

Simsbury Celebrates!

2018 Gingerbread House Competition

Simsbury Free Library

Rules and Procedures

The following Rules and Procedures have been set forth and established by Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee for the purpose of the 2018 Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Competition. Please retain these sheets for your records. For additional information, contact the Simsbury Celebrates Committee at 860-658-3836.

ENTERING and QUALIFYING to ENTER:

The Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

The competition is open to all individuals and businesses. To be eligible for the competition, a completed entry form and fee must be submitted either online at www.simsburyrec.com by November 9, 2018, or by mail postmarked no later than November 9, 2018.

Entries that are not pre-registered will not be accepted. Entry numbers will be assigned upon receipt of the completed entry form. Competitors will receive a confirmation letter/email.

Only one Gingerbread House per entry form is permitted and individuals may have only one entry in each category for which they are eligible to compete. The 2018 Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Competition & Display Entry Form must be signed by the individual entering the competition. If the individual is younger than the age of eighteen (18) by the date of the competition intake, a signature from a parent or legal guardian is required in conjunction with the minor's signature.

Display only is a non-competitive category. It includes anyone working individually or in multiples who are not submitting their entry for judging. Those looking to compete for placement should submit their entry in one of the other categories. Additional rules for those categories can be found below.

Adult (16 & Older, Individual or team) is for individuals or a team of individuals aged 16 & older submitting an entry.

Youth (15 and Under, Individual or team) is for individuals or a team of individuals aged 15 & younger submitting an entry.

Mixed Group Entries are allowed under the following guidelines: Please complete one entry form for the group while including the group captain's contact information on the entry form. A list of each group member's first and last name, along with age, should be included. A signature from a parent or legal guardian will still be required for each member under the age of 18. In the case of school / church / business / club groups entering the competition, one person should be listed as the group captain and provide his/her contact information. In the event a mixed group entry places in the competition, the captain will be the recipient of any prizes. Distribution or splitting of any prize, ribbon, or plaque will be left to the grouping to determine. A Mixed group is defined as two or more individuals who fit multiple categories (ex. Adults and Youth) working together on an entry. For example, youth groups, scout troops, families with group members who fit multiple categories. Children receiving parental assistance should submit an entry in this category.

Masters includes professional bakers, chefs, caterers, artists, etc. submitting entries as an individual or group.

All displays are the property of the individual, and must be picked up on Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 12-1pm. All houses left beyond that time will be disposed of or donated.

Due to space, only the first 60 entries will be guaranteed acceptance into the competition.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

The Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee will award gift cards* to all first place winners in the competitive categories.

Masters - bakers, chefs, caterers, artists, etc.; may include one or more individuals

Adults – Entrants age 16 and older; may include one or more individuals

Youth – Entrants age 15 and under; may include one or more individuals

Mixed groups – Groups comprised of individuals who fit multiple categories (ex. Adult & Youth)

Display only – anyone entering the competition that does not wish to compete for a prize

*Gift Cards donated by Sponsors of Simsbury Celebrates 2018.

SIZE LIMITATIONS, IDENTIFICATION and DESCRIPTION:

Ginger Bread House entries must be submitted on a board base. We suggest using a ½ or ¾ inch plywood. Entries, in combination with the base, must not be larger than 24 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 24 inches long. Anything exceeding these measurements will be disqualified.

Please include, on a separate sheet that will be displayed in your area, the materials used in the gingerbread house construction process. The top of your sheet should have the name of your gingerbread house. Please **DO NOT** include your name in the name of your gingerbread house. Doing so will disqualify you from the competition.

JUDGING PROCESS and CRITERIA:

Entries will be judged in the following categories:

Overall Appearance, Originality & Creativity, Difficulty, Precision, and Consistency of Theme. The theme should be the competitors own and consistent throughout the entry. There is no required theme for the competition – it is not required to be holiday related. All categories will be awarded places first through third. The First place winners in each of the categories will receive a Gift Card (see above). Ribbons will be awarded to 2nd and 3rd place winners in each of the categories.

Judging will be held Sunday, November 18, 2018. All entries must be delivered between 1:00 and 2:30pm. The reception and judging will take place from 3:00-4:00pm. A small reception will be held during the judging for entrants and guests. Winners will be announced (placements will be posted on the houses) and prizes will be distributed. Winning entries will be clearly marked following the judging, at Simsbury Celebrates, and until entries are picked up.

All houses must be constructed of 100% edible materials. Bases may be of, and covered with, non-food related material. Battery operated lighting is permissible. Kits may be used; however, difficulty and originality scores will be impacted.

POST COMPETITION:

The entry remains on display through the Simsbury Celebrates event and should be **picked up Sunday, December 2, 2018 between 12-1 PM.**

Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee has sole permission to print or otherwise duplicate the picture or likeness of the entry and/or the entrant with the entry for either internal or external release; this includes print and online publications as well as local television. It is understood that the image of the entry becomes property of Simsbury Celebrates Gingerbread House Committee.