



# 2016 Gingerbread House Contest

## General Information

### ENTRY FORMS

There is no fee to enter. The deadline for submitting your completed entry form is Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. Each individual or team may enter only one gingerbread creation per category. Please complete one form per entry.

Entry numbers will be assigned upon receipt of completed forms and competitors will receive an email verifying acceptance into the 2016 contest no later than Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Entry forms can be submitted:

- Print and complete form on our website: [www.LightUpBlueRidge.info](http://www.LightUpBlueRidge.info)
- Mail to PO Box 1181, Blue Ridge, GA 30513 (must be received by Nov 18<sup>th</sup>) or
  - Deliver to Studio Trimble or Design ReFind - 146 Depot Street
  - Email to Robin Sullivan <[robin.lubr@gmail.com](mailto:robin.lubr@gmail.com)>
  - Fax to 706-946-2033

### ENTRY DROP-OFF

Completed entries must be brought to Hampton Square on Tuesday November 22, 2016 between 3:00 and 5:30. Only pre-registered entries will be allowed and no entries will be accepted after 6pm. Light Up Blue Ridge reserves the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate. Entries will remain on display from November 25, 2016 through December 21, 2016. Any entries removed before December 21<sup>th</sup> will forfeit eligibility to win prizes and to enter contest in coming years.

### JUDGING

Entries will be judged on Friday morning of Blue Friday, November 25, 2016. Entries will be judged on a scale of 1-5 based on:

- Overall Appearance
- Originality & Creativity
- Difficulty of Design & Execution
- Holiday Spirit

In the event of a tie, the Gingerbread House Committee will determine the winner based on the above criteria. In all categories, any decorative elements that are handmade will carry more weight than similar prefabricated store bought items.

Winners will be revealed at the opening of the exhibit on Friday, November 25<sup>st</sup> at 11:00AM. Prizes will be displayed beside the winners of each category until the end of the exhibit on Wednesday December 21, 2016. If we must make major repairs prior to judging or is house does not meet guidelines, it will not be eligible for an award.

The most coveted award is the “People’s Choice Award” that will be awarded at the end of the exhibit on Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup>. This award is earned from the visitors votes who come to see the exhibit and vote on their favorite house. Ballots will be located on site where visitors will vote and submit their ballot to Santa’s Mailbox. Our elves will collect the ballots daily to tally the results.

## DISPLAY

Every effort will be made to display each entry to their best advantage. Due to limitations of our display areas, detailed interiors or backs of houses may not be visible during display. However, all sides of the house will be judged and should be given full decorative attention. All houses will be on display on this schedule:

November 25, 2016 through December 21, 2016

Tuesday thru Sunday - 10:00am to 6:00pm, closed Mondays

The Gingerbread House Committee reserves the right to remove any house before December 21<sup>th</sup> due to deterioration. Light Up Blue Ridge reserves the right to photograph entries for promotional purposes without credit or compensation.

## ENTRY PICK-UP

All entries must be picked up on the afternoon of December 21, 2016 between 12:00 and 5:00 PM. If you do not plan to pick-up your house after the exhibit closes, please let us know when it is dropped off. Any houses not retrieved by 5:00pm on December 21 will become the property of Light Up Blue Ridge and will be discarded.

## CANCELATION POLICY

We understand that situations may cause competitors to withdraw from the competition. If you are no longer able to compete after your entry form has been submitted, please notify Robin Sullivan <robin.lubr@gmail.com>



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## Construction Guidelines

### BASE

All entries must be mounted on a sturdy base – preferably of foam core or plywood, dependent on weight. The base is considered an integral part of the design and will be judged, however it is the only element of the entry that is allowed to be inedible. The base top must be completely concealed with edible product. The sides of the base can be trimmed with non-edible items such as ribbon. Base should not extend more than 6 inches beyond the perimeter of the primary structure. This base must be flat on the bottom and suitable for the committee to place on our “village platform base”. It is not to be a freestanding element (on a table top or something like this.) the base must be sturdy so the house can be moved around by the committee easily and not be damaged.

