



The Athens Gingerbread Guild
presents
the 2nd Annual Gingerbread House Competition

Important Dates & Times

Early Bird Entrant Deadline (\$25.00)

Monday, November 25, 2019, 11:59 p.m.
(online or postmarked)

Final Entrant Deadline (\$30.00)

Monday, December 2, 2019, 11:59 p.m.
(online or postmarked)

Gingerbread House Display Hours

Thursday, December 5, 2019, 5-9 p.m.

Friday, December 6, 2019, 5-9 p.m.

Saturday, December 7, 2019, 12-5 p.m.

Sunday, December 8, 2019, 12-3 p.m.

Gingerbread Jr. Youth House Decorating

Saturday, December 7, 2019, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Awards Announcement

Sunday, December 8, 2019, 12 p.m.

Description

The Second Annual Gingerbread House Competition presented by the Athens Gingerbread Guild (the "Guild") is a showcase for gingerbread structures that the entrants have baked, assembled, constructed, and decorated. Guest judges, the public, and the Guild vote on the gingerbread structures, which determine awards and prizes. The house display will be at 230 W. Clayton St, Athens, GA 30601 from December 5-8, 2019 (hours vary); all ages are welcome.

The Gingerbread Jr. Youth House Decorating Party is a non-competitive event for ages 14 and younger; an adult must stay with the youth entrant, who will decorate pre-assembled gingerbread houses from kits. The event is at 230 W. Clayton St, Athens, GA 30601 and occurs before public display hours from 10-12 p.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2019.

The Awards Announcement will be on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. The announcement will be at the house display at 230 W. Clayton St, Athens, GA 30601; all ages are welcome.

Rules and Procedures

Please read this entire document. Entrance in the competition signifies you have read and agree to the rules and procedures stated here. The Guild suggests submitting your registering before the deadline to avoid mishaps in delivery and to secure your entry spot, as space is limited. The Guild may refuse or disqualify any submission deemed inappropriate, at the Guild's discretion. Submissions campaigning for or against specific political candidates will not be accepted. You may present a detailed plan for your submission by December 1st to info@gingerbreadguild.org if you are concerned about its eligibility.

Entering the Competition

The competition is open to any person(s).

Individual category: Entrant can be any age; people 14 and younger have their choice of entering in the individual category or youth category. This make-your-own-house submission must be baked, assembled, constructed, and decorated solely by the entrant. For safety reasons, entrants under 18 years may be supervised by a parent, legal guardian, classroom teacher, or other adult caregiver. A parent/legal guardian must sign the minor's registration form. The registration fee must be paid in order to be registered for the competition.

Youth category: This is a competitive category separate from the non-competitive Gingerbread Jr. Youth House Decorating Party. Entrant must be a single person 14 years old or younger. This make-your-own-house submission can use bake-your-own or pre-baked elements (e.g., graham cracker, pre-baked gingerbread, etc.), but the structure must be designed, constructed, and decorated solely by the entrant. For example, if a store-bought gingerbread house kit is used, the design structure must be modified from the original store-bought house design, not just a variation in decoration. For safety reasons, youth entrants may be supervised by a parent, legal guardian, classroom teacher, or other adult caregiver. A parent/legal guardian must sign the minor's registration form. The registration fee must be paid in order to be registered for the competition.

Team category: A "team" is considered two or more persons. Teams can be any age. All entrants must be listed on the registration. A parent/legal guardian must sign a registration form for any minor on the team. Teams must have one captain (an adult if possible). For safety reasons, entrants under 18 years may be supervised by a parent, legal guardian, classroom teacher, or other adult caregiver. If that adult participates beyond supervising, the adult should be listed on the team roster. For teams made of one coordinator (e.g., a teacher, a troop leader) and the rest are youth (ages 14 or younger), pre-baked elements are allowed (e.g., graham crackers, pre-baked gingerbread), but the design, construction, and decoration must be the team's own (i.e., a store bought house must be redesigned, not just differently decorated, from the store instructions). For other team configurations, this make-your-own-house

submission must be baked, designed, constructed and decorated solely by the team. The registration fee must be paid in order to be registered for the competition.

