



December 2-6, 2025

Call to Artists:

Delft Downtown Ornament Challenge
Presented by
Tulip Time & the Holland Area Arts Council

This year, Tulip Time's **Dutch Winterfest** (December 2–6) will kick off the holiday season with a magical experience in downtown Holland featuring famed Dutch holiday icon Sinterklaas, holiday home tours, traditional Dutch tastings, and family-friendly fun inspired by Old World Dutch winter traditions and we want you to be a part of it!

We're inviting artists to transform large, 15", 20", or 24" PVC ornaments (provided by Tulip Time) into imaginative works of art painted in the traditional blue-and-white Delft style, with a twist.



The Challenge:

Use Delft's iconic palette, but break from tradition in your subject matter. Think playful, witty, and unexpected. Think holiday or winter themed, but add your own witty idea.

Examples:

- * The Grinch in Delft blue
- * Miffy in Dutch winterwear
- * Hans Brinker lacing up his skates
- * Any fun, family-friendly holiday character or scene

What You'll Receive:

- * A large PVC ornament (white, ready to paint)
- * A \$50 stipend for accepted artists
- * Access to two "ornament painting parties" at the Arts Council with supplies and space provided

Timeline:

September 20: Proposal deadline

September 22: Selected artists notified

September 23-24: Ornament pick-up at the Arts Council

November 15: Completed ornaments due back to the Arts Council

December 2-6: Ornaments will be hanging in GDK Park

Requirements:

- * Must use blue-and-white Delft color theme (predominantly shades of blue)
- * Details should be bold enough to be seen from up to 15' away
- * Use acrylic or other waterproof paints
- * Keep designs family-friendly

How to Submit:

Send your proposal digitally by Sept. 20 to
artwork@hollandarts.org

OR drop off a drawing of your concept (8.5" x 11" or larger) to: Holland Area Arts Council
150 East 8th Street, Holland, MI

Include:

Artist name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please include a short description of your design concept