

DBA SEEKS ORNAMENT DESIGNS

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BELOIT - Although the weather outside isn't too frightful, there is still time to dream up something delightful.

The Downtown Beloit Association (DBA) is inviting the community to design a holiday ornament to help the association celebrate its 30th anniversary. The ornament designs should reflect the 30th anniversary theme. If selected, the ornament will be produced and sold as a fundraiser for the DBA, according to Executive Director Shauna El-Amin.

Although the holidays are half a year away, it might be just the time for a little "Christmas in July."

For full details, including application, people can email shauna@downtownbeloit.com. The deadline to submit an ornament is Sept. 30.

People can digitally design it or make the ornament and submit it.

"It's a new project for us. We've never done an ornament that would commemorate downtown Beloit. We want to do something cool for our 30th anniversary," El-Amin said.

The winner will be announced at the Fall Wine Walk on Oct. 13, with pre-sale orders being taken at that event. The winner will be able to choose if the ornament is reproduced in a flat metal design or a ball design.

"It can be flat metal, flat wood or round ball," El-Amin said. "The artist that wins gets to choose how we duplicate them."

As the DBA celebrates its birthday, it has been giving away lots of goodies in Beloit. At the Easter Eggstravaganza it gave about 30 special prizes to the first 30 kids in line, and gave away 30 Beloit Farmers Market bags and 30 window stickers at the market. At two Friday's in the Park events it gave away 60 Beloit Snappers tickets donated by the Beloit Daily News.