Entrants must register online or mail an entrant form through a postal service by December 2, 2019 at the latest. Early bird registration ends November 25, 2019. For entrants who register by mail, the entrant form must be signed by the person entering the competition. If the entrant is under 18 years old, the form should be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Entrants who register by mail will receive a confirmation correspondence by December 4th. If a confirmation is not received, please email info@gingerbreadguild.org. Each entrant may only submit one entry as an individual person but may participate on a team in addition to the individual submission. The Guild is not responsible for changes to computer systems or digital failures as a part of electronic registration or for postal delays.

Cancellations

If an entrant needs to withdraw from the competition, notify the Guild by email to athensgingerbreadguild@gmail.com no later than December 3, 2019, 11:59 p.m. Entrants will be reimbursed half their entry fee up to December 3rd. No reimbursements will be given after December 3rd.

Competition Categories

Entrants may enter one of the following categories or two if the second submission is with a team:

Individual: single person any age, who must bake, design, construct, and decorate your own structure. An optional entrant's statement may be submitted with the gingerbread structure.

Youth: single person 14 years or younger, who must design, construct, and decorate your own structure. Both bake-your-own and pre-baked elements are allowed. An optional entrant's statement may be submitted with the gingerbread structure.

Teams: groups of two or more people of any age. For teams made of one coordinator (e.g., a teacher, a troop leader) and the rest youth (ages 14 or younger), pre-baked elements are allowed (e.g., graham crackers, pre-baked gingerbread, but the design, construction, and decoration must be the team's own (i.e., a store bought house must be redesigned, not just differently decorated, from the store instructions). For other team configurations, this make-your-own-house submission must be baked, designed, constructed and decorated solely by the team. One optional entrant's statement may be submitted for the team with the gingerbread structure.

Design

Submissions do not need to be houses as long as they follow the rules and procedures.

Entrant's Statement (optional)

Each entrant or team may submit an optional entrant statement with information about the submission (e.g., your inspiration, backstory, materials, techniques, etc.), to contextualize the creation on display. The statement should be no longer than 250 words, must fit on an 8.5x11 inch sheet, and use a font no smaller than 10 pt. A physical hardcopy of the statement must be

provided at check-in (December 4th or 5th) and must be able to fit within the designated 30x30 inch space allotted for your submission.

Unlike the gingerbread houses/structures, entrant’s statements may include identifiers, such as the makers’ names or the business where the team works. The guest judges will not have access to these entrant’s statements, maintaining anonymity as much as possible as they evaluate submissions on the stated criteria. The viewing public and the Guild will be able to see and read these statements during the People’s Choice and Spirit of the Guild Awards voting.

Awards

Judged Awards

Judging and Criteria

Judges will be invited guests of the Guild. Judging will occur before the public display hours.

Individual, Youth & Team Submissions

Entrants will be judged on 1) Creativity, 2) Precision in construction 3) Precision in decorating, and 4) Overall Appearance.

	Poor									Excellent
Creativity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Precision in construction	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Precision in decoration	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall appearance	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Criteria Description

- Creativity - The submission conveys imaginative ideas and resourcefulness.
- Precision in Construction - The submission’s structure is neat and exacting. The submission is strong in construction.
- Precision in Decoration - The submission decoration is neat and exacting.
- Overall Appearance - The submission is visually appealing as a whole.

The judges will evaluate all submissions. Judges will use the criteria to judge gingerbread structures; entrants’ statements will not be taken into account, and judges will not have access to the names of the makers. Decision of the judges is final. First, second, and third places for each category will be revealed. Each entrant will be emailed a composite score of the judges’ evaluation, if desired.

People's Choice Award

Judging and Criteria

Each visitor to the public display hours will vote for their favorite submission by placing their entry ticket in the jar next to the submission. Visitors can vote each day they attend. The Guild will count the tickets at the close of Saturday's display hours to determine the People's Choice Award. In the event of a tie, those submissions in contention both will be given the People's Choice award; there will be no tie-breaker. The People's Choice award will be revealed Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Spirit of the Guild Award

Judging and Criteria

Judges will be members of the Athens Gingerbread Guild. This award may be awarded each year, though it is not compulsory. This award acknowledges a submission by an entrant or team that embodies a warm generosity and goodwill that enriches the gingerbread events. Decision of the Guild members is final.

