

# Christmas Ornament Workshop



**Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 11 a. m.**  
Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture  
6500 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL

*The unique straw ornaments, so typical of Lithuanian Christmas trees today, have an interesting origin. Juze Dauzvardis, the wife of Petras Dauzvardis, Consul General of Lithuania in Chicago (1961-71) was asked to decorate a Christmas tree with Lithuanian ornaments as part of an international Christmas tree exhibition at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. Wanting to distinguish the Lithuanian tree from all others, Juze Dauzvardis with the help of Sisters of St. Casimir came up with the idea to use ornaments made of white paper drinking straws. The Lithuanian Christmas tree with its distinctive white ornaments became a great hit at the exhibition and straw Christmas tree ornaments became a Lithuanian tradition.*

**Learn how to make your own Lithuanian Christmas tree ornaments from white plastic drinking straws made into shapes of stars, the sun, snowflakes, bells, lanterns, and angels.**

**Attendees are asked to bring their own scissors, a pencil and a ruler.**

**Guest Instructors: Albina Savickas and Irena Karaliunas.**

**Fee: Museum members - \$12; Non-members - \$15; Children under 12 - \$6**

**Fee includes: straws, needle, thread, instruction sheet, and free admission to the Museum.**

**Traditional Lithuanian Christmas Tree will be displayed.**

**Free parking available in the back of the Museum.**

**For more information and registration, please call the Museum at 773-582-6500.**

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## Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Members @ \$12 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members @ \$ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Children under 12 @ \$6 \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: Balzekas Museum

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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