

'Tis the Season for Sugar and Spice

GINGERBREAD CONTEST AT PIONEER VILLAGE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023

There is no theme or fee to participate, and no requirement that your entry be a house. It could be a barn, water tower or even a space vehicle, as long as it is in keeping with competition rules & procedures. The reason for this event is to showcase your talent and creativity, while having fun in the process.

ENTRY CATEGORIES: Adult Teen (ages 13-18) Youth (ages 9-12) Child (ages 5-8)
Registration is required (see attached registration form).

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS: All entries must be mounted on a solid base (1/2" plywood is recommended). Adult and Teen entries must be on 18"x18" board, Youth & Child on 15"x15" board. Each entry cannot exceed 24" in height.

MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION: The main structure of your entry must be constructed of at least 70% homemade gingerbread, some of which should be visible. Royal Icing is required. All other decorations should be made of edible materials. Bases can be covered with non-food related materials. Electrical components are allowed as part of your entry, but you must bring/provide your own power source (batteries). Parental guidance is encouraged for youth and child entries in the form of safety in baking and other kitchen tasks.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Judging will be done Saturday, November 18 and winners announced at 11:30 am. Judges will be looking at Overall Appearance, Structure, Difficulty Level, Originality/Creativity, Techniques & Skills. All rulings by the judges are independent and final. The Museum and Judges reserve the right to refuse any entry deemed inappropriate.

DELIVERY OF ENTRIES: Entries may be delivered on Friday November 17, 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm, or Saturday morning from 7:30 to 8:30 am. Please bring your creation to the Main Building of the museum where it will be displayed and judged. Awards will be announced at 11:30 am. We would like to be able to display the entries at the Museum at least through December 4 if possible. You may contact the Museum at 308-832-1181 if you have questions, or to make special arrangements for delivery of your entry.