

Christmas Dolls of the First Ladies



Rosalynn Carter chose "Old-Fashioned Victorian Christmas" for the 1980 White House Holiday theme. The signature Blue Room Christmas tree featured large porcelain dolls hanging from parasols. The National First Ladies Library & Museum pays homage to Mrs. Carter's 1980 holiday subject with our signature tree displaying First Lady burlap-sculpted dolls.

The first First Lady, Martha Washington, serves as the tree topper. Some dolls feature First Ladies in their inaugural gowns, while others focus on signature First Lady styles based on the time period. The dolls of Martha Washington to Melania Trump were designed by artist Nan Rearick. The First Lady doll of Dr. Jill Biden was crafted by artist and designer Kim Jenkins.

Can you find your favorite First Lady on the tree?