

Editor's Note: Barb Lewis is an artist in other mediums besides polymer clay. This ornament was made of various materials. To see her polymer clay work, [click here](#)

In June '01, I was asked by the Missouri Arts Council office if I would like to make an ornament for the 2001 Official White House Christmas Tree. The Missouri Arts Council was asking on behalf of the Governor's office. All of our Governors were asked by Mrs Bush to donate 4 ornaments from their state.

I said yes...of course :-)

Then I received the 'guidelines' from the White House for the ornaments. The theme would be Home For The Holidays. Make a miniature replica of any historic building in your state. Had to be all white. Had to weigh under 8ozs. Had to have a gold string or ribbon for hanging. Had to have the name prominently displayed on the front.

All of these little houses went on the Official White House Christmas Tree in the Blue Room. Then on all of the mantels and side tables throughout the White House, there were scale models of past presidents homes crafted by the White House staff.

It was very cool.



Photograph of original home and framework of ornament



Furnishings



Finished and furnished