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Gloucester Local Heritage Ornament Sent to the Executive Mansion

Gloucester County has submitted a local heritage ornament to the Executive Mansion in Richmond. This year's ornament was designed and constructed by George Cramer, owner of The Village Blacksmith, located just off Main Street. The ornament depicts the County's signature flower, the Daffodil, and the waterman culture that is one of the backbones of Gloucester's heritage.

Each year, local craftsmen and women are asked to represent their respective localities to create ornaments to adorn one of the holiday trees at the Executive Mansion. Last year, nearly 200 localities contributed ornaments that were seen by thousands of visitors from across the world that toured the mansion. This year, with the pandemic, the ornaments will be showcased through the mansion's website, executivemansion.virginia.gov or @FirstLadyVA on Facebook and Twitter.

"We are pleased that George was able to come up with this unique way of depicting Gloucester's rich heritage for all to see," said Katey Legg, Gloucester's Parks, Recreation and Tourism director. "It is also nice to have such a strong partnership with our local businesses to help support the County in this way."

Cramer said the ornament consists of copper, guided silver and stainless steel. "This was a tough build, as I was limited to 1.5 ounces," he said. "Nothing I make has ever been that light weight."

For more information on The Village Blacksmith, visit <http://gloucesterblacksmith.com>.



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