



2021 GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

RULES

- **Maximum base size is 15" by 15"**. You may NOT attach multiple bases together.
- **Entries larger than 15" by 15" will not be accepted.**
- Base must be sturdy! Your house will be picked up and moved multiple times during gallery set-up.
- **Edible materials only!** This includes the "glue" that holds pieces together and support on the inside!
- Entrants will be asked to give their entry a name on drop-off.
- By entering the contest, entrants authorize Portsmouth Historical Society to use their images and images of completed work in promotional materials.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Registration Deadline:** Entries must be registered no later than **Monday, November 15**.
- **Drop-off dates:** Registered houses must be delivered to the Discover Portsmouth Welcome Center at 10 Middle Street in Portsmouth on **Saturday, Nov. 20 and Sunday, Nov. 21, between 10am and 5pm**.
- **Exhibition dates:** The show at Portsmouth Historical Society, as well as the downtown scavenger hunt, will be on display from **Friday, November 26, through Wednesday, December 22**.
- **Opening reception & announcement of judges' awards:** Coinciding with the kickoff of Vintage Christmas in Portsmouth, we will be offering cider and cookies from **5:30 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, December 3**.
- **Pickup dates:** Those wishing to pick up their gingerbread house when the exhibition is over may do so on **Thursday, December 23 from 10am–5pm, or on Friday, December 24 from 10am–12pm**. Unclaimed houses will be thrown away. (We can't be inviting mice to stay over the holidays!)

ENTRY CATEGORIES

Participants are required to submit entries under one of these categories. Note: If youth and teens are working together without an adult, please choose the Teen category.

- Business/Non-Profit/Organization
- Adult(s) (Age 18 and older)
- Professional (chefs & bakers)
- Multi-Generational (Adults and youths or teens working together)
- Teen or Teen Group (Age 13–17, working without an adult)
- Youth or Youth Group (Age 12 and under working without an adult)

NOTES

- Gingerbread kits are allowed, provided they use only edible materials
- Plug-in string lights are allowed.
- Battery-operated lights are strongly discouraged as the batteries run out within a week.
- Your entry doesn't have to be a "house." We've seen boats, cars, books, barns, trees, etc. Anything goes as long as it's made of edible materials!