# Buy Your 2012 Holiday Ornament Today!

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## CITY OF GREAT FALLS HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE NOW

**Great Falls, Montana** – The official City of Great Falls 2012 holiday ornament has arrived. The 2012 ornament features Great Falls High School. Designed by local artist, Sheree Nelson, the ornaments are made in the USA of fine art grade pewter. They are available for $15 at the following locations:

Visitor Information Center – 15 Overlook Drive
Great Falls Public Library – 301 2nd Avenue North
Civic Center Events Office – 2 Park Drive South
History Museum - 422 2nd St S
Gallery 16 - 608 Central Ave

The 2012 ornament is the fifth in a series initiated by the Great Falls-Cascade County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission. Proceeds from the sale of the ornaments are used for preservation education activities. Earlier ornaments featured the Civic Center, Vinegar Jones Cabin, the Great Northern Depot-Great Falls Gas Company and the Ursuline Centre.

Great Falls High School was designed in the Collegiate Gothic style, an evolution of the Late Gothic Revival period. It was the style of choice among campus architects throughout the country. The style soon filtered down to secondary and elementary schools and enjoyed a long-standing popularity among American architects. In Great

Falls, the style filtered down to the Ursuline Centre (1912); Great Falls High School (1928); and the Columbus Hospital (1929).

The design for Great Falls High was a collaborative effort by the Great Falls firm of George. W. Bird and Johannes Van Teylingen and the Minneapolis firm of Croft and Boerner. The school opened in the fall of 1930 with 1,760 students - just under the 1,800 it was designed to accommodate.

Great Falls High School was completed on July 21, 1930, at a cost of $1.15 million. The school is currently the subject of a study aimed at establishing a master plan for the 82-year-old school and is also the subject of a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, the nation's honor role of properties worthy of preservation.

Those who collect the unique, one of-a-kind holiday ornaments, know they go fast. Quantities are limited, so purchase your 2012 holiday ornament today! For more information regarding this year's holiday ornament, contact Ellen Sievert, Historic Preservation Officer at 455-8435.

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**Supporting Documents**

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