

Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HERNANDO COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT PRESENTS THE 2009 EDITION OF COLLECTIBLE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

2009 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS DUE SOON! RESERVE YOURS NOW!

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The Hernando County Tourist Development Council is pleased to present this year's ornaments, each depicting a unique renowned venue in Hernando County.

The Hernando County design celebrates the historical heritage of the Chinsegut Hill Manor House.



The **Chinsegut Hill Manor House** (also known as Tiger Tail Hill, Mount Airy, Snow Hill, or simply The Hill) is situated on Chinsegut Hill, a historic site approximately five miles northeast of the city of Brooksville Florida. Begun in the 1840s, the building was added on to throughout several decades. Chinsegut Hill Manor House dates back 160 years to the days of territorial Florida and the Seminole Wars. Its several owners steadily expanded and improved the house, and its various wings were created in a period that stretches a century. Architecturally, the house has been modified and refined over the year. On November 21, 2003, Chinsegut Hill Manor House was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.

The depiction on the ornament is from an original work by local artist Lynne Simone. A native of New York, Ms. Simone currently serves as the Public Relations Chair and Historian for the Spring Hill Art League. Her works are primarily in pastels. She has a special fondness for animal portraits and has exhibited throughout Hernando County and art shows throughout the state. The ornament features a gold imprint on a purple matte ornament.



The City of Brooksville design honors "Rogers' Christmas House", established in 1971 at its current location. Originally begun by the late Winnie Rogers, she started the business by selling Christmas items and gifts from her home in 1969. From there, this enchanting village evolved to feature five turn-of-the-century houses filled with an array gifts for all occasions, and highlighted with breathtaking Christmas displays. The depiction of Rogers' Christmas House is a silver imprint on a red matte ornament.

A limited number of the ornaments are signed and numbered by the artist. Standard unsigned ornaments are also available. The cost of signed and numbered ornaments is \$15.00 each, and standard ornaments are \$10.00 each, plus State sales tax.

The Hernando County Welcome Center is located at 30305 Cortez Blvd., Brooksville (inside the Quality Inn & Suites at SR 50 and I-75). For more information on additional sales locations, please call our office at 352-754-4405. Or, visit our website at www.naturallyhernando.org where you will find a link to view the ornaments and the form to place your order.

OFFICIAL HERNANDO COUNTY 2009 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT ORDER FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY, and indicate your choices below:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

____ LIMITED EDITION / SIGNED ORNAMENT: (\$15.00 each + tax)

CHINSEGUT HILL MANOR HOUSE	_____	@ \$15.00 each =	\$ _____	
ROGERS' CHRISTMAS HOUSE	_____	@ \$15.00 each =	\$ _____	
		TAX (6.5 %) =	\$ _____	
		* Total	\$ _____	

____ STANDARD ORNAMENT: (\$10.00 each + tax)

CHINSEGUT HILL MANOR HOUSE	_____	@ \$10.00 each =	\$ _____	
ROGERS' CHRISTMAS HOUSE	_____	@ \$10.00 each =	\$ _____	
		TAX (6.5 %) =	\$ _____	
		* Total	\$ _____	

____ ADDITIONAL PAST YEARS' ORNAMENTS: Year(s) desired _____

Limited edition signed and numbered	_____	@ \$15.00 each =	\$ _____	
Standard ornament	_____	@ \$10.00 each =	\$ _____	
		TAX (6.5%) =	\$ _____	
		* Total	\$ _____	

**** GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____

ALL CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS ORDER & BE MADE PAYABLE TO: H.C.T.D.C.

Mail Order Forms To:

Hernando County Tourist Development
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