Wight Convention & Tourism Bureau) located at 319 Main Street in Historic Downtown Smithfield, from 9:00AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Saturday and from 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM on Sunday.



## Christmas In Smithfield 2016 House Decorating Contest Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Homes will be judged from curbside only: judges will not enter the property. Ribbons will be hung carefully from the front door. Please return this completed application to the Visitor Center (Smithfield & Isle of Wight Convention & Tourism Bureau) located at 319 Main Street in Historic Downtown Smithfield by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 30, 2016 (open 9:00AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Saturday and from 12:00 Noon – 4:00 PM on Sunday).**

**Thank you for your enthusiasm, support and Christmas Spirit!**