



## **The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Annapolis Heritage Society Gingerbread House Competition**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 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 Research Centre. Gingerbread artists of all ages and backgrounds are invited to compete for prize ribbons in several exciting categories.

Corresponding with the opening of the Victorian Christmas festivities, the Competition's panel of judges will announce the winners on November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Gingerbread houses will be displayed until the close of Victorian Christmas on Dec. 2<sup>nd</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 2023 Gingerbread House Competition.**

#### **COMPETITOR ENTRY FORM:**

The deadline to submit the Competitor Entry Form is **November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5pm**. Entry forms may be submitted by mail, email or in person.

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136 St George Street, P.O. Box 503  
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Email: [annapolisheritage@gmail.com](mailto:annapolisheritage@gmail.com)

#### **GINGERBREAD HOUSE DELIVERY:**

Completed Gingerbread creations must be delivered to the O'Dell House Museum, 136 St George Street, Annapolis Royal, between Nov.22-24, 9:00am-3:00pm. 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 Museum. Judging will commence at 4pm Friday Nov.24<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 by the Annapolis Royal Town Crier on Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm. The Peoples' Choice winner will be announced on Dec.2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

Voting for the People's Choice Award begins promptly at 7:00pm, November 24<sup>th</sup> and will continue until Saturday Dec.2nd 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, entrants 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 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.

If entering as a school group, the classroom teacher should be listed as the Team Captain and provide their contact information. Classrooms may enter in the age category of the students.

Example: a grade 1 classroom team, supervised by their teacher, may enter in the child category. See entry category details, below, for details.

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 2023 Annapolis Heritage Society Gingerbread House Competition:

- Adult Category - Individuals 19 years of age and older entering as an individual entrant or team.
- Teen Category - Individuals between 13 and 18 years of age entering as an individual entrant or team.
- Child Category - Individuals under 12 years of age entering as an individual entrant or team. 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.

### **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!

### **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!

### **SPECIAL 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 colour
- Most unique decoration ingredient

- Best replica of a registered heritage building

## **Gingerbread Display - Public Viewing**

Friday, November 24, 7-9pm

Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm

Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm

Wednesday, November 29-Saturday, Dec.2<sup>nd</sup>, 12-4pm

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 9:30am and 3pm on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Entries remaining will be discarded beginning at 4pm on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Additional pickup dates and times may be offered by prior arrangement.

# Annapolis Heritage Society 2023 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### 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. Child and teen competitors may be supervised by a parent, legal guardian, or classroom teacher and still enter in the Child or teen category. Example: assistance with operating stovetop/oven; facilitation of a class team entry.

- Adult (19 and older)
- Teen (13-17)
- Youth (9-12)
- Child (5-8)

