

# 2023 FIRST LADY'S COMMEMORATIVE EGG

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INCREDIBLE EGG

## AMERICAN EGG BOARD, ON BEHALF OF AMERICA'S EGG FARMERS

- The American Egg Board has presented the First Lady with the First Lady's Commemorative Egg on behalf of America's egg farmers for **46 years**.
- **The first presentation in 1977** was made to First Daughter Amy Carter, with a hand-painted egg that featured her name and the White House surrounded by flowers and a rabbit.
- Over time and as the America's egg farmers support of this iconic event grew, the presentation became linked with the First Lady and the White House Easter Egg Roll.
- The First Lady's Commemorative Egg is an **actual chicken egg that is handcrafted** each year by a talented artist that specializes in egg artistry. The design can take many forms and involves a range of mixed media, per the artist's preference.
- Over the years, **eggs have reflected the passions of America's first ladies**. Presidential pets have even appeared on the First Lady's Commemorative Egg, most recently including Bo, the pet of the Obama family, in 2009.
- The 2023 First Lady's Commemorative Egg design will showcase **Dr. Jill Biden's commitment to ensuring all Americans have access to a quality education**, as part of the White House Easter "EGGucation" Roll.
- The White House Easter "EGGucation" Roll—hosted by the President and the First Lady—is expected to bring over **30,000 attendees** together.
- Designed by Carolyn Bickel, a self-taught artist originally from northern New York and who currently resides in Nashville, Tennessee, **the 2023 First Lady's Commemorative Egg design captures how children can reach for the stars, one book at a time**.
- This year's First Lady's Commemorative Egg is hand-painted with images of children in the grass reading together, with the spines of a stack of books behind them bearing the words, "unity," "compassion," "kindness," and "connection," and a girl standing atop a winged book as she reaches toward a starlit sky.
- It was constructed as a **jewel box design**—which has a hinged top that opens to reveal a miniature Easter scene featuring another smaller egg—this one laid by a "pullet" which is a 4 to 5 month hen. The tiny egg has been hand-painted with a whimsical bunny and set in spring grass surrounded by even smaller decorative eggs.
- America's egg farmers are **honored to provide this historical legacy** in tribute to the First Ladies of the United States.

