

# The 1<sup>st</sup> Annapolis Heritage Society Gingerbread House Competition

The 1st Annapolis Heritage Society (AHS) Gingerbread House Competition will add sugar and spice to the much loved Victorian Christmas celebration at the O'Dell House Museum Archive and Genealogy Centre. Gingerbread artists of all ages and backgrounds are invited to compete for prize ribbons several exciting categories. For this first year of the competition, there will be no entrance fee!

Corresponding with the opening of the Victorian Christmas festivities, the Competition's panel of judges will announce the winners on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Gingerbread houses will be displayed until the close of Victorian Christmas on Nov.27<sup>th</sup>, at which time the winner of the People's Choice Award will also be announced.

## Official Rules and Procedures

**The following rules and procedures have been set forth and established by the Annapolis Heritage Society (AHS) for the purpose of the 2022 Gingerbread House Competition.**

### **Competitor Entry Form:**

The deadline to submit the Competitor Entry Form is **November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5pm**. Entries may be submitted by mail, email or in person. If you have questions, please contact AHS at 902-532-7754, or [annapolisheritage@gmail.com](mailto:annapolisheritage@gmail.com).

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Email: [annapolisheritage@gmail.com](mailto:annapolisheritage@gmail.com)

### **Gingerbread House Registration:**

Completed Gingerbread creations must be delivered to the O'Dell House Museum, 136 St George Street, Annapolis Royal, between Nov.23-25, 8:00am-4:00pm. Delivery outside these hours is possible by prior arrangement. Contact AHS to enquire.

## Judging Procedure

All Gingerbread entries will be judged in-person at O'Dell House Inn Museum. Judging will commence at 5pm Friday Nov.25<sup>th</sup> and the winners selected from each category except the Peoples Choice Award, which is selected by public vote. Competition judging is closed to the public.

All entries will be judged on three criteria:

1) Overall Appearance, 2) Originality and Creativity, 3) Difficulty.

All rulings by the judges are independent and final.

### **SIZE LIMITATIONS**

Entry must be placed on a base (such as a plate or plywood board), which can support the weight of the entry. Entries combined with a base must not be larger than 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long. Bigger is not necessarily better. Work what you feel is right for the project.

### **Gingerbread Competition Awards**

Awards in each category will be announced Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm. The Peoples' Choice winner will be notified on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. *Voting for the People's Choice Award begins promptly at 7:00pm, November 25<sup>th</sup> and will continue until Sunday, Nov.27<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. The People's Choice Award will be announced following the tally of the votes.* Winners will be notified by email or phone and the results of all categories will be posted to our web page, Facebook and Instagram.

## **ENTRY CATEGORY GUIDELINES (INDIVIDUAL ENTRY)**

Each participant may only submit one entry. Following receipt of the Competitor Entry Form, entrant will receive a confirmation email providing an official entry number.

## **ENTRY CATEGORY GUIDELINES (TEAM ENTRY)**

We encourage teams of friends, families, school groups, clubs and businesses to enter. Each team entry must designate a Team Captain. The Team Captain will receive all correspondence on behalf of the team regarding entry in the Annapolis Heritage Society Gingerbread House Competition via email. Teams are to submit only one Competitor Entry Form, including only the Team Captain's contact information. If entering as a school group, the classroom teacher should be listed as the Team Captain and provide their contact information. If individuals working on a team entry are of varied ages, the team must enter in the appropriate category for the oldest individual in the group. Following receipt of the Competitor Entry Form, the Team Captain will receive a confirmation email providing the official entry number. Each team may only submit one entry.

### **ENTRY CATEGORIES**

The following categories are available for entry into the 2022 Annapolis Heritage Society Gingerbread House Competition:

- Adult Category - Individuals 18 years of age and older entering as a single entrant or team.
- Teen Category - Individuals between 13 and 17 years of age entering as a single entrant or team.
- Child Category - Individuals under 12 years of age entering as a single entrant or team.

### **MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION**

Everything above the base of your entry must be composed completely of edible materials. The main structure of your entry must be constructed of at least 75% gingerbread. Edible materials are not limited to candies and icings. Be creative!

Youth and Child competitors may be supervised, for safety precautions, by a parent, legal guardian, or classroom teacher. Example: assistance with operating a stove top or oven.

### **ENTRY IDENTIFICATION**

Each entry must be clearly labeled with its official entry number. You are welcome to incorporate it into the exhibit as a small decorative plaque (like a house number), signposts, banners. If not incorporated into the piece elsewhere, such as the outer edge of the base.

## **PLACING + PRIZES**

The Annapolis Heritage Society (AHS) will select and award ribbons to winners from all age categories. The title of Best in Show will be awarded to one entry from the selected 1<sup>st</sup> place winners from all categories. Ribbons will also be awarded to each special award recipient as follows:

### **PEOPLE'S CHOICE:**

Public viewing of the Gingerbread Houses will include the opportunity to vote for your favourite entry. To vote, visit the O'Dell during open hours and cast a ballot. You need not agree with the judges!

### **SPECIALTY AWARDS**

The judging panel will recognize one entry per Specialty Award below across all three categories. Each recipient will receive a ribbon.

- Best Use of Color
- Most Unique Ingredient
- Best replica of a registered heritage building

## **Gingerbread Display - Public Viewing**

Friday, November 25-26, 7:00-9:00pm; Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:00pm. Gingerbread entries will also be shared via our website, Facebook and Instagram pages:

[www.annapolisheritagesociety.com](http://www.annapolisheritagesociety.com)  
[www.facebook.com/AnnapolisHeritage](https://www.facebook.com/AnnapolisHeritage)  
[www.instagram.com/annapolisheritagesociety](https://www.instagram.com/annapolisheritagesociety)

## **POST-DISPLAY ENTRY PICKUP**

For competitors that wish to keep their gingerbread entry after the Competition display has ended, entries must be picked up between the hours of 10am and 3pm on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Entries remaining will be discarded beginning at 4pm on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Additional pickup dates and times may be offered by prior arrangement, at the discretion of the committee.

# Annapolis Heritage Society 2022 Gingerbread House Competition Official Entry Form

## Competitor Information

*Complete this section as an Individual Competitor or a Team Captain.*

Title Of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry type: Individual  or Team

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Competitor age: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are entering as a team, please provide the full name and age of each additional competitor:

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I verify that any/all competitors under the age of 18 submitted as a contributor of this entry have parent/guardian permission to participate in the Annapolis Heritage Society 2022 Gingerbread House Competition:

I affirm parent/guardian permission of any/all competitors under the age of 18.

Or,

Any/all competitors submitted as a contributor are over the age of 18.

### Select Entry Category

*If individuals working on a team entry are of varied ages, the team must enter in the appropriate category for the oldest individual in the group. Entries must be solely constructed by the individuals entering the competition. Teen, Youth and Child competitors may be supervised, for safety precautions, by a parent, legal guardian, or classroom teacher. Example: assistance with operating stovetop/oven.*

- Adult (18 and older)
- Teen (13-17)
- Youth (9-12)
- Child (5-8)

I verify that the entry category selected reflects the age of the individual/eldest team competitor participating in this entry:

### Additional Information (optional)

This is an opportunity to tell us more about your entry. Suggested Prompts:

- What inspired your piece?
- How many hours did you spend creating your entry?
- What ingredients did you use? Any new/unique ingredients?
- What was your experience like creating your entry this year?
- What brought your team together? Are you classmates, co-workers, friends or family?  
Something else?

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