Patently Festive

Looking for vintage seasonal decor? Are winter activities and holiday baking on your to-do list this season? Take inspiration from these unique patent drawings that are sure to get you in a festive mood (and might even save you time in the kitchen!).

L: Christmas Tree Ornament, 4/1/1890. National Archives Identifier 55302502
R: Patent Drawing for G. Fletcher's Skate, 1/7/1908. National Archives Identifier 5928302
Archives Hashtag Party

It’s almost time for the December Archives Hashtag Party on Friday, December 14. Pour yourself some eggnog and join us for #ArchivesGIFgiving!

Follow the National Archives on Twitter and Instagram as we “give” GIFs from our holdings to our colleagues at other archives, libraries and cultural institutions.
You can also celebrate #ArchivesGIFgiving by counting down the 12 days of GIF-mas, featuring vintage GIFs from the holdings of the National Archives. Share and "GIFt" your favorite ArchivesGIFs!

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Becoming a Wiki Scholar

In March 2019, the National Archives Museum will launch an exhibit commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment: Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote. As we prepare for this important centennial, we are working hard to increase access to the records we hold around suffrage.

Wiki Education, in collaboration with the National Archives, is offering a virtual professional development course designed to give participants the skills and practical experience necessary to improve Wikipedia coverage of the history of women’s voting rights in the United States.
Six women war workers, representing thousands of others, were delegated to see Pres. Wilson and urge him to support the motion for an immediate passage of the federal suffrage amendment, May 24, 1918. National Archives Identifier 45568328

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Season's Greetings from all of us at the National Archives!
Photograph of Two Toboggans Starting Down the Slide at Silver Valley Winter Sports Area, 2/1940, National Archives Identifier 2128507.

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