

HANNAWAY BLACKSMITH SHOP FEATURED AS LINCOLN'S 2015 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT



November 2015---The historic Hannaway Blacksmith Shop has been selected as the 2015 Town of Lincoln Christmas ornament. Each year a building of historic significance in Lincoln is featured in the ornament series. Funds raised through the ornament program have been set aside for the preservation of the town's Pullen Corner Schoolhouse.

It is believed that the Hannaway Shop is one of the town's first businesses, serving area farms and households with essential iron tools, horseshoes, nails and other equipment.

Hanaway started his business as a lean-to on the neighboring Moffett Mill, but then in 1901 moved to the carriage house across from Hearthsides. In 1985, the abandoned Hanaway Shop was donated to the Town of Lincoln by Hannaway's daughter, Cecilia Lee, and relocated to Chase Farm Park. The ornament features the lettering of the original sign on the building, as well as the grand Sycamore tree of Chase Farm, located in the background.

The Friends of Hearthsides began hosting blacksmithing demonstrations at the Shop in 2004 and now offer classes every weekend in an effort to showcase this historic property and carry on the traditional craft of hand forging for future generations.

Gift certificates for classes are available and make a great Christmas gift idea, especially paired up with this beautiful keepsake ornament. The ornament is made by ChemArt of Lincoln and is for sale at Hearthsides's Gift Shop, the Hannaway Blacksmith Shop, and other locations around town. The cost is \$17 and proceeds go toward the restoration of the Pullen Corner School House, which has recently been relocated to Chase Farm Park with funds raised from previous years' sales. A limited number of ornaments are made each year.