



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Gingerbread House

Competition and Display



Gingerbread houses will be displayed December 12, 2023 through January 5, 2024.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Category Entered: _____

Approximate Height of Entry: _____

I understand and agree to all of the rules outlined on the back of this sheet

Signature: _____

Please return this form to Town Hall or mail to: Town of New Paltz Office for Community Wellness, Attn: Gingerbread Competition, P.O. Box 550, New Paltz, New York, 12561.

Deadline for entry forms: November 30, 2023.

The Holiday Hoopla Planning Team reserves the right to photograph and use the photos of any entry for advertising and promotional purposes without compensation.

CATEGORIES TO ENTER

- 1. Traditional Gingerbread:** The holiday season is a time when people turn to classic traditions for decorating ideas and inspiration. Any structure is allowed in this category. Victorian, colonial, modern, house, barn, cottage - you decide.
- 2. Authentic Reproduction of a Significant Building:** How much icing would it take to build the Capital Building, Big Ben, the Empire State Building, or a locally significant building? This is the ultimate test of realism in the art of building with gingerbread! Any well-known building, including local ones, will do. Your display must include a picture of the real thing.
- 3. Incredibly Unusual 3-Dimensional Gingerbread Creation:** Make a gingerbread creation that is out of the ordinary. Gingerbread structures need not be of a traditional design. Be creative. Let your imagination run wild! No buildings or houses are allowed in this category.

CONTEST PRIZES: 1st: \$100 Gift Card 2nd: \$50 Gift Card 3rd: \$ 25 Gift Card

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. Entry Forms:** There is no fee to enter. The deadline for completed entry forms is November 29, 2023, on a first come, first serve basis. We will accept a total of 40 entries for this first year. Each group or individual may enter only one gingerbread creation.
- 2. Entry Drop Off:** Completed houses must be brought to the gingerbread competition viewing tent located at Historic Huguenot Street on Saturday, December 9, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. All entries must remain in the viewing tent until the winners are announced at 4p.m. Entries that are removed from the Holiday Hoopla Winter Carnival by the entrant prior to the close of the display will forfeit eligibility to win prizes.
- 3. Judging:** Entries will be judged at the Holiday Hoopla Winter Carnival on Saturday, December 9, 2023. Entries will be judged on a scale of 1-5 based on:
 1. Overall appearance / Composition of the design
 2. Originality / Imagination / Use of materials
 3. "Fit" in category
 4. Difficulty of design / Design execution
 5. "Holiday Spirit" incorporated in the design
- 4. Winners:** Winners will be posted on the Office for Community Wellness website by December 12, 2023. Prizes will be mailed by December 15, 2023. The winners' list will not be available by phone.
- 5. Entry Display:** Entries will be displayed at community locations to be announced from December 11, 2023 through January 5, 2024. Office for Community Wellness reserves the right to remove any entry which begins to look in disrepair.
- 6. Entry Specifics:**
 - Please include a 3" x 5" card on your display base listing your name, address, email address, telephone number, and the category you have entered. Please include any details about your entry that you feel might be important to the judges, such as the edible items you have used that are unusual, your entry's name, etc.
 - Use of gingerbread: Creations must be constructed mainly of gingerbread (more than 50%)
 - Non-visible interior supports: Non-edible materials may be used for non-visible supports.
 - Everything visible on your entry MUST be edible: For example, candy in a foil wrapper is non- edible - you must remove the foil. The only exception is the edges of the board on which your entry is mounted.
 - Please carefully note the display board rules: All entries must be mounted on a sturdy piece of plywood display board proportionally appropriate to the size of the gingerbread creation. **The size for display boards for all categories is 18" x 18"**. The display board should act as an integral part of your design, and be size appropriate to your creation. Don't use a board and leave it unincorporated in your overall design - it should complement your creation. The base is considered part of the judging criteria.
- 7. Entry Pick Up:** All entries must be picked up Friday, January 5, 2023 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Any entries that are not picked up by this time will become the property of the Office for Community Wellness. The Holiday Hoopla Team reserves the right to photograph entries for promotional purposes without credit or compensation.