### SIZE

Due to limited space, we are not able to accept entries that do not adhere to these requirements. Dimensions include the base. No design elements should extend past the base. Imagine a cube of the following maximum sizes: (houses can be smaller)

- Professional - 24 inches
- All others - 18 inches

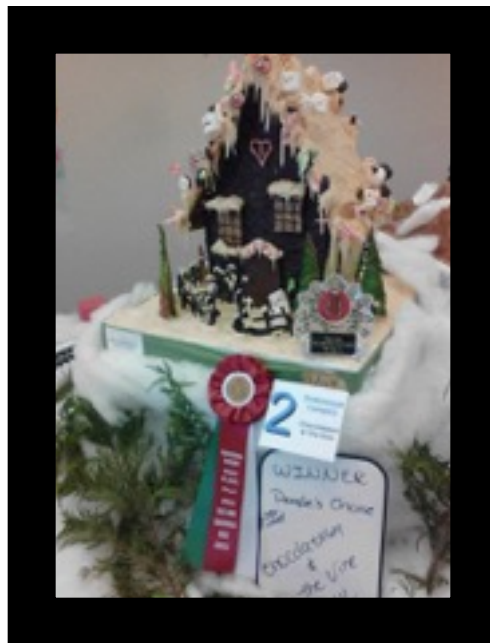
### DESIGN

The design structure is not limited to a “house”, however it must be a building of some sort. Consider a traditional gingerbread house, reproduction of a significant building (White House, Taj Mahal) or local historic building (Old Courthouse). Competitors are welcome and encouraged to uniquely design their entry as long as the entry is in keeping

with the Rules and the five judging criteria. The structure can be a train, truck or other elements suitable for the village.

## MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION

- At least 75% of the structure must be made of gingerbread.
- Entry must be original - no gingerbread kits allowed.
- The entry must be delivered fully-completed, attached to its base so that it is freestanding - no further assembly or staging will be allowed once it is dropped off.
- The entry must be delivered with a completed info card attached to the bottom of the base. See website for form.
- Any entries with non-edible parts (except the base) will be disqualified. Wrappers and sticks must be removed from pieces of candy. Judges reserve the right to test any design element to verify that it is edible. Due to this, no clear silicone sprays are allowed for preservation.
- No battery or electric components allowed.
- Do not use anything that requires refrigeration, such as egg or butter icings and jello preparations.
- Keep in mind that the entry will be on display for 3 weeks. The main house must be sturdy and well-constructed withstand this time frame.





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

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

Phone Numbers: Day ( \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening - ( \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name or Title of House: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (Please check one):

- Professional - Baker, Restaurant, Culinary School, Caterer
- Business & Organization - Any Business or Organization within tri-state area
- Adult Individual - 18 years & over
- Youth Individual - 17-13 ages
- Kids - 12 & under group or individual
- Fine Artist (New this year)

I understand to be eligible for the competition, I must agree to the following as indicated by my signature below:

1. I must return this entry form no later than 5pm, Wednesday November 15, 2016
2. I must deliver my completed entry on Tuesday November 22, 2016 between 3 and 6:00pm. I understand that no entries will be accepted after 6:00pm. If delivery is required outside this timeframe, an appointment must be made.
3. I must follow all the rules & procedures outlined in the General Instructions and Construction Guidelines.
4. My entry will remain on display until the committee notifies me to pick it up no later than Wednesday December 21, 2016 and that, if I so choose, I can pick-up my entry on Dec 21<sup>th</sup> between 10 and 5pm. I understand that if not picked up by 5pm, my entry becomes the property of Light Up Blue Ridge (LUBR) and will be discarded.

5. Permission is granted to LUBR to print or otherwise duplicate the picture or likeness of my entry and/or myself with my entry for either internal or external release. The image of my entry becomes the property of LUBR
6. LUBR reserves the right to reject any entry deemed inappropriate for display and disqualify any competitor who does not adhere to the General Instructions and Construction Guidelines.

Signature of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that the above entrant is \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and will independently design, construct and decorate their entry.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_