Judged Awards, the People's Choice Award, and the Spirit of the Guild Award winners will be announced on Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

Size of Submission

Each submission must be placed on a durable base, supplied by the entrant. We suggest using a plywood board as the base.

Each submission including the base must not exceed 36 inches high, 30 inches wide, and 30 inches long. The submission weight limit is 50 lbs.

Materials and Construction

Everything in the submission above the base must be 100% edible and non-toxic. A submission with inedible parts will be automatically disqualified from earning an award. No inedible structural supports are allowed (e.g., foam cake dummies). The main visible structure of the submission must be constructed of gingerbread, with some gingerbread exposed. Candies should be free of non-edible material (e.g., inedible wrappers, lollipop sticks). The outer edge of the base may be decorated with non-edible materials (e.g., paint, ribbon), but the decorations may not exceed the allowable 36" high x 30" wide x 36" long size restrictions.

Identification

Throughout the guest judging, each submission's base must be clearly labeled with its Guild-assigned identification number. The identification number and label (5" long by 3" high) will be provided at check-in. Once guest judging is over, the Guild will place the label with the title, team name (if applicable), and entrants' names, and the entrant's statement (optional) on/near the base. The Guild will do its best to attach the label to the right outside edge of the base without interfering with the submission. The entrant may want to consider the placement of the label when designing and constructing the submission.

In an effort to keep submissions anonymous during guest judging, do not include any identifying marks, such as makers' names or initials, logos, or pictures, that will indicate to the guest judges who has made the gingerbread structure. Any submissions with information that identifies the makers will be ineligible to win a guest judged award. To clarify, businesses, landmarks, etc. can be identifiable with names, logos, etc., as long as these identifiers don't reveal the individual(s) or group who made the structure.

The Site

Address: 230 W. Clayton St, Athens, GA 30601

Check-in Process

Each entrant needs to check-in their own submission unless notice is given otherwise. Times for delivery are as follows:

Wednesday, December 4th, 2018 from 5-8 p.m.

Thursday, December 5th, 2018 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Each entrant or proxy must stay with the submission the entire time until the submission is placed in its assigned spot.

Some hand carts will be available during the check-in process. Prior to judging, no member of the Guild may handle submissions. Please arrange to have any needed helpers capable of moving the submission at the check-in process. The check-in process is done when the submission has been set-up in its designated space with the preassigned number label.

All items must be prepared prior to the check-in. Finishing touches may be done at the site, but no kitchen facilities, tools, or electricity will be provided by the Guild.

Any entrant who does not plan to pick up their submission on December 8th by 5 p.m. must let the Guild know at check-in.

Post Display Submission Pickup

Entrants who want to keep their submissions after the display must start pick up no earlier than December 8, 2019 at 3:15 p.m. and complete their pick up by December 8 at 5 p.m. Similar to the check-in process, hand carts will be available for transporting submissions to cars.

Any entrant who does not plan to pick up their submission on December 8th by 5 p.m. must let the Guild know at check-in.

2019 Gingerbread Display

Submissions will be on public display beginning December 5-8, 2019 (hours varying each day). Precautions have been and will be taken to keep the submissions protected, but the Guild cannot be held responsible for any damages incurred by the submissions while on display.

Entrants may not bring items to sell. Entrants may not give away items to the public (e.g., a filled candy dish).

Prizes

The Guild reserves the right to substitute a prize or prize component with a prize of equal or greater value. Prizes are awarded “as is”. In cases where money is awarded, the entrant is responsible for filing all necessary taxes.

Though encouraged, entrants are not required to be at the announcement to claim their prizes. If a winner cannot be contacted or does not claim the prize by the end of the submission pick up period (December 8 at 5 p.m.), the prize will be forfeited and distributed at the discretion of the Guild. If the entrant is disqualified for any reason after being awarded a prize, the prize will be forfeited and distributed at the discretion of the Guild.

Film Release Notification

By entering the competition, entrants recognize they and their submissions and their likeness may appear in videos or photos that may be used as promotional material for The Guild and the annual Athens Gingerbread Competition.