

Gingerbread House Contest Rules

Event Date:
Saturday, December 14, 2024

Entry Fee:
$5 per entry, collected at the door

Eligibility:
Open to all ages

Entry Forms:
Forms can be submitted online prior to the event or in person on the day of the event.

Drop-off and Pick-up Time:
All Gingerbread House/Structure entries must be dropped off on **Saturday, December 14th, between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.** at the Maria Montessori Academy North Kiva. All entries must be taken by the end of the event or they will be disposed of.

Judging Time:
Judging will begin shortly after drop-off, and winners will be announced around **12:30 p.m.** at the end of the event.

Contest Rules:

1. **House/Structure Design and Size:**
   All entries must be a recognizable gingerbread house or structure. The entries must be placed on a **sturdy cardboard base** not exceeding **14" x 14"**.
2. **Edibility:**
   The entire house or structure must be **100% edible**, including all building materials, candy, and decorations. **Non-edible items** are only allowed for the base and candy wrappers. You are welcome to use a gingerbread kit or other ways to construct your house.

Category	Excellent (4 points)	Good (3 points)	Fair (2 points)	Needs Improvement (1 point)	House #1	House #2	House #3	House #4	House #5
Overall Appearance	The house is visually stunning, well-proportioned, and eye-catching. It has clear structure.	The house is neat and well-proportioned, with good attention to detail, but could be improved in design.	The house has a clear design but may be lacking in neatness, balance, or overall finish.	The house lacks clear design, balance, or neatness. The structure feels incomplete or unpolished.					
Creativity	The house shows an exceptional level of creativity, with original use of materials and design.	The house demonstrates good creativity, using some unique elements or ideas.	The house shows limited creativity, mostly using common designs or materials.	The house lacks creativity, using very basic or typical designs with minimal effort.					
Originality	The house is highly original, presenting a fresh concept of a structure.	The house shows some original elements, may have some common aspects.	The house uses a commonly seen design or theme, with few original features.	The house is very similar to standard designs or lacks unique elements.					
Technique & Skill	Exceptional craftsmanship with precise construction, solid technique, and skillful execution of details.	Good craftsmanship with attention to detail, though may show imperfections.	Fair craftsmanship with some issues in construction or details.	Poor craftsmanship with significant construction flaws, unstable structure, or uneven decoration.					
Edibility	100% of the structure is edible, and all materials used are suitable for the design	The structure is mostly edible, with a few minor non-edible materials.	The structure includes some non-edible materials.	The structure includes significant non-edible materials or violations of the edibility rule.					
Total Score									

Good Luck, and Happy Decorating!