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**Delaware’s Decorated Egg Contest is underway
Registration deadline is September 15, 2008**

The Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA), the Delaware Division of Libraries (DOL), and the American Egg Board (AEB) are calling all ages, crafters, painters, and artists to participate in the 2009 Delaware Decorated Egg Contest. The Egg Decorating contest is open to any **Delaware resident** interested in pursuing the art of egg decorating. The winning egg decorator will receive \$100 and an invitation from the American Egg Board to see their state egg on national display with eggs from the other 50 states. The **registration deadline** to enter the decorated egg contest is **September 15, 2008**. For registration forms and other information, please contact Sheree Nichols at 1-800-282-8685 (DE only) or 302-698-4521, or via email: delawareeggcontest@gmail.com.

Contestants’ decorated eggs are due at the Delaware Department of Agriculture on or before October 15, 2008. Judging will be scheduled at public libraries during middle to late October.

Interested artists and crafters are invited to attend **Learn to Decorate Eggs Workshops** that are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

Public Library	Address	Date	Time
Georgetown	10 W. Pine St., Georgetown, DE	September 3, 2008	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Dover	45 W. State St, Dover, DE	September 8, 2008	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Appoquinimink	651 North Broad St., Middletown, DE	September 15, 2008	6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Contest Criteria

The following traditional criteria are in effect and must be adhered to:

1. Each egg should be decorated to represent some special feature (or features) of the state.
2. Local artist, crafter, or painter, amateur or professional, should decorate and/or paint the egg.
3. Only **Large chicken** eggs are to be used (contents removed). Anything larger or smaller than a large chicken egg will be disqualified.
4. Eggs should be **freestanding**, without a base or stand.
5. **Small end** of the egg should be facing up.
6. **The artist must be new to the event and not a repeat artist from another year.**

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7. **The artist must be a resident of Delaware.**
8. An artist may submit **only one** decorated egg.
9. **There can be no pre-event publicity, either by the artist or other means, until approved by the American Egg Board.**
10. Please make sure that egg has **no decoration on the bottom, reinforced** for easy removal from the display, and will **balance** easily. Anything top heavy or built out on one side will be a problem.
11. The **overall size**, including decorations, must not be such as to infringe on a neighboring egg at the National display where they are positioned approximately 1 inch apart.
12. The winning artist will create an exact duplicate of the winning egg and present it to the Governor of Delaware after the National display has been set up in Washington, D. C.

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